



Healey Hi-Lites

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Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



It's been a beautiful September! After months of ridiculous heat the Healey weather Gods seem to have heard our prayers. I've had the BN6 out more in the last month than in the last year combined, probably. Plus, it doesn't hurt that we've had some

great events to attend. I hope that you're out enjoying your Healey as much as I am.

The main event for this month was the appropriately named September Roundup. A huge group of Bluegrass members attended and had a great time. One group left from the Dairy Queen in southern Indiana on Thursday afternoon. I have no idea why we've never left from a DQ...it was perfect! A quick bite of ice cream before hitting the road really made for an enjoyable ride.

Scenic backroads and mild weather greeted us for the tops-down ride. A caravan of seven beautiful Healeys and three BJ9s hit the road. Red was the dominant color for the Healeys in attendance, with a few of us sporting silver/gold/beige colors. It was a wonderful and uneventful trip to Columbus. With a relaxed speed we were able to keep together and safely make the journey. Although, after years of neglect many of our CB radios were not working so it looks like a CB tech session is in our future. With about 10 miles left in our journey we were greeted by three more Bluegrass Healeys on their way to Roundup.

Thursday evening the Central Indiana Club welcomed us with overflowing hospitality and warmth. Meeting up with old friends was the agenda for the evening with a relaxed setting. We were also joined by another Bluegrass red car when we arrived in Columbus! Friday morning started later than usual, many of us were thankful as we were able to get some extra sleep. The rally left out from the hotel with overcast skies but still comfortable temperatures. Some of us ventured to Brown County but



many of us were back in time for the amazing architectural tour of Columbus. I had no idea this small town offered such a wealth of modern and historic architecture. The walking tour was a great way to see the town.

Saturday morning called for a car show. However, my BN6 had other plans...thanks to a lack of power I was almost late for the show and the car spent the rest of the morning being tinkered and disassembled. The battery was yanked and taken to the super Wal-Mart conveniently located across the street. The fan belt was tightened and a few more adjustments were made to make sure that all my components were functioning properly. We found that the battery was quite dead so a new one as purchased and installed. The car ran beautifully the rest of the weekend...minus a continuing overdrive failure. I'm learning why folks convert to the 5-speed!

Saturday evening Bluegrass members were decked out in our teal shirts and made quite an impressive statement. It was so great to have so many of our folks at an event. It's been some time since we've taken such a large group to an event and it brought back some great memories. I have always loved the memories of taking big groups to regional events and Conclaves. They way we would always support one another with car show votes, rally questions or Funkhana competition. The caravans of a dozen Healeys were beautiful and offered those of us not capable of fixing much the security that experts were all around. Those were good old days, and this weekend reminded me of how beautiful they were for so many reasons. When it came time for awards the Bluegrass Club was well represented.

Sunday morning a group headed home with a similar back roads, relaxed drive. It was so wonderful to be surrounded by friends and family for the weekend and have all those memories of years ago back. It reminds me of how much fun we had and can continue to have in the future. I was thrilled to hear so many folks still in the afterglow of our Conclave. It was great to know that we made such an impact on that event, the way only the Bluegrass Club can. We have a great reputation, one we've earned, for being strong, energetic, hospitable, gracious and kind during our events or as participants. It makes me proud to be among our ranks.

Here's to more great events in 2013!!

Ben



The Bluegrass Club Meeting is this Tuesday!

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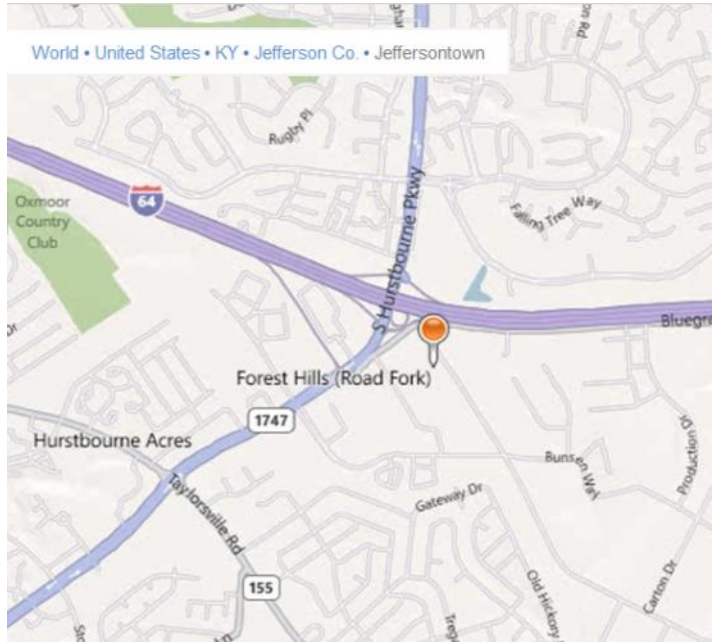
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From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider



That was a fun weekend! September Roundup was a blast. Great job by the Central Indiana AHC. Close to half the Bluegrass Club attended. John and Suzanne's BJ8 decided to stop braking so they had it trailered home. Ben's battery

stopped putting out electricity so fortunately that was a minor fix. He purchased a new battery. Chances are the person sitting next to you at the general membership meeting also attended September Roundup. By all observations we all had a terrific time. There might be a few that don't quite remember just how much fun they had Thursday night. Gary Brierton, Bill Wilding and John Lomax were competing for the best drink. A number of judges were called in and as such a number of judges slept late Friday morning. The funkhana was quite different and yet a lot of fun. It had nothing to do with driving a Healey but it did involve Healeys on a puzzle among other challenges. The Rally was organized by Jon Monies and Joan Wright. Jon was a surveyor for Brown County so needless to say there were a lot of roads on the rally that most people had never seen and wasn't on their GPS either. Not quite fall colors but all of the roads were excellent. The car show in the parking was a hit. It only lasted a couple of hours and allowed plenty of time the rest of the day for visiting and sightseeing. The Central Indiana Club had an exhaustive selection of goodies and munchies for the hospitality room. They have a lot of good cooks in that club. Many Bluegrass members earned a lot of trophies for the weekend. Congratulations !

