



# Healey Hi-Lites

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November / December 2012

Join us for the Bluegrass Club Christmas Party.

Hunting Creek Country Club

Tuesday, December 4

6 pm cash bar  
7 pm buffet dinner

\$20 per person.

**Please RSVP by Tuesday November 27 to Jack Burns with your payment and number of guests. 416 Plum Ridge Road Taylorsville, KY 40071**

Hunting Creek Country Club 6807 Foxcroft Road Prospect, KY 40059-9129

From I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway) Exit to your right at the end of the Freeway onto US 42. Continue 1.6 miles east on US 42 through the town of Prospect. Turn right into the Hunting Creek subdivision onto Hunting Creek Drive. Continue for 6/10 of a mile to the second street on the right. Turn right onto Foxcroft Road. Continue 3/10 of a mile on Foxcroft Road to the Club entrance.

*Thanks to Don and Rande Swann for arranging our party this year.*



## Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



It's the season of giving thanks and as I look at all I am thankful for I look to our Bluegrass Club. I am thankful for all of our dedicated volunteers that make our Club so special. These jobs don't pay much, but the reward is the continued friendship and strength of our Club. I am so proud of the way we have all come together this year to support the Louisville Conclave and each other. It wasn't just about an event, it was about supporting one another and having some fun along the way.

The AHCA National Delegates meeting was another great meeting of the minds. Once again I was reminded how lucky we are to have such a great and experienced statesman as our Delegate. Mike Schneider is truly a leader among the national delegates, with many looking to him for guidance and support. Many years ago Mike came to our Club and encouraged us to institute a National-member only policy. There were many reasons offered and Mike was right to guide us in this direction. A major insurance issue was raised at this fall delegate's meeting that pertained to Clubs that allows local-members only. Needless to say, Bluegrass was a great example of how to lead on this situation and we have Mike to thank for that.

The presentation of our final Conclave findings also went very well. The delegates and officers were pleased to hear all of our final numbers and lessons. A point I was sure to make was that our Club really pulled together to support the event, the Club and each other. I conveyed my pride in being a Bluegrass Club member because, as I told the group, I think we created something special for the guests and for our volunteers and that the way we all came together was truly special. The delegates and officers were also quite excited to hear that the event was a huge financial success!

We are preparing for the end of our year. The Club Christmas party has been booked and we thank Rande and Don Swann for finding our location and making the event a special night. I hope many of you will join us as we celebrate the holiday season. Also, we will be scheduling our annual Board meeting before the end of the year. The meeting is open to all members and will be announced shortly.

**I hope you'll join us at our regular meeting where you can save the cost of a stamp and hand-in your Christmas party reservation! See you Tuesday, Nov. 27.**

# Events

## The Bluegrass Club Meeting is this Tuesday!

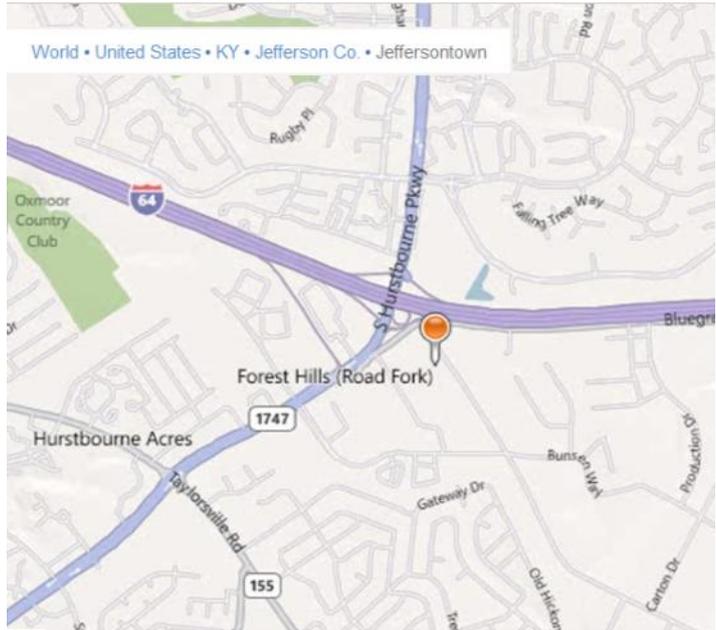
Join us at Wick's Pizza located in the Ramada Plaza Hotel at 9700 Bluegrass Pkwy in the Bluegrass Industrial Park. Wick's features great pizza and a full menu of other items sure to please. Located just off Hurstbourne Parkway near I-64, a great central location with a fine restaurant that offers something for everyone!

