



# Healey Hi-Lites

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July 2014

## Keeneland Concours



L to R - Lotus, Jim Werner's BN4, Gary Rumrill's Elan, MGB, Ben Pruitt's Jaguar, Dan Adam's TR4



Bill and Peg Dahlstrom's 1962 Jaguar



Scott Willis' Jaguar

July 18 found Bluegrass Members at the Keeneland Concours Here are a few shots from the club paddock area. The show featured over 115 collector cars. The Club Facebook page has over a hundred photos of the event.



We found a Lotus Europa at the junk shop.

## Presidents Letter

By: Tom Gish



Last month we talked about a mid term report. Now it is time for a mid term correction. The first thing we changed, the Saturday morning meeting has been dropped. It was too early some said. Next the directors meeting I requested got one response. So we will skip that for now. I next requested that perhaps we needed the women to help with planning of meetings. No one raised their hand. Last month we cancelled the Drive and Dine due to low turnout.

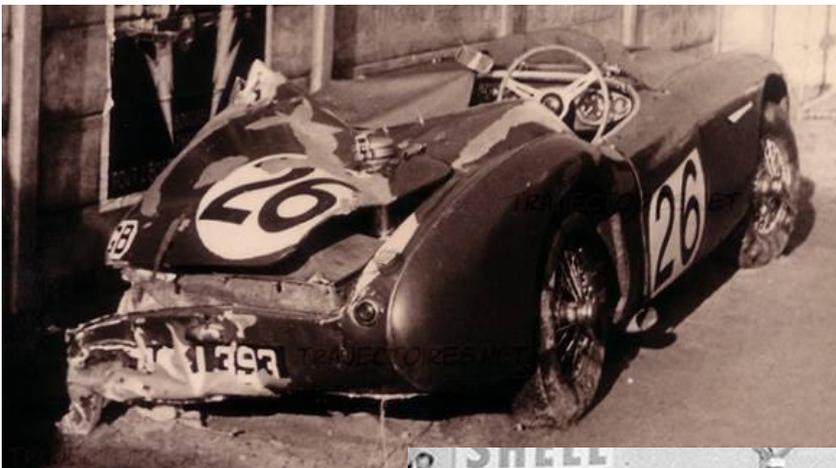
This month is off to a good start. The good news is that I have been keeping a roster at each of the meetings I have presided over and we are getting people to attend that we have not seen for a long time, some I had never met. Unfortunately we have lost some of our core members. If we had kept the core and added the new we would be up 20%, but we are about even. I guess when there is change some embrace and some run. I know I do not have all the answers but it would be nice if I got some feedback. I have heard that the president serves several years, 5-9.

I think for the health of the club there should be a vice president so that we have a chain of command and a ladder system. I would love to get some feed back on my letters to let me know you are reading them. I have made some good friends in the club and they have been there with their support. Thank you for your help, if you are unhappy let me hear about it. The next Drive and Dine will be this Sunday at 3 at the home of John and Suzanne Rice, thank you for your generous hospitality. Please RSVP so we can plan the outing. Tom

**The July Drive & Dine will be at the home of John and Suzanne Rice, 2405 Greten In , Anchorage.**

**Meet at 3 PM July 27 for a drive then return for dinner.**

## Austin Healey Historic Photos



Rarely seen photos of the 1955 Le Mans race and the wrecked 100-S



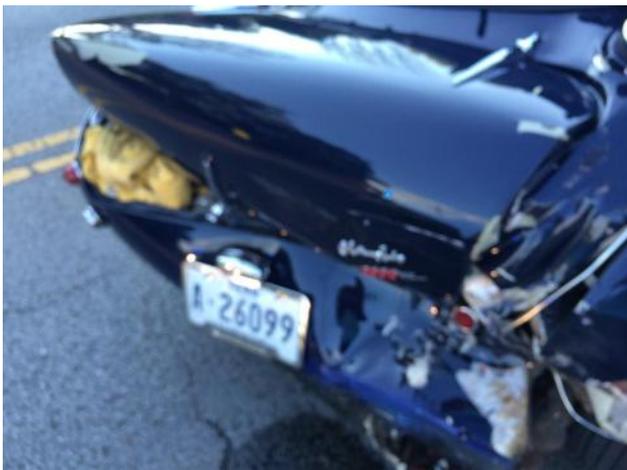
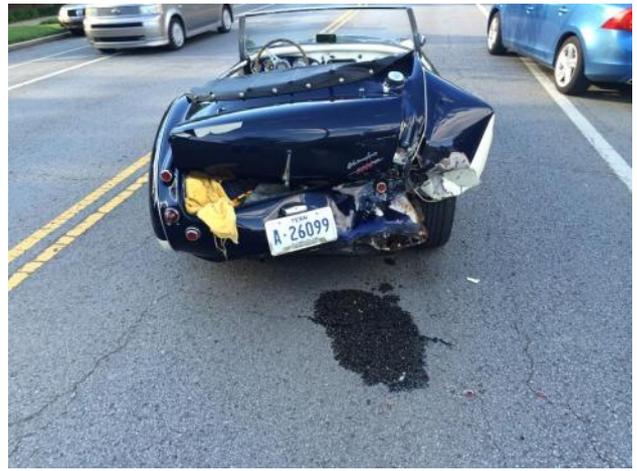
## Interview with Brian Healey and Gerry Coker