On to some more serious stuff. Time for our annual elections is coming soon. In October at our general membership meeting we nominate our candidates and in November at our general membership meeting we vote for the candidates. This year we will be electing a VP, treasurer, secretary and one person to the board of directors. We have five people on the board of directors. The president and treasurer are automatically on the board. We then elect three members from the general membership to fill out the remaining seats. Each board member serves for three years and the terms are staggered such that we elect one board member each year. The president usually serves a two year term and in the second year we elect a VP to be an understudy for the president's second year. Then the VP automatically assumes the presidency after the second year of the president. We have been rolling along with Ben so long most of you have probably forgotten that we need to elect a VP. This year we really need to elect a VP to the position. Ben has been nominated for a VP position in the AHCA. As he is running unopposed he will be the AHCA VP of club promotion and marketing. Ben has agreed to serve one more year as president of the Bluegrass Club so that we can continue with our normal understudy process for the VP position. The nominating committee for the Bluegrass Club is comprised of all active past presidents with the immediate past president being the chairman of the nominating committee. That makes Sonny Moore the nominating committee chairman. If you have some suggestions for the VP position please let Sonny or any of the past presidents know your suggestion. During the October general membership meeting nominations can also be made from the floor. Once the October general membership meeting concludes no additions can be made to the nominated candidates list. That will be the slate of candidates available for voting during the November general membership meeting.

Next category for some serious stuff. The annual fall delegates meeting is being held again in November and being hosted by the Central Indiana AHC in Indianapolis. During the delegates meeting the business of the AHCA is discussed with a few motions for action being made and passed and few stall and don't make the cut. All indications point to the AHCA being in good shape financially. As a result no talk of dues increase is planned. We will be discussing many aspects of the AHCA. We will be going over the budget in detail plus we will get a full report from all of the elected and nominated officers. We will be discussing the club insurance, Marque, AHCA promotion, regional club support, club website including a members only section, membership, future conclaves, Future 50, regalia, Healey registries and much more. If you have opinions on any of this please let me know. I am your delegate in this meeting and unless you let me know what's on your mind I can't present your case to the delegates for discussion and/or voting. The sooner the better. If you have a subject that isn't on the



schedule to be discussed I need to know that as soon as possible. One of the hot topics will be that of regional clubs that have 'local only' memberships. The Bluegrass Club conquered that issue twenty years ago. There are a number of other regional clubs that have yet to solve that problem. A local only member is a person that is a member of the regional club but not a member of the AHCA. Ben Moore will have his hands full at the upcoming delegates meeting as he will be handing off his Future 50 work to Elliot Flaws and working with Greg Lauser to assimilate into the VP job. All that plus he will be giving a report to the delegates for our conclave.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the general membership meeting. Don't forget to keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.

Mike

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October 21, 2012, Sunday, Corydon Annual Antique Vehicle Festival 11:00 am until 4:00 pm
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For Sale



Make: Healey
 Model: 1948 Woodie
 1948 Healey Woodie Estate

In 1948 Hector Dobbs, a very well known pre-war Riley racer, was racing a Healey Elliott and he enjoyed the experience so much that he decided to sell Healeys from his garage in Southampton. To get around the purchase tax of 30% he commissioned the building of 17 Woodie Estates on the Westland- Elliott Chassis. The woodwork was given to the coach builders Dibbins of Southampton, and the aluminium panels were the same as those used on the Elliott saloon car and Westland Roadster. Today only 2 vehicles survive. FOW 178 was discovered in a very poor state in Scotland. The full restoration started about 3 years ago and considerable research was undertaken to ensure that the car was correct in every detail.

The car has been fully restored to show condition with no expense spared. Mechanically the car is the same specification as the Healey Silverstone and is probably the fastest Woodie on the road today. Price: £POA

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Tech Tips

Recently there was a series of comments on the Healey List concerning the value of Healeys, what people were spending for them and the trends away from originality. One of the replies to this series of comments follows. I believe it sums up the philosophy that so many of us adhere to:

“We should all sit back for a moment and consider the real value. It is the LOVE for these cars not the dollar value. Why are they even worth a quarter of the market value we see? They were, after-all, not that expensive when new.

Look at other cars of that vintage. Few have the price of our Healeys. Why? We are very lucky to be owners. Even more so because we get to drive them. If they go up in value any more, how will the next generation be able to afford them and then the value drops. They aren't all that rare. But the thrill of driving them is rare. Just enjoy them and forget the price.”

Rich Kahn

Removing BJ8 Dash Lamps

When disassembling a BJ8 dash you need to proceed carefully with the turn signal indicator lamps. The lens is plastic with a small chrome cover and is threaded on the back. The lens assembly then is inserted through the dash and screws into a aluminum holder on the back side.

Getting the lens separate from the holder is the tricky part. If you are very lucky you can just unscrew it but before you try look into the holder from the back to see if the lens has melted or deformed from the heat of the bulb over the last 30 years or so. Most have deformed from heat and will not budge. New ones are available for \$49.95 each. I took a small screwdriver and heated the tip and plunged it into the backside of the plastic forming a slot. Let it cool. Then used a propane torch to ever so gently heat the aluminum holder while using the screwdriver to unscrew the plastic. IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH HEAT

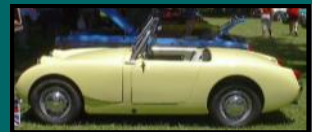
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