



Healey Hi-Lites

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January 2012

Our monthly meeting is fast-approaching. Join us Tuesday, Jan. 24 as we ring in our new year! Thanks to our friend Ron Dilger the location for our meeting is the 502 Auto Club. Ron is one of the leaders of this new organization and to all it a restoration shop really doesn't do it justice. Trust me, you've never seen anything like this place!!

Please note, we will be serving deserts from the Pie Kitchen, no dinner at this meeting.

Topics:

Upcoming events - Schedule of events

What's in your garage? - An opportunity for our members to chat about winter projects they are undertaking on their Healey

Healey History - This month in Healey History

Conclave update - There are some exciting recent developments that you'll be the first to hear about! Also, bring your registration and save on postage!

General floor discussion - open the floor for general Club business or recommendations

I hope all of you will join us at 502 Auto Club to see this amazing facility, catch up with Healey Club friends and to hear the latest in Club news!!

See you Tuesday!
Ben

502
AUTO CLUB

January 24, 2012

7 p.m. - Tours
7:30 p.m. - Dessert, coffee, meeting

502 Auto Club
13201 Complete Court
Louisville, Ky. 40223

Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



Another year is beginning and it's an exciting time to be a part of the Bluegrass Club. We're changing the way our meetings are organized, changing our meeting venue to meet the needs of a growing membership and we're the host Club for the national Conclave this summer. We have a lot to look forward to this year!

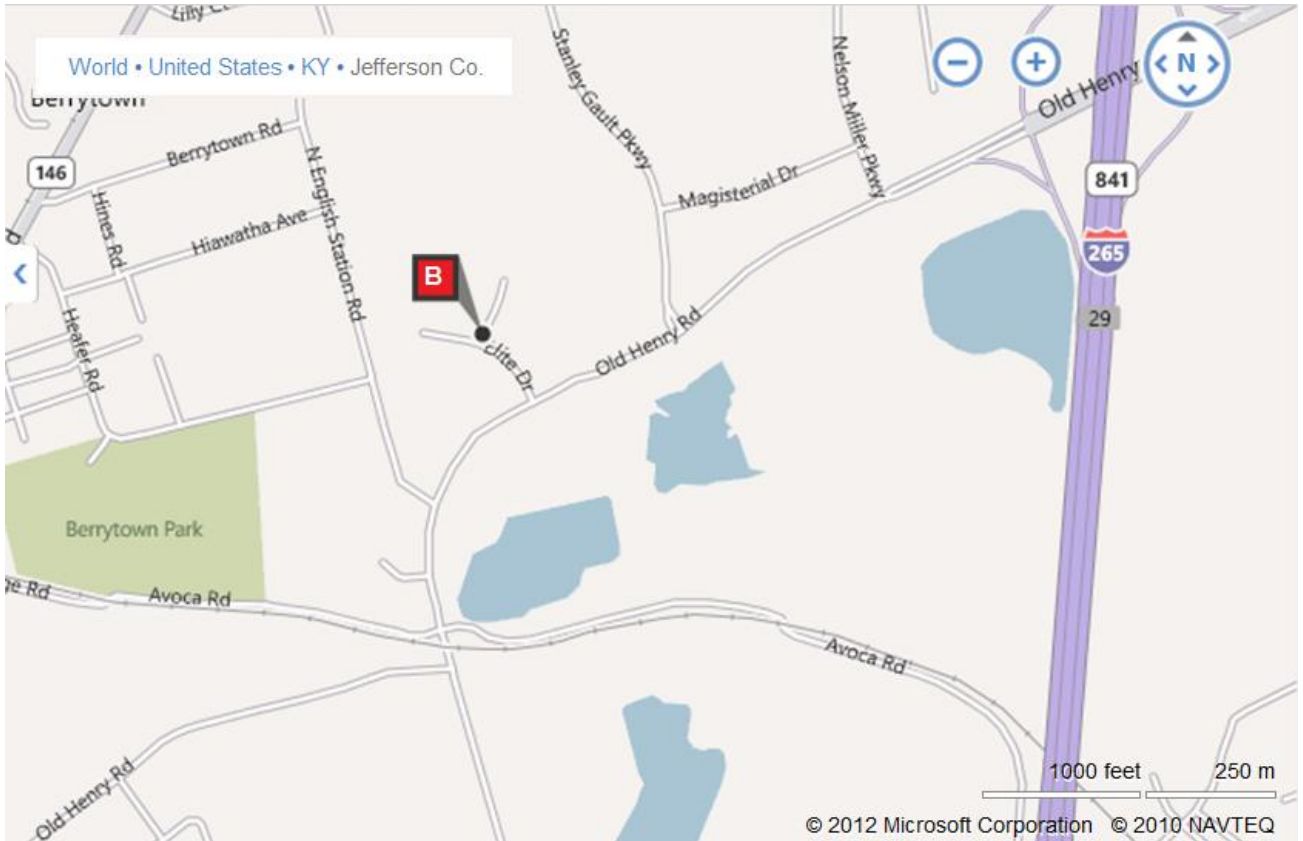
This month is always a great time to take stock of what lies ahead, to look out over the year, take it all in and for a moment think of all the great things we will have the opportunity to do. Our favorite regional events fill our fall with great road trip opportunities, to Columbus, Indiana and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina respectively. September Roundup and Southeastern Classic should be great fun on the heels of wrapping up our Conclave. This spring brings the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the British BASH, our annual outings with the British Sports Car Club and two great opportunities to get our cars out in front of a local audience.

