

From the AHCSO Executive to
you and yours,



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We hope your holidays are filled with laughter & love.

**It's nearly Christmas
once again.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

It is only 178 days to the AHCSO BBQ scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025 - mark your calendar. Drives from various start locations will be arranged.

In the meantime, check out from the comfort of your living room Zoom tech sessions and presentations scheduled in the coming months.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Heather Doust, President



DON'T FORGET THE AHCSO

CHRISTMAS PARTY

LIONHEART BRITISH
PUB & RESTAURANT

3221 DERRY RD W
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LUNCH PROVIDED
BY THE AHCSO
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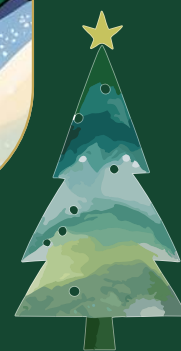


DECEMBER

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ARRIVAL 12:00 PM
LUNCH 1:00 PM

ADVANCE TICKETS
REQUIRED



50/50 DRAW & DOOR PRIZES

SAVE THE DATE NOTICES

JANUARY 8TH, 2025 - AHCSO - JANUARY ZOOM MEETING

CONCLAVE 2025 - BRANSON, MISSOURI

JUNE 21, 2025 - AHCSO BBQ & DRIVE - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SEPTEMBER 11-14 2025 - AHSTC ENCOUNTER - HEALEYS IN THE MOUNTAINS
TANNERSVILLE, PA

FUTURE EVENTS:

JUNE 19-21 2026 - AHCSO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

JUNE 7-11 2027 - HEALEY 75TH ANNIVERSARY
INTERNATIONAL MEET, LAKE TAHOE

AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting

November 16th-18th 2024

Submitted By: Bob Yule, Delegate for AHCSO

President Roger Hamel opened the meeting by welcoming the 44 delegates, officers and visitors in the room and 17 on Zoom who had answered the roll call. Minutes from previous meetings were approved.

The area Club reports that followed almost all noted a decrease in membership and certainly participation. Several clubs have large bank accounts e.g. Southern California with \$58,000, and Golden Gate with \$40,000, and they have started Google group messaging to better serve members, and it is paying off. Other clubs pay visits with their cars to senior care facilities and are generally well received. The N.E. Region's Peter Sturtevant has been hosting a monthly Zoom tech session, for the last five years, and it has been very successful. Questions are submitted ahead of time and also during the session, making for a lively and informative evening. Other clubs are participating in ongoing highway clean-ups, and most clubs pledged funds to the Healey Museum Fund. The Museum is operated by a foundation and while most of their exhibits are on loan they need funds in excess of admissions, (which were seriously curtailed during covid) to cover rent, insurance and other operating costs. All staff are unpaid volunteers.

The Leadership Team reports then followed and included:

Safety: Jeff Porada stressed tire safety, suggesting 7 years for changing out tires.

Conclave: Neil Anderson reported that 2024 had 250 registrants and \$2900 was donated to the clubs that assisted the host club and \$2500 to Ronald McDonald House. Conclave 2025 in Branson Mo. Is accepting registrations and has 60 to date. They are also asking for Clubs to sponsor an event. 2027 International meet to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Healey is to take place in Lake Tahoe at the Golden Nugget with a room cost of \$159 plus taxes and resort fees. Registrations have already been made from Norway, The Netherlands, Canada and USA. A striking logo was presented. There is currently no Conclave planned for 2026.

Membership: Mike Schneider reported current membership at 2411, of that 511 are new members in 2024 credit for new members is attributable mainly to the website. A proposal to print a membership directory was turned down when the cost of \$23000 was mentioned, \$8500 of this was postage. Either the whole thing or individual pages can be printed from the website. Still on postage, it costs AHCA \$500 a year in returned magazines, of which only the label is returned, so keeping addresses current is requested and this can be easily accomplished in Club Express.

Club Support: Steve Bell talked about insurance for local only members and mentioned that in the last 20 years we have lost 10 area clubs. He is trying to have strong clubs assist struggling ones with events, meetings etc. and trying to promote more regional events.

