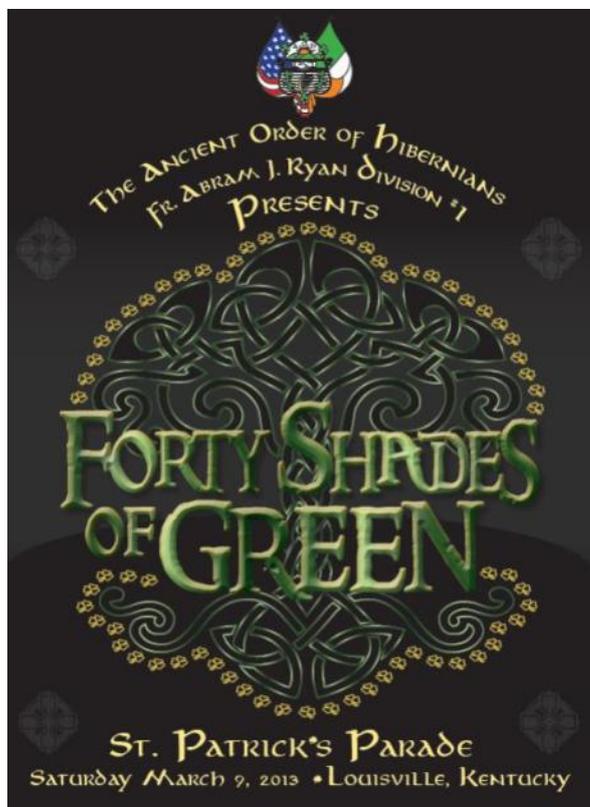




Healey Hi-Lites

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A beautiful complement of 22 fine British cars and 2 motorcycles staged behind Phoenix Hill for the Annual St Patrick's Day Parade on Sat March 9th. It's always a fun event put on by the Ancient Order of Hibernians'. Bag pipes filled the air but nobody claimed to know any AC/DC. Our group rolled out early with a pair of beautiful MGAs taking the lead. In typical parade tradition, many kept a close eye on their temp gauges and rested their clutch and leg at every opportunity. Everything went as planned except for Bob Hitchcock and Russell Mills.

Upon arrival, Bob dropped his bike in front of the entire club breaking off a few key parts. Russell had invited a very nice looking young lady to join him for the event only to have the fuel pump in their TR6 fail just minutes before us entering the parade route. The Club Participation Award went to the Corvette group this year. That's ok. Everyone knew we had the strongest entry but we understand that after 10 years in a row, it was time to award it to someone else!

Overall, the weather could not have been any better with a clear blue sky and warm sunshine. The entire parade route was filled shoulder to shoulder this year with our group being very well received.



Thanks to Shannon McArthur and Ginny Fleming for the photos and Wade McCallum for the text.

Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



The Bluegrass Club is quite blessed and lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers serving for the greater enjoyment of our membership. Sometimes it's easy to forget that our Board of Directors, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Delegate, Vice President and President all serve out of the generosity of their heart. They give their time to support and plan events, publications and meetings so that all our membership can benefit, stay informed and get the most out of their membership dollars.

This selfless generosity of time, talent and energy was something that Cal Carter understood and embodied in everything he did for our Club and our membership. His dedication to our mission was evident from the moment he raised his hand to volunteer for SpringThings and was constantly present in his gentle goodwill and consistent and abiding support. Cal's gentle kindness served as a reminder of why we all do what we do; why, year after year, we carry on. Through triumph and through loss, our membership rallies like the amazing family we are to support one another and to continue the awesome tradition that amazing people like Cal helped build.

Cal's wisdom and thoughtfulness are legend to me and will always serve as motivation to live, laugh and love as much as I possibly can. His "never give up" attitude helped boost me many times. He was the first to raise his hand and the last to leave. During our Conclave last summer I was so thrilled that Cal could be a part of the festivities. His spirit lifted me and many of our crew. He knew that we were doing something special and he wanted to support it any way he could. I particularly enjoyed a talk we had in the Regalia room where he shared his wish for our Club: that we would continue to be strong and united as we were that week in the months and years ahead. That Conclave would serve as a great unifying event and bring more people into the fold.