**Join us this  
Tuesday!  
7PM**

### Hurstbourne Info

**Telephone**  
502-409-4257

**Address**  
9700 Bluegrass Pkwy.  
Louisville, KY 40299



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## 02 DECEMBER CAR CRUISE

START:  
E.P. TOM SAWYER PARK  
MEET AT 1PM CRUISE AT 1:30PM

FINISH:  
PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM  
CRUISE ENDS AROUND 2PM

NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS WILL BE COLLECTED BY TOYS FOR TOTS REPS

## From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider



This past delegates meeting was extremely productive. There were a number of topics we discussed that are important to the AHCA and the local clubs as well. I will discuss the more important topics first and

then get into the small stuff later.

One of the first items on the agenda is for each club delegate to present to the group is the current statistics on their club along with anything unique regarding meets or events. One of the most impressive aspects that is apparent as we listened to the various reports was the financial status of each club. The impression a person would get after listening to about 40 delegates give their report is that the average checking account balance was about \$10,000. A few of the clubs had over \$20,000. Most of the clubs that had that level of balance tended to donate large sums to various charities each year. For example the Carolina's Club is going to make an effort to keep up the work that John Nikas and Grace have started on a regional level rather than a national level.

The delegates voted unanimously to accept the Austin Healey Club of Oregon into the AHCA as an affiliated club. George Koeber represented their club at the meeting and made the presentation. They have about 125 members of which 30 are already AHCA members. This is a single marque club, Austin Healey. This makes a nice segway into the next topic.

There are a number of affiliated clubs in the AHCA which do not require all of their members to be AHCA members. The old timers in the Bluegrass Club will remember we went through this in the early 1990's just before we hosted the 1993 Conclave. Well, there are a lot of clubs that have not adopted that philosophy yet. A recent change in our insurance coverage is what is making this a topic of importance. Until a few years ago if a person was not a member of the AHCA but a member of the affiliated club they were not covered by the AHCA liability policy. Now they are. Which means that they are getting an insurance benefit and not paying for it. The delegates voted to assess each club that has 'local only' members \$5.00 per year per member to cover the insurance that the 'local only' member is being covered under. This change will not affect our club.

The next big topic is one of a potential merger and its status. Gary Brierton, Gary Feldman and John May have been working with the Austin Healey Club USA regarding a potential merger. These discussions have been going on for quite a while behind closed doors. It would have been improper to announce this to the world until there was some substantial progress. In mid September the two Garys and John met three members of the AHUSA club in Colorado Springs to work out the details and try to come to a memorandum of understanding. For all practical purposes that was achieved. Right now the effort is on hold until after the holidays. During that time the AHCUSA club is to develop an accurate accounting of their financial position so that firm plans can be developed concerning income and expenses. The AHCUSA club bills on a different cycle than the AHCA so blending the two systems will take a lot of attention to detail. When there is more to report on this it will be reported in the newsletter. There is another merger in discussion as well. That with the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club. Right now that is in a planned holding pattern. They want to do a joint event with the AHCA before approaching their membership with the details of a merger. Right now the AHCA is in a discussion with them regarding a joint meet in 2015. The merger discussion will resume some time after that.

The AHCA website is very close to going live with join, renew features in addition to a members only section. Dave May, Carl Brown and John May have been working on this for over a year. A committee consisting of Gary Brierton, Dave May, Carl Brown, John May and myself have been meeting, talking and planning for the last year on all of the various features for the website. One of the main objectives of the new web site is to make it so that the officer in charge of a specific area of the web site can maintain their section without involving a webmaster. That should make the website easier to sustain over a long period

of time. More on the web site later.

Another change that is necessitated by the insurance situation is that the Nasty Boys Club and the Sportsboat club will be delisted as affiliated clubs and become registries instead. That greatly simplifies the situation. Had the Nasty Boys Club remained as an affiliated club they would have to pay over \$1500/year to cover all of the members that are not AHCA members. Since there is no dues assessed to be a member that made the fee impossible to cover. Fred Dabney, our insurance chairman, Leroy Joppa, Nasty Boys president and Chuck Anderson and John May, Sportsboat officers all agreed to the new status of being a registry.

