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British Car Swap Meet

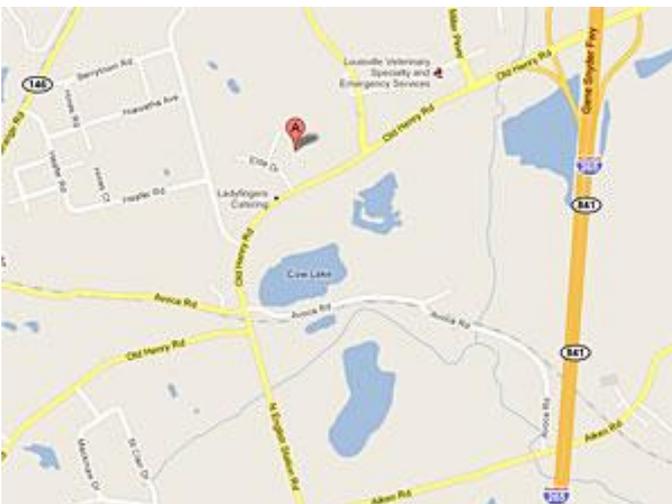
April 19
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Bring your parts and cars for sale and join us for a
British Car Swap Meet at 502 Auto Club.

We will set up in the parking lot from 9-1.
Bring your tables and chairs.

Time to clean out that garage and find a new home for
extra parts and find a few you have been looking for.

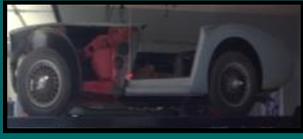
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Presidents Letter

By: Tom Gish



The club has done it again. I have been told that the club has closed many restaurants. We had scheduled the April meeting for Wick's again, but we have been informed that they are closing. We were not there in Feb or March and it must have been too much for them. I called Rooster's on Shelbyville Rd. that day that we were notified to see if a room was available and they had a cancellation that morning, it must be fate. The meeting will be next Tuesday April 22nd. gather at 6 and meeting starts at 7.

The changes we have made are making a difference, our numbers are coming up. We have gotten some of our out of town members to attend and even some of the locals that I have never met. Thanks for coming. Last month we met at the 502 Auto Club and it is always great to see the services they offer and the cars that many of us can only dream about. It would be great if we could make this one of our meetings once each year. This coming Tuesday we will move the roving meeting back to Rooster's. The meeting will be a working meeting. We need to get all the details worded out for The Spring Thing. Linda and Bev will explain what is needed for the big event. The balance of the meeting is to try to figure out if the Drive and Dine will work and what needs to happen. We are scheduled to go on a drive, maybe for about an hour and arrive at the home of Donna and Roger Coates. When I was thinking about this in the winter looking at all the snow it seemed like a good idea. Now it is time for us to see what it will take to make this an event we can do each month. We need help planning the drive and how are we going to feed the group? We need to figure out how we can feed and not waste food. Do we bring food, cater, grill burgers? With a group that varies each time and weather to consider, planning will be tough. I need your help to make this work. The club is great in pitching in to get things done, but we can't wear out the usual members. We need support from all of you on ideas and logistics. Some of you have said you want to help. This is your chance to fill a void. We want our club to be a car club that you look forward to each month's event as a chance to see old friends and get some seat time in our cars. the more we put into the meetings the more we will enjoy. So come on out next Tuesday and help us put this frame of an idea together, piece by piece. Thanks, Tom



From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider



Earlier this month Brian 'Bic' Healey passed away. Bic had fallen and broken his hip about three months ago. He never fully recovered from the fall. A week or so prior to his passing he contracted pneumonia. That is ultimately what caused him to pass away. We were fortunate here in the Bluegrass Club to have Bic and Mary visit with us for a weekend during Springthing in the mid 1990's. He was definitely the hit of the weekend. The many stories he told about the early years in the DMH company were very interesting. As you may notice the nickname Bic is not really an abbreviation of Brian. One of his stories is that he earned the nick name Bic because of his love of his mother's biscuits. Bic will be missed and I know he won't be forgotten.

Springthing is coming real soon. In fact we will be participating in Springthing prior to our May meeting. If you are planning on attending Springthing please get your reservations in as soon as possible. This year we are going to Georgetown for our annual gathering. Linda Moore and Bev Frazier are the co-chairs for the event with the usual support staff in place.

This coming Saturday we have a swap meet at 502 Auto Club. That's right, the same location we had our last meeting. Bring it or drag it if need be. One person's junk just might be another person's treasure. I know there are a number of members who have been going through the garage digging up things to bring. Trevor has already posted a loooong list of stuff. The meet is from 9am to 1pm.

As you might have noticed we have managed to put another restaurant out of business. This time it is the Wickes that we have been meeting for the last several years. One of these days it could be interesting to make a list of all of the places that during our patronage. I think we could go all the way back to Lum's and come forward. I bet the list is quite lengthy.

By now most of you should have received the new Membership Directory. If you would like an extra copy let me know. The cost is \$8.00 payable to the AHCA.

