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AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB  
OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO



EASTER IS HERE! JOIN THE  
BUNNY FOR A DELIGHTFUL RIDE

HAPPY EASTER

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Spring has officially arrived! With the rainy season upon us, winter salt is being washed from the roads—perfect conditions for getting your classic car back out.

The weather should be ideal for attending the **Ancaster British Car Show and Flea Market**, so we hope to see many of you there behind the wheel of your classics. Have you had a chance to respond to Larry about volunteering this year?

Registration for the 50th Anniversary Weekend Event is now closed, with 40 cars confirmed to participate. While this event is fully booked, we have several exciting activities planned for 2026 to continue celebrating this milestone. Please visit the Events Page, mark your calendar, and get your car ready for a fantastic driving season ahead.

Tata for now,  
Heather Doust,  
President - AHCSO



## **EVENTS FOR 2026**

APRIL 19 - ANCASTER BRITISH CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET

MAY 3 - NIAGARA BLOOM FESTIVAL - Contact Ed Orr for more info

JUNE 19-21 - AHCSO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JUNE 20 - ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW - CALEDON

JULY 11 - KINCARDINE BLUES FEST - BRITISH CAR SHOW

JULY 15 - AHCSO - LUNCH - MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

AUGUST 23 - WELLINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM CAR SHOW

AUGUST 29 - AHCSO BBQ LUNCH & VALVE COVER RACING - ATWOOD

SEPTEMBER 2 - ORANGEVILLE CRUISE NIGHT - BRITISH INVASION

SEPTEMBER 20 - BRITISH CAR DAY -BRONTE PROVINCIAL PARK

SEPTEMBER 20 - VINTAGE WHEELS & WINGS - HAMILTON

SEPTEMBER 30 - AHCSO - RAVINE WINERY LUNCH

*\*\*MORE TO FOLLOW - PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY CRUISE NIGHTS, CAR SHOWS OR EVENTS IN YOUR AREA SO MORE MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE!*

## EVENTS FURTHER AFIELD FOR 2026

MAY 31 - JUNE 4 - SUMMIT - KINGSTON, NY

JUNE 7-10 - MID-AMERICA CLASSIC - MID-WEST OHIO

SEPTEMBER 13-18 - CONCLAVE 2026 - GALENA, IL

SEPTEMBER 17-20 - SOUTHEAST CLASSIC, DAHLONEGA, GA

SEPTEMBER 27-29 - AHSTC ENCOUNTER - ST. MICHAELS, MD



**FLIGHT...MIGHT...EXCITE...**

# **SPRITE!**

THE EXHILARATING NEW EXPERIENCE IN SPORTSCAR DRIVING

AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE **\$1795\***

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# *The Hunt For "The Hunts"!*

## "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS" RALLY

Monday - July 3rd. 2000

The 'Healey Guys' had made arrangements to try to meet up with the Scottish couple (Peter & Ann Hunt) who are driving their red healey in the 'Around the World in 80 Days Rally'. Out of the 50 cars left in the rally - there are 2 Healeys. As we knew they would be stopping for lunch in Glencoe (south of London) and since we didn't know their planned route, we had agreed to meet in Port Dover at 2:15 pm to try to catch them on their way from Glencoe to Niagara Falls (their overnight stop and rest day on July 4th.).