*Here is the full text of the "Bic and Gerry Show " that was a standing \*room only presentation at the 1991 West Coast Meet at Lake Tahoe. Gary Anderson, President of the Austin-Healey Club, Pacific Centre conducted the interview with the meet's guests of honor, Brian Healey and Gerry Coker.*

"The Old Man called me into the office one day and said, "I've had a phone call from Buckingham Palace, boy." I said, "Well, that's nice. What do they want?" So he said, "Prince Philip, he's the bloke who married the Queen, you know, wants to try a Healey." I said, "Well that's even better. What do you want me to do?" "Well you will have to take it down." I said, "Well, that's all right, but I don't know Prince Philip or the Queen. I don't know my way to Buckingham Palace. I don't think I have even driven a car in London before." Well, he said, "Oh, you can do it. No problem. It's on the road." OK, off I went. I put the bucket and sponge in the back of the car, and I went down to London.

Got down there, stopped across the road from Buckingham Palace, filled my bucket from out of a fountain there and sponged it off. You could do it in those days. **Gerry:** Director of Sales! **Brian:** Drove up to the gate and these sort of soldier chaps there just staring into nothing. A chap came out from behind a pillar and said, "Mr. Healey, we were waiting for you. " Good. "Drive in around the back there, sir." So I went in around the back there. I got out. A chap trotted down the steps, "Mr. Healey?" "Yes, I've brought a car for Prince Philip." "Oh, yes, that's right. Do come in." So in I went. I was intro\*duced to Michael Parker, who was a heck of a nice bloke. He was an Aussie and was the Equerry. No, not the Equerry, the Private Secretary.

He took me into the next office for coffee with a chap called General Sir Frederick Browning, who was married to Daphne du Maurier. You probably heard of her. She wrote a lot of books. My not have got over here yet, but she did write a lot of books. And this chap was a Cornishman and we had a bit of a laugh and a joke and a cup of coffee and when I came out again the car had gone. It was whipped down to Woodward, which at that time was a racing circuit and the Duke of Richmond, who lived down there, was also a friend of Prince Philip, and they had great fun down there with this car. Well I can't tell you any more about it. It was quite ... **Gerry:** What happened to the car? **Brian:** Oh, I had to get down later to collect it from the Royal Mews. Bring it back again. Philip wasn't allowed to buy one because he couldn't get it insured. **Gerry:** That tells you something, doesn't it? **Brian:** Yes. They allowed Prince Charles to buy an Aston. But that guy named Philip was trying to insure a performance machine and not an Austin, wasn't he."



Bad day for the Healey! Robbie Cook walked away from this one OK.

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



Time to re-group and move on. Last month's general membership meeting was a non-occurrence, unfortunately. It was a good idea that just didn't work out. The plan was to meet at Adam and Mary Lee Burckle's lake house in the Knobs of Southern Indiana. Due to scheduling conflicts in order for it to work out for Adam and Mary Lee it had to be on our regular Tuesday night. A trip to the country didn't seem to work out for enough of our membership to make it practical. I think the problem was the drive on the expressway and the Ohio river bridge at the time when everyone is getting off work gave the perception that the trip would be a long one. Hopefully we can try that again only on a weekend. This month's general membership meeting will be at John and Suzanne Rice's house in Anchorage. It will follow the same process as the meeting in May at the Coates' house. The club will provide the entre and drinks and each of us should bring a dish. This time, however, we will meet at the Rice's house and then do a drive in the country. We will return to the dinner and meeting after the drive. The plan is to meet at 3:00 pm Sunday July 27th at John and Suzanne's house. Bring food. Let Tom G know what you plan to bring.

There were several events this past month that were well attended. Roger and Dona Coates chaired an event that started in J-Town on a Saturday morning from a restaurant. A Dine and Drive event. It was very well attended and everyone had a terrific time. Roger and Dona have done this before and it has been a success each time.