This summer Conclave will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring hundreds of our closest Healey Club friends and these beautiful cars we love to our hometown. I am so proud that the largest Healey part of 2012 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Healey 100 is taking place in our backyard. The Healey world is buzzing and we seem to be successfully passing along our enthusiasm as host Club to our attendees.

Thanks to some suggestions from various members our Club meeting structure will change. I hope you'll take time to attend our next meeting to see what we're talking about, but essentially expect more of an agenda and highlights. Also, we'll be sharing some of the latest and most exciting Conclave developments, a few secrets that we can't publish yet as well as experiencing an amazing new resource in our auto community. This month's meeting will be held at 502 Auto Club. This is no ordinary restoration shop...Ron Dilger and his crew has really built something amazing here. You have to see it to believe it and on Tuesday, January 24 you can! Join us at 502 for tours at 7 p.m. and our meeting with the latest Conclave updates at 7:30 p.m. We will have desserts from the Pie Kitchen and coffee.

I hope to see you all next Tuesday as we kick off our 2012. We need your support and all Conclave updates will happen at our monthly meetings. Come listen, learn, contribute and volunteer.





Early bird gets the bourbon cake!

***It's never too early to start the party!
And what kind of party is it without cake?***

We're getting ready for you in Louisville next summer and thanks to our friends at Adam Matthews bakeries we have a special gift for anyone that registers before February 29, 2012. **The Kentucky Woods cake!**

The Kentucky Woods cake is the original, one and only Bourbon Barrel Cake and is a moist brown sugar cake with pure maple and chocolate cake, topped with walnuts, chocolate and caramel bourbon icing. Seven year aged Kentucky bourbon is used to give the cake a very unique nutty maple flavor.



Anyone that registers before February 29, 2012 will receive this special gift at registration check-in during Conclave. This is a special limited time offer!

Stay tuned for more updates! Check the website often for the latest information and list of registrants,
www.AustinHealeyConclave.com.

From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider



Conclave registrations are coming in at very good rate. If you haven't registered yet please get your registration in before the end of February so you will qualify for the free Bourbon Barrel Cake from Adam Matthews Bakery.

What crazy weather we are having. Twenty degrees one day and a few days later it is in the sixties. One side benefit to

Mother Nature fooling around with the atmosphere is that if you haven't tucked your Healey away for the 'winter' season you could get it out and drive it for a day or two at a time. In the event you see someone driving a Healey that you don't recognize, if the opportunity presents itself, give them some literature from the club so they can join in the fun.

We are in the middle of the renewal cycle for the AHCA and for the Bluegrass Austin Healey Club. A large number of you have already renewed for both clubs, but in the event you haven't renewed yet please do so very soon. If you will be at our January meeting you can hand me your renewal there. Dues for both clubs is \$55.00. In case you are wondering where your January issue of the Marque is don't worry any longer. It isn't lost in the mail nor is the mailman reading it (at least I don't think he is). The Marque is being mailed this week.