Promotion: Peter Sturtevant reported that there were 100,000 views of the website in ten months of 2024. 85% were from the USA. 75% came directly to the site instead of being referred from another site. Healey Marketplace has had 12000 visits, 61 Healey's advertised and 21 sold so far.

Insurance: Gary Feldman stated that premiums have generally decreased from around \$20000 all in, to currently \$12000 for all liability except for speed events which are now covered separately. The cost of which has doubled so the coverage has been decreased but is still above what is asked for by any vendor. Projected cost to a club per speed event will be \$275.

Advertising: \$19507 has been invoiced for 2024 all current. Vince Barnell feels that the rates are below market rates. All advertising in Healey Marque has been discontinued after this year so that the two pages now occupied by ads can be devoted to content and all adverts will now be on the website only.

Healey Marque: Reid Trummel the editor advised that the budget for 2025 will remain as for 2024 as the expenses are under budget. Over 700 pages of Healey content were produced in 2024 between the Marque and the quarterly E-Zine. Reid also stated that he would no longer produce a Conclave edition of the Marque as it was too difficult and time consuming. As most delegates felt that a Conclave issue was important, a motion was proposed that money be deducted from Reid to pay someone else to produce a Conclave issue. This was withdrawn when Reid agreed to construct a template for future Conclave reporters to be able to submit text and pictures in a form that could be used for publishing

DMH Memorial fund: Bonny Ayer reported that most of the funding had been from the calendar picture sales and the F1 auction, both of which have ceased, leaving only some donations. The fund is still supporting \$6000 in scholarships to McPherson College. A big unknown expense is what to do about the stained-glass windows that were donated to the church in Perranporth where Donald Healey lived. The church has been closed for two years as it needs major repairs. The owners, the Church of England, have so far not agreed to repair the building. Moving the windows would be very expensive and finding a location has also been a challenge. The Healey Museum has been suggested.

Treasurer: the budget, presented by Bev Sealand, was accepted by the delegates and is on a separate sheet for anyone who wants to see it. She also chairs the digital membership committee, and it was agreed that a digital only membership which has previously only been available to overseas members, will now be available to everyone. This US\$45 will entitle the member to all the benefits of membership, except they will not receive a printed copy of the Healey Marque.

Motions to increase the allowances paid to delegates for travel and hotel expenses were debated and passed.

A committee was created to research and track why a lot of members are not renewing and what is happening to cars after members pass on.

Howard Collins has succeeded Jeff Porada as chairman of the Sprite registry, and he has over 100 registered to date. Focus is being placed on attracting younger members into the Club by suggesting that Sprites are an excellent choice for entry into the Healey world.

A lifetime membership was approved for Edie Lowery who is retiring as secretary and being succeeded by Janis Maurer, who is Chuck and Edie Andersons's daughter. Honorary memberships were awarded to the Conclave organizers and to Jim and Jo Switzer for organizing the delegates meetings for the last several years.

Roger Hamel was again approved for President, along with current slate of officers. Mike Swager was approved for the nominating committee.

The next fall meeting was approved to be held in the same location, Airport Holiday Inn, on November 8th and 9th 2025 and the meeting was adjourned at 11am Sunday morning.

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The Austin-Healey Technical Support Zoom Meeting

Southern Ontario members are invited to the
Austin-Healey Technical Support Zoom Meeting

Next Monday - December 9th @ 7:00 PM

Bob Yule and Michael Salter are two of our Experts.

Join the online meeting with PC, MAC, tablet or smart Phone
with the link emailed to you last week.

The purpose of the Technical Support call is to assist all club members with maintenance and repair of their Austin Healey for all major systems of the marque. Our call will be an open forum for all your Healey technical questions. We record Zoom Technical calls to provide a permanent record for club members.

Thank you to all participants on these interesting and lively technical zoom calls.

Please email Pete Sturtevant at healeybn4@comcast.net with any questions in advance.



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I hope you've enjoyed this condensed issue of The Resonator for this final month of 2024. Many thanks to the many contributors over this past year. Without your submissions, stories and pictures, you all would be pretty bored hearing me ramble on!

So, on that note, I hope everyone enjoys the Christmas party this weekend, takes time to jump on the Tech Zoom call on Monday and most of all, enjoys every moment of the holiday season. Merry Christmas to you & yours.



The Yule Family