



The Resonator

March 2022

We dedicate ourselves to the preservation of the marque through continued use, mutual enjoyment and sustained support.

*A beautiful day for a drive, March 6, 2022
in Perth County, Ontario*



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Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

Executive & Volunteers

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Club Meeting Information

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!**

*A young Healey enthusiast
making friends with Len &
Martha Thomas' little furry
companion.*



Cover photo: Tom & Amanda Yule's 1960 BN7 with factory hardtop.

***Looking for more cover-shots—please send me your pics!! AY

A Word from Our President:



MARCH is here at last! This is important. Usually, March signals the last of winter. Yippee! I will not miss the winter. Pool-side warmth and sun are my elixir. I look forward to April; spring, blooming daffodils, '*riding along in my automobile*' (BJ8), Easter and of course, our very own Ancaster British Car Show and Flea Market. More about that event a little later in this issue.

The last Zoom meeting was a great success. We had a guest technical speaker, David Nock, of British Car Specialists in Stockton, California. He did a great presentation of his observations and recommendations for keeping your sweet ride healthy and humming on down the road. 40+ members attended, a great turnout.

Next Zoom we have another incredible presentation scheduled. You won't want to miss this one! Our presenters are the Dynamic Duo, Bob & Tom Yule of Autofarm in Moncton, ON. We all know of their long history in the Healey world and great reputation. For this session I am told they will discuss and demonstrate re-building an Austin Healey gearbox. So, plan to attend and send in your questions in advance to Bob & Tom at healeyparts@autofarm.net.

You remember that Heather Doust organized a Ladies only Zoom meeting on Jan 5th. Is there another Ladies Zoom scheduled? Seems like a great idea to me!

On Feb. 19th we held our 1st Saturday Pub Lunch at the Fool & Flagon in Stoney Creek. Eleven hardy folks attended, but that was the day of terrible blowing snow and many road closures. Our next lunch is planned for May 20th at noon. I don't expect it to snow in May so am hoping for great attendance. Stay tuned for details. We might just turn this into a RUN too. No pub has been selected yet, but we are open to your recommendations. Anybody want to set up and lead a RUN that day? Talk to Mal Bruce or me if so.

MEETINGS. In June, we will switch to our alternate/summer meeting format. Our club will meet on the third Saturday every month and will Zoom every second month until the end of the driving season. This gives us and our cars more time on the road and daylight hours. Feel free to suggest a Saturday meeting place.

Now, naturally the Resonator should be upbeat and newsy. We really try. But this time a couple of items really have my attention.

It seems the Covid threat is almost gone, Wow, that feels a lot better. I hope it stays that way. My gratitude to all the 'Vaxxers' who did the right thing to protect themselves and others. You made me feel safer. Thank you so much!

And now we fall witness to the battle for Ukraine. It is the work of one arrogant and egotistic despot; Putin. He strikes me as a sad little man who wishes he was taller. He is a pariah! Fear is his liquor. He and his cronies need to be removed from the world stage. I promise you that I and my family will not knowingly purchase one single thing that is made in Russia or from any company doing business with Russia. If he has absolutely no money, he cannot wage war. Hopefully you can do your part to end him. (Sorry for the rant, but I don't want my children and grand children to witness a world of hate, war, and death). Hope you agree and spread the word.

On a happier note, Moira and I want to wish every one of a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Hug your kids!



Cheers,

Mike

Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest

- **Wednesday March 9, Zoom Meeting
@ 7:30 ***Special Tech Presentation**
- **Wednesday April 13 @ 7:30 Zoom Meeting
***Tech Session**
- **Sunday April 17 Ancaster Flea Market**
- **May 9-13: California Healey Week**
- **July 17, 2022—Brits In The Park, Lindsay**
- **Enclave 2022—September 18-23, 2022**
Pocono Mountains, PA
please visit: <http://www.enclave2022.org/>



***all events are subject to change due to the fluid situation we are all dealing with

Be sure to check for any changes before leaving to attend any of these events

Mike's Funny Bone

Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND ". Paddy spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

Paddy shouts frantically into the phone:

"My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.

"No", shouts Paddy, "this is her husband!"

An old Irish farmer's dog goes missing and he's inconsolable.

His wife says "Why don't you put an advert in the paper?"

He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing.

"What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks.

"Here boy" he replies.

Paddy's in jail. Guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet.