When Ed and I got to Port Dover - Natalie and Russ Bamsey were there and it was raining - so we waited until 2:55 pm for other healeys (Laurie Wilford, Slaters, Graham Secord and Ron Keilbiski) we agreed we would wait five more minutes and on my suggestion would head for Dunnville (my home town) as I knew they would have to go through Dunnville on #3 highway to get to Niagara Falls. Just as we were about to pull out of Port Dover they ('tardy' troupe) arrived and we all headed for Dunnville - Instead of taking the Lakeshore Rd. & Rainham Rd. to Dunnville - we led the way back to Jarvis & #3 highway. As we turned the corner at the light in Jarvis and waited for the rest of the healey gang to make the turn - this red healey with the GB on back and covered with other stickers went flying by us with horns beeping when they saw us! Ed let out a whoop and we both yelled "its them"! I can tell you folks, its a long time since I have seen Ed that excited!! - the Orr's Blue Hornet took off like a rocket in hot pursuit! We could not believe our luck and timing !!! At first we thought Peter was driving and they were really flying, however in Cayuga, Ann turned and yelled back that they would be stopping for 'petrol' at the next gas station and we realized she was driving!! - she is some kind of driver and we were all duly impressed! When they stopped we all jumped out of our cars to introduce ourselves as they quickly and efficiently filled up their car - while watching their time - apparently they had 1 hour and 20 mins. to get to Niagara Falls check point. We all hopped back into our cars and followed them in hot pursuit to Dunnville. We pulled into the Tim Hortons and let them continue on after telling them we would see them in Niagara Falls. Our president 'Ron' in his little white sprite was in dire need of a stiff drink - after pushing his little bug to the 'max' to keep up with the group - all we could offer him was a strong coffee. Poor Ron! He decided he would head for home while the rest of us continued on (at a normal pace for healeys) to Niagara Falls. When we arrived at the Sheraton Fallsview the Hunts were busy hosing down their healey. We chatted and took pictures while Bob Slater and Laurie Wilford attacked the problem with the Hunt's passenger door and headlight and at that point Derek and Sheila Fletcher joined us and we agreed to meet Ann & Peter for dinner in the hotel after they had a chance to get cleaned up. I am also told 'healey owner' Gord Davidson was responsible for getting 2 tires (PDQ) over to car in the rally at Niagara stop over - Great effort Gord! Our group consisted of Russ & Natalie Bamsey, Derek

& Sheila Fletcher, Bob & Jean Slater, Ed & Anna Orr and Laurie Wilford. Before dinner Ann Hunt quietly mentioned it was Peter's birthday so Natalie slipped away and arranged for a birthday cake (candles and all) - it was supposed to be a surprise however Bob asked Peter what birthday it was before the cake arrived - so much for the surprise - Way to go Bob! Richard Chrysler joined us for cake and everyone enjoyed talking to these neat people and hearing all about this grueling rally. We all enjoyed just a fantastic day!. Ed and I arranged to meet Peter & Ann at lunch time the next day (July 4th - a scheduled Rest Day for them).

