



The Resonator

December 2022

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



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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

A Word from Our President:



Merry Christmas

A Word from Our President Continued...

Hello Members!

So here we are, right up against the last 3 weeks of shopping before Christmas. OMG, you better get busy in all those stores, and take lots of money! If anyone wants to know my sizes just send me a little note! Always glad to help.....

Well, down to business. We have a few important topics that I should start with and some fluffy stuff at the end. And for the record, this is the last time you have to put up with me in the Resonator.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- Yes, it's time. You should get this done before the end of December. Remember that you renew your membership online at the AHCA website using the Club Express system. The web site is healeyclub.org. You will receive more detailed information about membership renewal from Eoin Galvin in the coming days.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH- Yes, we are! If you don't already know, we are having a **Christmas lunch on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 12 noon.** This will be at Ned Devine's Pub in Milton, Ont. Mark Doust is our Master of Ceremonies. There will be fun and surprises; you should absolutely plan to attend. Let Mark know you are coming 'cause he does need a head count. mark@abarth.ca or phone 416-779-0967. **DON'T MISS IT!**

AHCSO ELECTION UPDATE- We got this done in fine fashion. We held a special in-person election meeting on Nov. 12th at noon. Here are some results:

Heather Doust has been elected as our new Club President. Congratulations to Heather. She brings a ton of long-term Healey experience to the top job and a new perspective. As I leave this position, I am thrilled to see our Club in Heather's very capable hands. Please join me in giving her a warm welcome.

James Hartshorn-Yippee! At last we have an active Vice-President once again. Thank you, James, for stepping up for our Club. I am confident you will bring great benefits to our organization.

Laurie Wilford- Continues as our most capable Secretary/Treasurer. He keeps our money and our secrets under control.

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Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest

- **SUNDAY DECEMBER 4: IN PERSON MEETING: 12:00-4:00 NED DEVINE'S IN MILTON—CHRISTMAS PARTY—RSVP REQUIRED**
- December 14: AHCSO Zoom Meeting 7:30

*****LET'S GET 2023 OFF TO A GREAT START *****

ANYONE HAVE ANY EVENT IDEAS?

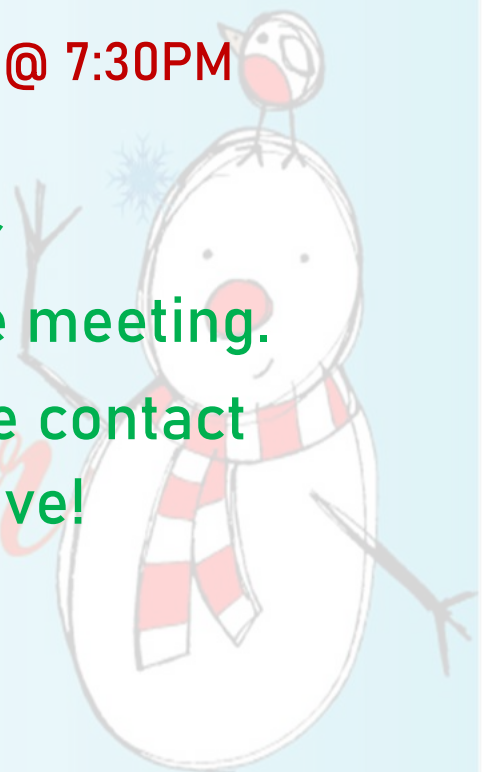
The Executive would love to hear from you!

AHCSO Zoom “Pub Night”

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14 2022 @ 7:30PM

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

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



President's Message Continued...

Bob Yule-Continues as Club Delegate. Bob has done this for a long time, and for the record he is very good at it, and importantly, has a very high level of respect from his Delegate colleagues and the AHCA.

Eoin Galvin- Eoin continues as our Membership Master. He has been very involved in the transition of Membership Management and annual payments to the Club Express System. Thanks, Eoin, for continuing with this very important role.