Another event held on the second Saturday of June was the traditional Cars and Coffee at Captains Quarters on River Rd. Due to the popularity of the event and the low amount of donations, the group had to start charging \$5.00 per car to access the parking lot. That didn't seem to deter most of the regulars and a lot of new people. I checked with the gate keeper and was told only two or three turned around when they were told there was a \$5.00 fee. Captains Quarters has been generous with their offering of the parking lot. However, the turnout last month was so large that delivery trucks were not able to make deliveries and some scheduled landscaping was not able to be completed due to the crowd. Captains Quarters discussed the problem with the organizers and decided the best thing for all involved was to allow Cars and Coffee two months and then move to another, larger location. Now there is still another little turn of events. The \$5.00 was split evenly between the Dystonia Foundation and Captains Quarters. The last report was that Cars and Coffee may be able to continue at Captains Quarters. Check your email for future updates.

Last Saturday a large group from the British Sports Car Club traveled to Lexington to participate in the Concours de Elegance at Keeneland. Quite a few cars were able to make the trip and all reports



**Cars and Coffee July**

are that a terrific time was had by all. A number of pictures were posted on Facebook. If those pictures were any indication of the variety of cars participating then no wonder the group had a terrific time.

The last several weeks were extremely pleasant. I hope you were able to take advantage of the cool weather and get your Healey on the road. Ben has been working on some promotional literature that will be updated with all the latest information. We will be able to keep a few cards in our cars so that when someone talks to us about the Healey we will have something to hand them so they can possibly become members.

Another thought I just had. At the meeting this Sunday I suggest we vote for Jim Werner to create a calling card for just the Bluegrass Club that we can all use. This could be in addition to the cards Ben is working on, since his are for the AHCA. The card could have a bit of a sales pitch and our website url, for example.

It's late and I haven't had my ABBA fix for the day. Don't forget to keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down. I am looking forward to seeing your smiling face at the Rice's this Sunday.

Mike Schneider

## FallThing - Blue Ridge Pkwy and Southeast Classic

Last year Bob Thurman put together a wonderful trip along the Southern Portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway. We started in the Smoky Mountains and headed north along the Parkway and ended our last night in Little Switzerland, NC. This year the South East Classic is being held in Little Switzerland and Bob has put together another trip starting in Virginia at the Northern beginning of the Blue Ridge Parkway and heading south and ending at Little Switzerland and the Southeast Classic. Bob has set up for us to meet in Waynesboro, VA on September 15, 2014. From there we will travel south spending the night at Roanoke, VA and Boone, NC and arriving in the afternoon in Little Switzerland on September 18, 2014 for the SE Classic. Bob has planned a great trip with lots of stops for sight-seeing along the way and fun places for lunch, dinner, motels and fun evenings with complimentary adult beverages and snacks.

We think this will be a fun trip and one that will be remember by and talked about for many years. If you are interested please give Bob or me a call or drop us an email. We need to hear from you as soon as possible, so Bob can arrange motels and lunch places and I will need to know the kind and amount of adult beverages to purchase (Most important). We also suggest that if you plan on going that you make your reservations for the Southeast Classic as soon as possible. Also it should be pointed out that you can join us and leave us along the way at any time. Bob Thurman's Phone number is (615) 972-4194 and his email is [healeyman63@gmail.com](mailto:healeyman63@gmail.com). Bill Wilding's Phone number is (502) 241-1612 and email is [bwilding@semonin.com](mailto:bwilding@semonin.com). Look forward to hearing from any and all.

Bill Wilding

2014BGAHC Financial

6/30/2014

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/14

Checking \$13,561.24  
Savings 2,323.30

Total Beginning Balance \$15,884.54

INFLOWS

Interest 0.00  
50-50 192.00  
Christmas Party 0.00  
Regalia Inc 0.00  
Membership 2,360.00  
Springthing 4,540.00

Total Inflows \$7,092.00

OUTFLOWS

Administrative 92.00  
Charity 50.00  
Activities 39.85  
Springthing 3,073.87  
Memberships 2,000.00  
Misc 10.47  
Gifts given  
Christmas Party

Total Outflows \$5,266.19

Inflows minus Outflows \$1,825.81

Total Ending Balance 06/30/14 \$17,710.35

**Save the Date!!**  
**September Roundup**  
**Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club**  
Save the Date  
**September 11, 12 & 13, 2014**  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
**Hamilton Ohio**  
**Marriott Courtyard on the river**  
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@ Wright-Patterson AFB  
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# Events Calendar



## Healey Events 2014

*Items without dates are awaiting final date Determination*

August

3 Dayon Car Show

September

Sir Brit Car Show, Newburgh IN

Indianapolis British Car Show

11-13 September Round-up

October

**October**

5 Louisville Concours

*Corydon Car show*

**November**

7-9 Delegates Meeting

**December**

Christmas Party



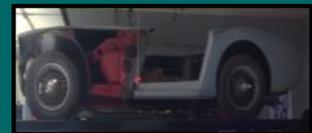
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