\*Tuesday July 4th. - Report from Richard Chrysler & Scott Morris

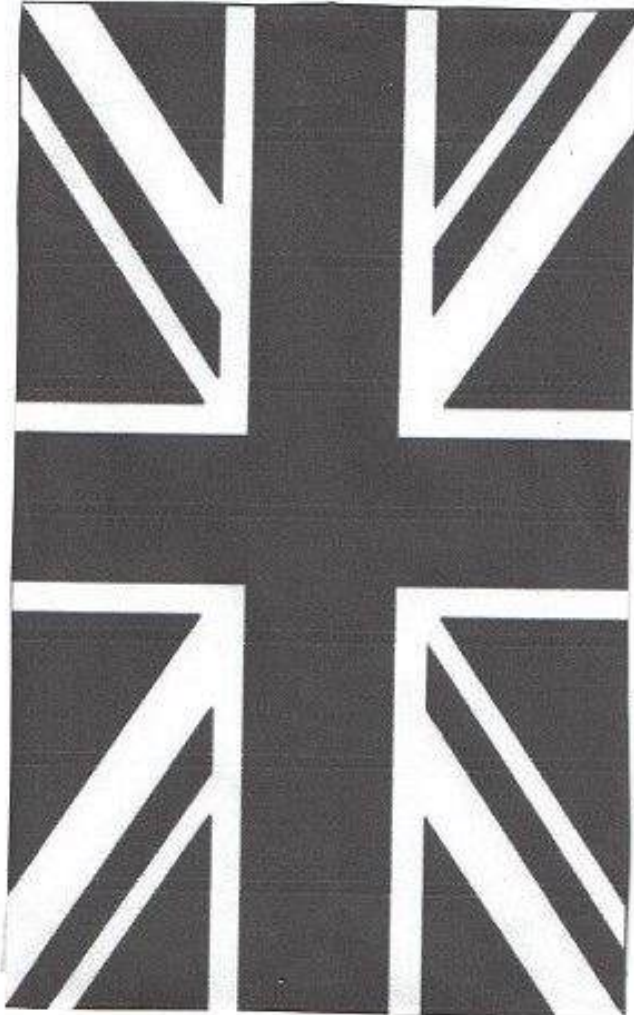
Tuesday - July 4th. 2000

As arranged the day before we drove our "BJ 9" down to take Hunts around the area. We drove over and parked at the Falls where they were very impressed and took lots of video and pictures of Falls, Maid of Mist etc. we then drove down Niagara Parkway to Whirlpool Rapids and then on to Niagara on Lake, we walked around shops and then went to Prince of Wales to have tea and we had just sat down when 4 other couples arrived who Peter and Ann knew (all Rally participants) Ann and Peter introduced us to everyone - 2 cars were Aston Martins, one was a Bentley and the other couple had a Lagonda. It was so interesting to hear their different stories of the rally incidents in all the countries they had travelled through - just great folks and what an awesome trek the "Around the World in 80 Days" is! We took Ann & Peter back to the hotel and \*said goodbye with the promise to see them again when we are in Scotland on our UK2000 Tour in September. As it turns out Ann and Peter are from a small place in Scotland 10 miles from where I am from and where we will be staying with my cousins. Small world! All in all a fantastic week end!

Anna Orr

\*Addendum to above: SEPTEMBER -  
During our UK2K Tour we were slated to stay at a ~~place~~ <sup>HOTEL</sup> called "Granton On Spey" - a beautiful hotel on river Spey. <sup>5000 ft</sup> <sup>which were nearby</sup> ~~at~~ Peter met us there & took us back to their wonderful horse farm for dinner, afterwards taking us back to the town hotel. Just a wonderful treat while on our UK2000 Austin Healey Tour!

# ANCASTER



## BRITISH CAR SHOW and FLEAMARKET

Sunday April 19, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS

630 Trinity Road

Hwy 52 at Wilson St. W.

Ancaster, Ontario L0R1R0

### HOSTED BY:

Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

British Sports Car Club of Hamilton

**ADMISSION:** \$ 10.00 Cash Only  
UNDER 18 No Charge

Free Parking

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**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Austin Healey 100 Six**



**View Other Side for Rockton Fleamarket information**

## CLASSIFIEDS

*Provided as a courtesy to our members.*

*Members are reminded to use caution when dealing with someone you don't know.*

*The AHCSO takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the ads.*



### **1956 Austin Healey 100M** **Asking Price: \$173,000 CDN**

Owned & Restored by former club member, David Koch.

The namesake of our yearly driving award.

Offered for sale is a stunning 1956 Austin-Healey 100M, a highly desirable and collectible example of one of Britain's most iconic sports cars. One of only approximately 640 factory-built examples produced, the 100M represents a rare opportunity for serious collectors.

This particular car was restored to a high standard in the late 1990's to early 2000's and went on to achieve Concours Gold status in 2004, a testament to both its quality and authenticity.

Finished in an elegant white exterior with contrasting black coves, this Healey presents beautifully and retains the timeless styling that has made the 100M so sought after among enthusiasts worldwide.

The car is accompanied by excellent documentation, including:

- Heritage Certificate
- 100M Registry Plaque
- Photographic record of the body work done during restoration

Since its restoration, the car has been carefully maintained and remains in exceptional overall condition, ready for show or spirited driving.

The owner made select updates for usability and enjoyment; however, original parts are included with the sale, offering the next custodian the option to return the vehicle to fully original specification if desired.

Included with the Vehicle:

- Original tool kit
- Original jack and handles
- Sidescreens

This is a rare opportunity to acquire a limited-production, well-documented, concours-recognized 100M with provenance, quality, and presence.