That awe-inspiring and selfless sentiment was straight from the heart. Even during a week where he often had to rest, he was ever-present and contributed to the spirit of our Club and Conclave. Cal got it. He understood that we continue to live, laugh and love as a team, a family. I will always appreciate and remember Cal's inspiring example and his wisdom, my heart is heavy with the loss of such kind and generous man who taught me so much.

As we enter our driving and event season let's make sure to take care of one another and remember the kindness, support and warmth that Cal so enthusiastically and masterfully exhibited.



From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider



The month of March, 2013 will be remembered for a long time. There were a few good times and a lot of tough times. To start off with three of our fellow Austin Healey mates passed away. Just a week ago Cal Carter passed away. Cal

was one of the kindest, easiest going people you will ever meet. Those of us that went to Kingston for the conclave will remember Cal showing us around, as he was Canadian born from that area. Then earlier in the month Bobby Garner passed away. All of you that have joined recently wouldn't know Bobby. He became ill a few years ago and wasn't able to participate any longer. Bobby was a long time Healey owner and member of the club. He was another one of the GE employees that we have in the club. Must have been something in the water at GE that made the employees want an Austin Healey. Then just a week before Bobby passed away Barbara Rixstine from the Nebraska club (Flatwater) passed away. Barbara was a long time member of the AHCA and Flatwater club and past delegate to the AHCA. She was very active, including being one of the originators of the Flatwater Club, until a few years ago when she was diagnosed with the big C. Just after Bobby Garner passed away a second degree friend of the club passed away. You know how they say we are all within seven degrees of knowing each other worldwide. Well, Kevin Krebs was Kenny and Mary Beth Krebs' nephew. Kevin was very active in the K&I 4 Wheelers, which means the French's and Jack Burns knew him well. I knew Kevin most of his life as I have been friends with his parents Lenny and Cathy Krebs for a long time. Little Mike and he used to play together way back when they were in grade school. Kevin died of a massive heart attack at age 46. Then the same week that Kevin passed away a sister of a long time friend of mine (grade school) also passed away. Ruthie O'Regan was a little jewel of a person. She had Downes Syndrome and was one of the nicest people you would ever meet. She would light up the room when she walked in. Ruthie was only 57 when she died of pneumonia. All of the people mentioned above were exceptional people and this world will be worse off for their passing. The best we can do now is to cherish our memories of them and never forget them.

Springthing is coming and soon. Registrations are rolling in at a strong rate. I just got word that the crew from Michigan will be returning. Getting the Canadians and the Michiganders together will definitely make for a fun weekend, along with all of the others that have signed up. I wonder what mischief Lomax will be up to this time. If you think Lomax isn't mischievous then you don't know Lomax. A number of years ago Rocky Santiago had arranged to sell a very expensive Healey to some prospective clients. He arranged for them to meet him at a Healey meet (Texas Healey Roundup). Rocky trailered the Healey there. Rolled it out of the trailer, parked it front of his room and put a car cover on it. Lomax found out what was going on. Late that night Lomax rolled the Healey to another parking lot, then put a junker under the car cover in front of Rocky's room. The next morning the couple came to see this expensive Healey. Rocky pulled the car cover off and there sat the junker. As the saying goes'priceless'. Lomax still hasn't finished making that up to Rocky.