"What on earth you doing?" he asks.

"Hanging myself" Paddy replies.

"It should be around your neck" says the Guard.

"I know" says Paddy "but I couldn't breathe".

A tourist asks an Irishman:

"Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the Irishman replies: "They have to go backwards.

If they fell forwards, they'd still be in the boat."



March 9th Tech Session

Submitted by: Peter LoRe

Autofarm Ltd – With Bob Yule & Tom Yule Wednesday March 9th @ 7:30



L. to R: Levina, Bob, Amanda and Tom

In response to difficulties sourcing parts for his Healey restoration, Bob started Autofarm Ltd. in 1985. Since then, Autofarm has grown to become a preeminent family business serving Healey owners internationally.

Bob and Levina have been members of the AHCSO for 36 years and Bob has served as the Club President for several terms in the past. He now serves as National Delegate to the AHCA. Bob has been a Concours judge at National events, specializing in BJ8's. Bob just began re-restoring his original BJ7 that started Autofarm!

Tom and Amanda have been members of the AHCSO for 15 years. They recently progressed from not owning a Healey to now owning 3! Tom & Amanda have recently taken over the daily running of Autofarm and have been successful in growing the business over the past several years. Tom has become very familiar with all the different Healey models and has beautifully restored several Healeys, a few Jaguars and a MGA over the past few years.

We are fortunate to have Bob, Tom, Amanda and Levina provide quality parts, service and advice to our Healey community right here in Southern Ontario.

At our next monthly ZOOM meeting, Bob and Tom will make a presentation from their shop where a gearbox rebuild will be discussed, including a bench test. This will be a great tech session, and as always, followed by a spirited Q&A afterwards.

See you there!

******If you have a specific gearbox question you'd like answered, please send it ahead of time to Bob or Tom at:***

healeyparts@autofarm.net

There will be a Q & A session after the presentation as well.

You are Invited to the 28th
Brits-in-the-Park
Triple Play
(2020/2021/2022)

July 17th Victoria Park, Lindsay Ontario
Gates open at 9:00 a.m. from Peel Street
This year we showcase three British classics each 60 years young



Introduced in 1962 and in production until 1980, over 314,000 Triumph Spitfires were sold



Introduced in 1961, the MG Midget sold 224,817 units before production ended in 1979



The Lotus Elan was produced from 1962 through 1973 with 12,224 cars reported

Brits is a Celebration of British Motoring
Where Old Friends Meet and New Friends are Made

17 Vehicle Classes – \$20 Admission

All Covid protocols will be followed. Participants must show proof of vaccination

1st and 2nd Place Class Awards – Draw Prizes

New Awards: Best in Show and Car of the Year

Food & Beverage and British Vendors in the Park

**Come Saturday and stay overnight. Accommodation at
Ramada 705-328-1743 or Days Inn 705-328-0100**

**Join us Saturday for a 4:30 car run starting at A&W Kent Street W adjacent
to Canadian Tire; Enjoy burgers and ice cream along the way**

Contact britsinthepark@gmail.com for more information

Brits-In-The-Park Group Tour

From: Bob & Levina Yule

This event, which has been missed the last two years, is once again being hosted by the Victoria British Car Club in Lindsay Ontario on Sunday July 17th.

Levina and I thought it would be a great idea to put together a weekend trip, visiting Peterborough and area and finishing at the car show in Lindsay for the Brits-In-The-Park event.

We will make our way to Peterborough on Friday the 15th and meet at the designated hotel (to be determined). There are several nice restaurants in the area so we can plan on getting together for dinner that evening.

On Saturday we can tour some of the attractions in Peterborough. Such as the lift locks, canoe museum, brewery and distillery tours, etc and then enjoy another dinner.

On Sunday we can drive together the 30km to Lindsay for the Brits-In-The-Park car show and then leave for home later on Sunday afternoon.

A lot of the attractions and theatres are not yet listing their events for this year so the agenda is quite fluid depending on what becomes available.

At this time we would like to get some indication of people who would be interested so that I might talk to the hotel about better rates, and also see if it's feasible to put something together.

Please e-mail me at: autofarm@wightman.ca so we can start planning!

Bob Yule

Ancaster Update

Submitted By: Mike McNeely

ANCASTER BRITISH CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET WE'RE BACK for 2022!