Mal Bruce-He is going to keep going on Events! We ALL owe Mal a great big thank you and a HUG for his efforts at keeping us busy and active while we lived through the Covid crisis. Awesome job Mal. For the record, all of you should know the whole Cars & Coffee plan was Mal's idea. He made it happen. *(I have a little tip for Heather, don't mention politics to Mal, he will unload for about 15 minutes!)* Mal scored a big one on Election Day; he is now going to have the capable assistance of Mark Doust. Thank you Mark.

Amanda Yule- THANK YOU AMANDA, for producing one of the very best Club Newsletters in the fleet! The Resonator rocks and it is thanks to you. I am certain that our members both appreciate and admire your work. Awesome. It is important to take note of the fact that the Resonator really helped to keep our Club connected and membership alive during the covid hiatus. Hey everybody, please help Amanda! Send in your articles, comments, pictures etc. Help her fill up those pages.

Geoff Turl-He has agreed to continue as our very own Mr. Digital. Yeah Geoff. Web Pages, Zoom Meetings, etc. are all under his capable control and will continue to be that way. So, many thanks there 'Cecil B. de Geoff.'

Peter LoRe-Our very own Mr. Regalia and Guest Speaker Coordinator. So Peter likes to work in the background but don't worry, he has our Regalia activity up and running and will continue this year to take Regalia to the next step of selection, availability, and catalogue ordering. Stay Tuned! Thanks Peter. Guest speaker ideas or volunteers are always welcome. Send to Peter.

Ed Orr-You may not realize but Ed has been looking after the mailing/distribution of our Healey Marque Magazine for many years. He has it down to a science.

Mike McNeely-I'm done. Apparently, my new job is the easiest one left. I am your new Past President. I really don't have any responsibility or anything to do. Hmmm.. This sounds like a job I am really going to enjoy.

OK, that's the new Austin Healey Club SO Management Team. Please give all of them your kind support and assistance.

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A Personal Message

Well, my job as Club President ends on Dec. 31st. I want to let you know that this has been pretty rewarding and in many ways too, a very challenging bit of work.

The day-to-day stuff is really like a walk in the park and a lot of fun to work on. Dealing with our various activities, issues such as where and when to meet, events and so on: all great. Plus a super group of Club Executive Partners to work with who just made it even more fun. I owe all of them my deep personal thanks. I really mean that.

But every so often, someone bowls you a googly! (*A googly is an English expression referring to a very nasty bowl/pitch in the game of Cricket*).

While dealing with our various activities, the game changed to issues such as where and when to meet, the horrible impact of Covid 19 on all of us, and the eventual shut-down of our in-person pub meetings.

Then we shut down our events program! What could possibly be next? Oh yeah, wear a mask, don't go anywhere, stay away from friends and family. Don't cross the border, don't fly anywhere. Then get vaccinated, get vaccinated again, get vaccinated again! Get a booster. Get a booster. Don't forget the flu vaccine! Quickly, we need to find a solution and keep it all together!

It turned out to be Zoom Meetings. Not perfect but a blessing in disguise. A lot of members are really thankful we did it. (You know who you are). Zoom has helped us connect with many of our more distant members. Bonus!

Over these few years, many new friends have come my way. That is a wonderful Club benefit. Nice, you folks are cool, and appreciated.

Heather, just for you. You got this lady! I think you will bring such a new and unique perspective to the job of President that it will be wonderful. All the best to you.



Mike



Enclave 2022

Submitted By: Bob Yule

September 18th –23rd found 600 of the Healey faithful at the Kalahari Resort in the Pocono Mountains, for the combined Conclave of the AHCA and Encounter of the Sports & Touring Club appropriately named, Enclave. A week of festivities and events were held to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the introduction of the Healey 100.