*Interested parties can contact Autofarm directly for private viewings.*

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

## CLASSIFIEDS



### 1957 Austin Healey BN4 \$35,000.00 CDN \*\*\*NEW PRICE

Early production model with gallery/Longbridge cylinder head. Overdrive. Fibreglass fenders. Older frame up restoration with custom paint. Monochromatic grey interior from Heritage Upholstery. Wilton Wool carpets with floor mats. Grey tonneau cover from Heritage No convertible top. Side curtains provided. Lucas Fog Ranger fog lights - 48 spoke Dayton wire wheels. Side rear view mirrors - Petronix electronic ignition. Stainless steel gas tank - Front disc brake conversion. New braided brake lines. New rear wheel cylinders. All fluids changed. j Additional engine block and cylinder head. Always garaged and covered during its life. Beautiful condition. A one of a kind vehicle. Please contact Paul at: [dylewski@sympatico.ca](mailto:dylewski@sympatico.ca)

### 1956 Austin Healey 100 BN2



Complete body off restoration by John Barron in Reno red with matching red interior and black convertible top. All gauges/instrument cluster work. Car driven less than 500 miles since completed restoration. Car comes with side curtains, tonneau cover, complete tool kit and correct jack assembly (rare), as well as the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Certificate. Complete restoration parts/receipts available as well. Asking \$74,000 USD.

Contact Bob at [foxfowl@hotmail.com](mailto:foxfowl@hotmail.com) with coordinates. Will reply within 24 hours.

### 1954 Austin Healey BN1

\$95,000.00 CDN \*price improvement

This BN1 was built on July 13, 1954, and driven until 1965. The car underwent a comprehensive restoration starting in 2007 until its completion in 2011. The restoration, using all original number matching parts, was done by the late Richard Chrysler and his team. Meticulously restored including the original 3 speed transmission and factory O/D. A new roof, tonneau cover, and carpets were installed in the original factory colours. (Some of the original interior is included with the sale.)

Achieved Gold Level Certification in August 2011 from the Austin-Healey Concours Registry in Paradise, Pennsylvania.



Contact Eoin for more info:  
[iamfromdublin@gmail.com](mailto:iamfromdublin@gmail.com)

## CLASSIFIEDS



**1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite**  
Asking: \$55,000.00

This is an unmatched opportunity to own a piece of Austin Healey history with all the bells and whistles, restored to exacting standards and carefully stored in a climate controlled garage since restoration.

With 53,243 miles on the odometer, there was less than 60 miles added since restoration completion in 2010. Complete restoration invoice documents can be provided upon request to help showcase the countless hours of craftsmanship put into the work that was done.

Please contact Reese at 519-550-6221 or [reesebattin@gmail.com](mailto:reesebattin@gmail.com) for any inquiries



**Austin Healey BT7**  
Asking: \$34,500.00 \*\*new price

Catch the autumn colours and beautiful fall weather in this great Healey!

Here are the details:

- older restoration ('90's), paint and body excellent
- undercarriage solid
- chrome wire wheels, 72 spoke
- has centre shift transmission
- recent restoration of leather seats and interior trim panels
- has Pertronix ignition system, spin-on oil filter, tube shock upgrade
- overdrive needs attention; does not engage reliably

Please contact Scott for more details: [murrayscott598@gmail.com](mailto:murrayscott598@gmail.com)



**1967 AUSTIN HEALEY BJ8**  
\$89,000 CDN

1967 AUSTIN HEALEY MARK III BJ8 WITH OVERDRIVE. PURCHASED IN 1982. FRAME UP BODY OFF RESTORATION IN 2012 AT 56,165 MILES, 3,500 MILES SINCE COMPLETED. COLORADO RED WITH TAN INTERIOR. NEW TOP, TONNEAU AND INTERIOR. ALL MECHANICALS, CARBS, ENGINE, TRANSMISSION AND OVERDRIVE HAVE BEEN REBUILT. FEATURES 72 SPOKE CHROME WHEELS ON VREDESTEIN TIRES, ALUMINUM GAS TANK AND STAINLESS STEEL EXHAUST. ALWAYS GARAGED.

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