If any of you are in Phoenix, AZ for the Barrett Jackson auction let us know what you purchase when you return. Even if you came back with nothing but memories let us know what you experienced there.

This past November the Bluegrass AHC hosted the annual fall delegates meeting for the AHCA. As you read in the year in review newsletter Jim Werner published right after the first of the year we had excellent participation from our local club members. Some of our members attended the delegates meeting for both days. Much thanks to Bonnie Chreste, Sonny and Linda Moore, Ben Moore, Jim Werner and Arlene Schneider for helping with the transportation for Saturday nights meal.

Most of the topics during the delegates meeting were in line with the usual list of topics. Dues, insurance, Concours, advertising, regalia, Healey Marque, future conclaves, club finances, club promotion and support and so it goes. One topic that was unique to this meeting was the presentation by Ron Varley, delegate from the St. Louis club. Ron had a proposal that had as its main thrust an effort to reduce the expense of the fall delegates meeting. His efforts and thoughtfulness were laudable. Once the full proposal was presented many of the delegates took the opportunity to participate in the discussion. How Ron's proposal would reduce the expense involved the election of a super-delegate for a region of the country. That super-delegate would represent a number of the current regional clubs. Ron had the number of super delegates set at nine. Ron's effort was to reduce the number of people that attend the fall delegates meeting. In the final analysis the cost saving was not as substantial as might be assumed. The national officers (elected and appointed) still had to travel to the meeting as well as the super-delegates along with specific chaired positions. In addition to the small savings it would have also reduced the involvement of the local clubs at the national level. All of the delegates feel that the opportunity to interact with the national officers and participate in conducting the business of the AHCA was much more important than the small savings would have produced. The vote was close to unanimous for Ron's proposal to not be accepted. Ron was given a very heartfelt thank you from the delegates and officers for his effort.

Another topic that was out of the mainstream is the membership directory. The expense for the directory is considerable and there was much discussion as to how to reduce the costs. The total cost to produce the membership directory for 2011 was slightly over \$14,000. The postage costs amounted to about \$6500. There were also some one-time-only costs that amounted to about \$600 for this issue. The rest of the cost is related to the printing and layout of the directory. (Beth Lunney does the layout for about one tenth of what it would cost if we had to go to the public marketplace for the service) The delegates discussed using lighter weight paper, reducing the amount of information in the book and eliminating the use of an envelope and instead printing the address on the back of the booklet. No decision was made during this meeting as more information needs to be gathered. A committee was appointed to review and report to the officers. This will be a hot topic at the leadership meeting this coming March.

All of the other topics were discussed and reported to the delegates. There aren't any big changes in any of the current topics. Insurance went up just a few dollars for example. Finances for the club are strong and no dues increase was discussed. Bob Gilleland did give notice that he needs to retire from advertising management for the Marque. Bob's work has been very instrumental in keeping our costs down as he consistently does an excellent job of selling advertising for the Marque. Another cost saving for the Marque came from Reid Trummel. Reid continues to find ways to reduce the cost of printing the Marque. The new web site for the AHCA is still under construction. It should be available sometime later this year.

Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting. Make a note of the location. We are on the move again, I think. Don't forget to keep the rubber side down and the top side shiny.

Mike Schneider



2011 BGAHC Financial Statement

BEGINNING
BALANCE
1/1/11

Savings	\$2,280.57
Checking	<u>5,847.38</u>
Total Beginning Balance	\$8,127.95

INFLOWS

Interest	20.98
50-50	354.00
Christmas Party	680.00
Membership	295.00
Springthing	<u>6,487.00</u>
Total Inflows	\$7,836.98

OUTFLOWS

Activities	376.77
Administrative	387.80
Picnic	160.91
Christmas Party	2,187.40
Charity	200.00
Springthing	<u>4,698.27</u>
Total Outflows	\$8,011.15

Inflows minus
Outflows (\$174.17)

Total Ending
Balance
12/31/11 \$7,953.78

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