I should start by saying that the resort was enormous. The



hotel itself was two buildings of seven floors each and each floor had about eighty rooms. With the ground floor taken up with restaurants, banquet rooms, conference rooms and front desk facilities, this meant there were about 900 rooms in the hotel. Oh! I forgot to mention that the basement held the largest waterpark in North America. Adjacent to all this was the conference center, with even more meeting rooms and where our hospitality room was located. It seemed that the elevators were at one end of this complex and all the activities were at the other which meant an awful lot of walking was involved. No matter, we had fun anyway.

Sunday was registration and the opening night welcome reception, just to get everybody in the mood for the week.



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After attending the rally school on Monday morning, we set off through the Poconos on an interesting rally. Those that made it back in time attended tech sessions and valve cover racing in the evening. There was also the opening of heats on the Hot-Wheels track and they continued every evening.

Tuesday had the Funkhana, more tech sessions and an English Tea mainly for the ladies. The Concours judging took place today also and everything was followed in the evening with the bar-b-que and charity auction.

Bright and early on Wednesday morning several of us attended the Poconos Raceway and tried our hands at driving a NASCAR race car round the "tricky triangle" that is the racetrack. This was followed by a parade lap of most of the Healeys at Enclave.



In the afternoon, the popular car show was held in downtown Stroudsburg where the main street had been closed to accommodate the show. It was a great afternoon as the street had many restaurants, wineries, museums and galleries to keep everybody entertained, and of course, 280+ Healeys were on display!

The Gymkhana on Thursday was held in the rain and made for some interesting laps. The final wrap up Banquet in the evening was highlighted by many outfits from the '50s being worn by the attendees. The awards were also given out at this event and our club did well. The trophies were very unusual in that they were partially 3-D printed.

Some interesting cars were on display including the first production Healey, the first production Bug-Eye and a 100S.



During the week I had a water pump failure, but as luck would have it one of our members, Laurie, had a spare with him and we had it fitted in no time. Others were not so lucky, as Laurie did not have a spare rear axle with him for Mike, but Mark did have a head gasket for Dave, which was fitted on the way home.

It was great to catch up with friends that we had not seen in quite a while, and the organizing team did a sterling job making for a great week of Healey fun.

AHCSO Christmas Party

Submitted by: Amanda Yule

Here are the details if you RSVP'd to Mark that you will be attending the AHCSO Christmas party THIS SUNDAY!!

When: Sunday December 4 2022 12 pm to 4 pm

Location: Ned Devine's Irish Pub at 575 Ontario St S Milton

Please arrive and order your meal and beverage from the menu. Then relax and enjoy the company of fellow club members!

It sounds like lots of fun events are planned for the afternoon!

See you there!!



Our King's First Car

Submitted by: Ed Orr via the Niagara British Car Club November 2022 Newsletter

King Charles' first car was an Austin: It has been widely reported that the king's first car, back when he was Prince Charles, was an MGC-GT. In fact, his first car was an Austin which he received at the age of two. And in taking delivery of his car, the young prince was introduced into a lifetime of philanthropy.

Yes, Charles' first car was an Austin 40, more specifically, the Austin J40 roadster, a pedal car patterned after the grownup article, the 1948 Austin A40 Devon and Dorset. Make no mistake, though, it was a real Austin, produced by the parent company to provide employment to Welsh miners who could no longer work below ground.

Charles' pedal car was conceived in the late forties by Leonard Lord who headed up the Austin Motor Company at the time. The pedal car was put into production at a special plant in Bargoed, Wales, where it was assembled by unemployed miners who were afflicted by what was called Dust Lung. There is a longer medical word for the disease, but not nearly as descriptive. The miniature Austins were stamped from the surplus metal cut-offs from the actual car production. This provided much needed work for the afflicted miners and served as a managerial training ground for future Austin executives. In all, nearly 33 thousand of these little cars were built before the plant closed in the early '70s.

To use a very British word, these pedal cars were "posh." They had lift-up bonnets, simulated engine with real spark plugs, an opening boot, leather upholstery, and working horn, headlights, and handbrake. They had lavish chrome and were painted in the same colours as the real cars. At 33

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pounds these luxury toys cost the equivalent of nearly three weeks' pay for the average worker at the time, so they weren't for everyone.