Sunday April 17, 2022

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM



ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS

[630 Trinity Rd S, Jerseyville ON L0R 1R0](https://www.google.com/maps/place/630+Trinity+Rd+S,+Jerseyville+ON+L0R+1R0)

You betcha! You have all heard this news. Here is our latest update.

Ancaster Fairgrounds is booked. Our various supplies of traffic cones and signs and food are all organized. We are getting ready.

The call for volunteers is out. We **NEED** some help there. It takes 100 volunteers to put this event on. We can maybe manage with 90, but that means some folks will need to do double shifts. Nobody wants that right?

We have a volunteer list with 100 names on it (from previous years and both car clubs). To date, 48 people have offered their help. Good for them and thanks. 14 members of our club have stood up. Could we do a little better? Maybe? Please? There is a huge imbalance between the British Sports Car Club and the AHCSO. This can't stay this way!

Please contact Mike McNeely if you can help with any part of the day—parking, gates, set-up, clean-up. Many hands make light work! Contact: mmcneely@gmail.com

March Zoom “Virtual Pub”

WEDNESDAY March 9, 2021 @ 7:30PM

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

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

****SPECIAL TECH PRESENTATION****

With Autofarm Ltd
Gearbox Review with Q&A after

Vintage Spare Parts Pricing From 1959

Submitted by: Peter LoRe

For comparison, I looked up the retail price of a new Derrington steering wheel at a UK parts supplier.

For the “Moto-Lita” version, the listed price is £232. For the same wheel in mahogany, £489!!

The “Racing Mirror” is listed at £15.95 each in today’s market.

Wow!

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THE WELL KNOWN DERRINGTON

Racing Steering Wheel

\$50.00 ppd.

State make, year, model of car.



AH, Jag, MG-A, TC, TD, TF, TR 2 & 3, A.C. Corvette, Porsche, Aston-Martin, Alfa Romeo. Duralumin one-piece frame with rim made in contrasting laminations of light African Obachi wood and rich dark Mahogany. Hand French polished, finger serrations for a much more firm grip. This wheel is slightly smaller in diameter and allows an ease of handling not experienced with stock wheels. No driver who has tried one has ever failed to express his enthusiasm for the distinctive Derrington wheel. The purchase price includes all necessary fittings. Anyone may install it with tools in the standard kit.

MIRRORMATIC SELF-RETURN

Fender Mirrors

\$5.95 each ppd.

\$11.90 pair ppd.



This ingenious British made fender mirror contains a torsion element and springs back to your preferred setting if accidentally brushed by a passerby while car is standing. Universal fitting allows use on either left or right fender. Heavily chromed on brass. Your choice of flat or convex mirror glass.

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Items For Sale

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



Tonneau Cover



I have a brand new, unused black tonneau cover for a BT7.

It was purchased for a restoration project that was subsequently sold.

I am asking \$250. Thanks very much. I live in Ottawa and am prepared to ship.

Contact Michael Price – mikeprice1948@yahoo.ca

1963 Austin Healey

Located in Oakville.

Contact:

Paul Hatton.

Email: paulh1939@hotmail.com

Phone: 416 201 2110



1967 Austin Healey BJ8

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: \$49,500 OBO Contact: 519-356-2427 or healeyparts@autofarm.net

Are You An Active Member

Submitted by: Mike McNeely

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?

Do you volunteer or work on committees, to this there is no trick.

Or leave the work to just a few, then complain and talk about the clique?

Please go to meetings often, and help with hand and heart,

Don't just be a member, take an active part!

Think this over Members, you know what's right from wrong:

Are you an active member, or do you just....belong?

Healeys Out in the World

Submitted By: Amanda Yule



I believe I've likely shared this photo of Clint Eastwood in the past, but after last month's issue, Chris Stoate reached out about an Austin Healey making an appearance in a newer Eastwood movie, "The Mule".

I was unable to find a picture of the red 100 that is in a scene with a mansion, but I wondered if it was there, might it be Mr. Eastwood's own Healey?

Apparently he is quite the 'car guy' with a collection of varied makes and models. He did purchase a 100M in his younger days, likely the car pictured here, but I'm not 100% sure.

Has anyone seen The Mule?

You can read more about his collection here if you wish:

<https://www.gq-magazine.co.uk/cars/article/clint-eastwood-car-collection>

Have you spotted a Healey on TV or in a movie?

Please send a picture or note and I'll share it with the group!