Several of the appointed officers are retiring this year. Robbie Cook will take over advertising from Bob Gilleland, Bruce Gearns will take over the Concour Liaison position as Marion Brantley is retiring from that position. Elliot Flaws will be the new Future 50 chairman since Ben is moving up to VP Marketing and Promotions with the retirement of Greg Lauser. Both Greg and Bob are retiring to be available to help with needed family situations. Randy Hicks will take over the 100 Registry since Rich Chrysler has passed away this summer. The registry positions are not AHCA positions. All of the registry positions are independent of any club although the AHCA has guide lines that a registry chairman needs to abide by in order to be an approved registry. The main requirement by the AHCA in order for a registry chairman to be an approved registry is that they send to Edie Anderson a copy of their records. Those copies are kept by Edie in a lock box in a bank vault. The AHCA does not access the records unless something happens to the registry chairman. The idea is to preserve the data and make it available to the next person that takes over the registry.

The budget that was approved by the delegates will provide for about a \$12,000 retention at the end of the 2013 calendar year.

Ben did an excellent job of presenting the report on our conclave. The delegates provided a very enthusiastic round of applause of appreciation for the high quality of the event

Reid Trummel reported that the production, printing and mailing of the Marque will come in slightly under budget. Reid continues to find ways to reduce the costs and yet maintain a very high level of quality.

Greg Lauser reported his marketing efforts along with help from Gary Feldman have been positive. The AHCA has 67 new members this year as a result of a marketing effort. There will also be some ads in some upcoming magazines soon. Hemmings Magazine will have one in December. Needless to say Ben has a lot of ideas to increase the marketing and promotion. Toward the end of the meeting Chuck Anderson spoke for a minute explaining that a few years ago he was distraught over the future of the aging AHCA. After seeing Ben, Elliot Flaws and Robbie Cook getting involved Chuck mentioned that he is extremely happy about the future of the AHCA. That statement coming from one of the founders of the AHCA.

Roger Hamel had a presentation for Conclave 2013. It will be a very memorable experience and will be worth the effort.

Gary B also mentioned that the Austin Healey Club of the Netherlands will be opening a museum next week in Amsterdam. Reid Trummel will be there so there will definitely be a report in an upcoming Marque. The AHCA sent a complete set of Chatter/Marques to the museum. The website for the museum is [healeymuseum.nl](http://healeymuseum.nl)

My fingers are tired. Say goodnight Gracie. Goodnight Gracie. See you at the meeting and don't forget to keep the rubber side down and the top side shiny.

Mike Schneider

Have you been searching for a polo shirt that matches the color of your car? Have you wanted a new hat to keep you safe from the sun? Ladies, are you looking for that perfect carry-all bag with the Club logo? Here's a new opportunity for you to show your team colors!

**Lands' End Business Outfitters** now has the Bluegrass AHC logo on hand to stitch onto any item on their Business Outfitters website. This site is full of great apparel and gift ideas. You can order online or call the 800 number and a representative will be happy to assist you. You can also sign up to receive emails about special promotions and catalogs to your home

It's time to stock up on all things Bluegrass Club.

**When ordering enter Customer Number: 4626404**

**Logo Number: 1021629W**





# Tech Tips

## Adjusting tension steering box

You need to adjust the steering with the wheels off the ground. Jack the car up and support on the lower control arms so there is no stress on the tie rods. Then loosen the adjuster nut on the steering box. Then have an assistant move the steering wheel back and forth to find the tight spot. Now either tighten or loosen the adjuster screw until there is just a little drag in the center position and lock the jam nut down.

David Nock  
British Car Specialists  
Stockton Ca

## 100/4 Front Bleed Screws

YES the bleed screws on the front wheel cylinders do go on the lower port of the wheel cylinder. If you install them as you would think they should you will not get a solid brake pedal. Don't ask me why but I did install them with the bleed screw once a long time ago and I learned the hard way. The manufacturers did something for a reason and some times it just doesn't pay to try and re invent the wheel.

Looking at other cars with Girling front drum brakes, they all have the bleed screws on the upper fitting on the wheel cylinders. The change seems to have come when Girling went to Disc Brakes.

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