Most went to the U.S. Later Canada and Denmark also received them. The Austin J40 is a holy grail among pedal car collectors. If you have one of these baby Austins, perhaps you should have it appraised. It could possibly be worth more than the real McCoy. Sotheby's recently auctioned a prime example for 13,500 dollars Canadian!



Merry Christmas to You & Yours

By: Amanda Yule

As Christmas 2022 is nearing, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish our membership all the best for the holiday season and into the New Year. If you're anything like us, it seems like this year has just flown by. I'm not sure if it's because it's the first full year without any major Covid shutdowns since 2019 or what, but wow, it's hard to believe we're in December already!

This has been our first full year of owning and enjoying our first Healey, and we definitely tried to make the most of it. Out of interest mostly, we kept track of our miles and we put on nearly 2500 miles just visiting local (and not so local) car shows, cruise nights, AHCSO Wednesday lunches, the Fall Tour, a show in Lindsay and of course, just getting out and driving! Of course, we always had to toss a coin on the 'non-Healey' event days as Tom's Mustang was waiting patiently in the garage for it's turn too. It's been great fun and we're looking forward to the 2023 driving season already.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mike McNeely for his years serving as our President. Without a doubt he has been instrumental in keeping the Club alive and well during what has been a term for the books. Covid threw him a big loop during his time as President and we're grateful he was able to keep the Club moving forward despite the many, many hurdles we faced. Thankfully Mike has agreed to stay on with the Flea Market Committee and I have no doubt the sun will shine for all the future events he is involved in! So thanks Mike. Welcome to the role of "Past President".

And, in case you're wondering, yes, I'm staying on for another year as Editor of the Club newsletter. I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to keeping our membership informed and together, even by email, as a group. For as long as I'm able I will continue to share all the wonderful pictures of our members, their Healeys (or other beautiful vehicles) and stories about our great Club. For I firmly believe the Club is not solely about the cars. It is just as much about the membership, the friendships that have formed and the support of like-minded folks.

I hope 2023 brings us a great many events so we can continue to get together and enjoy each other's company. And with that, a great many stories to share in the Newsletter! I already have a great story from the Cressman's for the January issue! If you have something you'd like to share...you know where to find me!

On that note, Merry Christmas to all our members—near and far. May you enjoy the company of friends and family this Christmas, share the joy of the season and most of all, take a moment to be grateful for all that we have—including the cars that have brought us together as a Club.

Amanda



Items For Sale

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

Knock-Off Spinner Tool

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 stevhall@cogeco.ca



Parts Bins



Three high quality parts bins from Multi-Line Fasteners. Steel case with hard plastic bins, which holds parts and nuts/bolts firmly in place.

\$20 each or \$50 for all 3. Pickup is in Oakville.

Please contact:

stevhall@cogeco.ca

Austin Healey BN6 Project



A GREAT winter project if you need something to do!

Completely disassembled at Autofarm, frame, panels and substructure have been sandblasted.

Comes with some new metal.

Complete car, only thing missing are the old carpets.

Located at Autofarm in Monkton

Asking \$14,500 OBO

Contact: healeyparts@autofarm.net

1959 Austin Healey BN6

A ground up restoration with new frame etc in 2018
Many more photos available
Also have a number of restored motorcycles for sale.

Please contact Richard Taylor
416-223-8196



1967 Austin Healey BJ8

Restored, with few miles since.
Asking \$85000.
Please contact:
Sue Allison
sallison35@gmail.com
905-727-8115



Parts for Sale

Brand New Steering Wheel – Classic Gold Adjustable. (Moss #853-796) New 399.99 USD+Tax (\$565 CAD), Sell for \$400.

Refurbished Generator (new brushes) – Make an offer

Refurbished Starter (new brushes) – New \$470 USD+tax, Sell for \$250 CAD.

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