Jim Werner has posted a number of pictures of the St Patrick's Day Parade. There will no doubt be a few in the newsletter as well. It was a wonderful day for a ride in a Healey. Just in case you end up in Stockholm, Sweden on May 7 you should make it a point to visit the grand opening of the ABBA Museum. Another important date is April 5. Agnetha turns 63. She used to own a Triumph Spitfire during the 1970's. I just knew you wanted to know. The way this spring is starting out we might very well have a mild summer. So far the groundhog was way off. Lousy prognosticating rodent. But what that might mean is that spring and summer will be mild, which is always good for taking a ride in the Healey. This type of situation always makes me wonder why anyone would put any credence in what the weatherman predicts the weather will be in 10 or 20 years when they can't even get it right two days in a row. I need to get off that soap box and change topics. A source, who shall remain nameless, has given me inside information that Steve Wenger is anxious for the weather to break so he can start up his monthly tours into the countryside. More on that later. I wonder what factoid Ben will find for our Healey review during this meeting. You will have to come to the meeting to find out. Looking forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.

Mike Schneider

Events

The Bluegrass Club Meeting is this Tuesday!

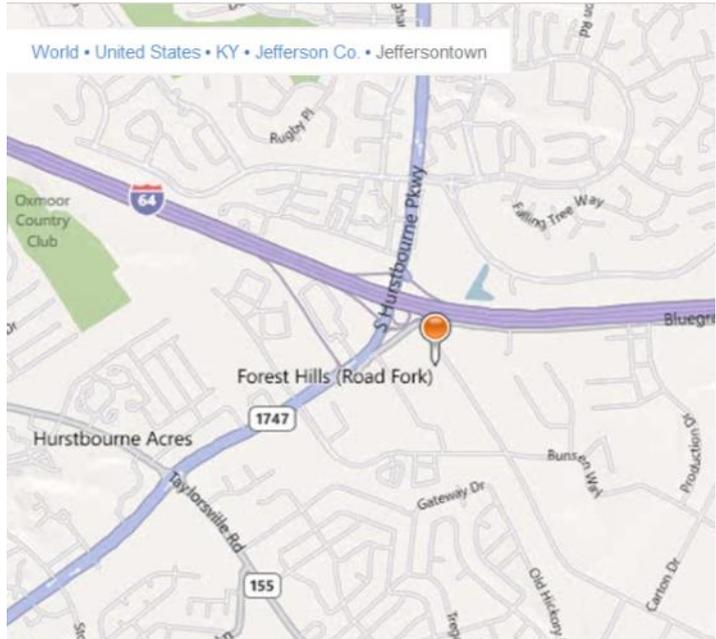
Join us at Wick's Pizza located in the Ramada Plaza Hotel at 9700 Bluegrass Pkwy in the Bluegrass Industrial Park. Wick's features great pizza and a full menu of other items sure to please. Located just off Hurstbourne Parkway near I-64, a great central location with a fine restaurant that offers something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

*Join us this
Tuesday!
7PM*

Hurstbourne Info

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Second
Saturday
of the
Month



Healey Lamp

Attached you will see a lamp I
made from parts of my BJ8. A
very expensive lamp!

Made from old parts, base a brake
drum and shaft a muffler.

Tom C. Gish



Events Calendar



Healey Events 2013

Items without dates are awaiting final date determination

March

26 Monthly Meeting

April

5-7 Southeastern Classic, Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, Florida

5-7 Texas Healey Round-Up

23 Monthly Meeting

May

Bluegrass British Bash 2002

16-19 Springthing

British Car Week

28 Monthly Meeting

June

1 Marques on the Green

9 Ault Park Concours

25 Monthly Meeting

23-28 Conclave 2013, Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix, Quebec, Canada, hosted by the Quebec AHC,

July

Cincinnati Car Show

20 Lexington Concours

23 Monthly Meeting

August

Dayton Car Show

27 Monthly Meeting

September

British Car Festival. Chicago

Sir Brit Car Show, Newburgh IN

Indianapolis British Car Show

20-22 September Round-up

24 Monthly Meeting

October

October

5 Louisville Concours

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22 Monthly Meeting

November

Delegates Meeting

26 Monthly Meeting

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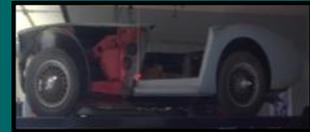


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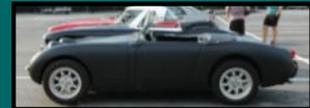


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