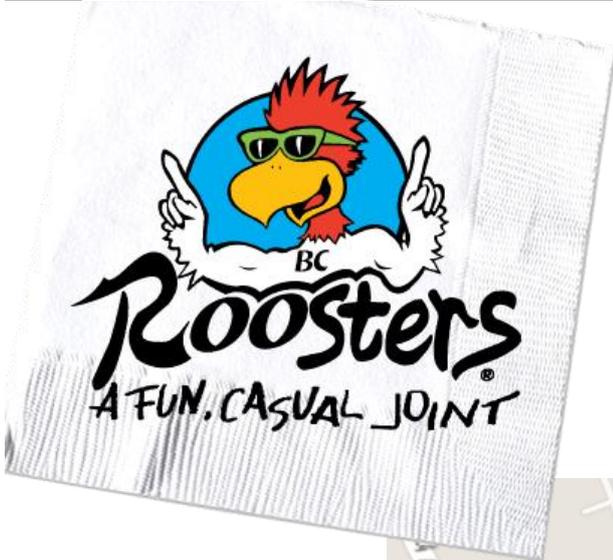
Conclave is also going to be here before you know it. This year it is in the western hills of Virginia at an wonderful resort. At the last meeting Tom asked for a show of hands as to who plans to attend. There were quite a few hands that went up. Enough that we could probably make two caravans out of the trip.

Last weekend we had a tech session at Bill Wildings. Bernie demonstrated how to rebuild the wheel bearings in a BJ8, namely Bill's Healey. I didn't make it though. The guys that set the schedule are the breakfast bunch that are up before the sun. Nuts. If they get more reasonable about the time to start a tech session I would like to attend the next one. That same weekend we also participated in Cars and Coffee at Captain's Quarters. We had two Healeys and four members in attendance. The wheel bearing crew didn't make it. Hope Bill's Healey is back together.

Now a switch to some light international news. April 6 was the 40th anniversary of ABBA winning the Eurovision song contest. They had a choir perform at the ABBA museum, which is just an hour from the Healey Museum, with members from all over the world. The choir's performance was covered by television stations all over the world except in the US. Just my luck.

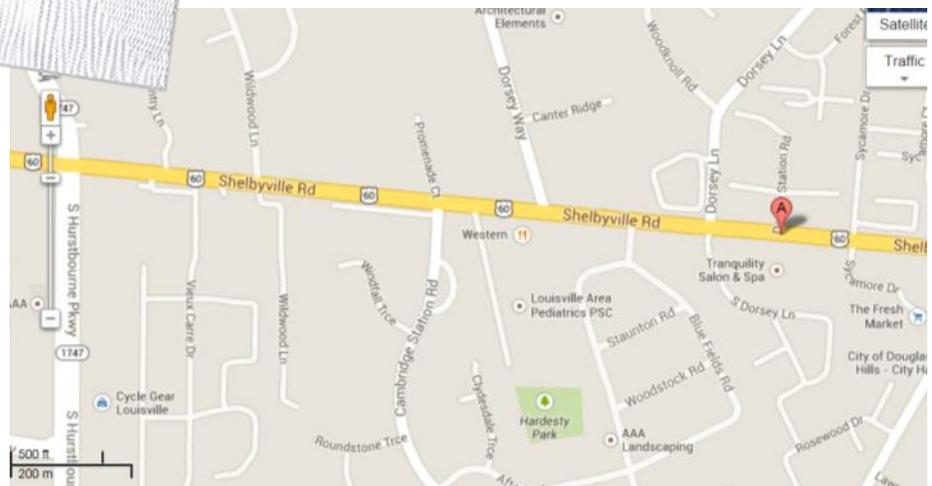
Our next general membership meeting is next Tuesday at Roosters. Same time as usual. Don't forget to keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up. See you there.

Events



The Bluegrass Club Meeting is Tuesday

Join us at Roosters
10430 Shelbyville Rd
Meet and Eat 6-7
Meeting at 7pm



Austin Healey Historic Photos



John Sprinzel "It was the Liege picture, and Bic and I presented the girls (Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom) with a Michael Turner each for their effort. Bic for Healeys and me for the Healey Speed Equipment Division which I had bought from them and moved to Lancaster Mews.

Prepping Your Car for Summer Driving (2014) - by John Lomax

Following is a checklist that I use to prep my car for a summer for (hopefully) carefree driving.

Engine:

1. Change oil and filter.
2. Check fan belt for wear and adjust tension.
3. Check coolant level.
4. Check points and adjust / replace
5. Check spark plugs and adjust gap/replace.
6. Adjust tappits
7. Top up carburetor dash-pots.

Transmission:

1. Check oil level
2. Check overdrive and adjust if necessary
3. Check fluid level in clutch master cylinder and top up

Drivetrain:

1. Check V-joints for play (replace if necessary)
2. Check differential oil level

Steering:

1. Check steering box for leaks and top up
2. Check idler box for leaks and top up
3. Check steering linkages for play and replace where necessary
4. Check wheel bearings for play
5. Check shock absorber fluid level and leaks
6. Tighten shock absorber mounting bolts, front and rear

Brakes:

1. Check front pads for wear (replace if necessary)
2. Check rear shoes for wear (replace if necessary)
3. Check wheel cylinder for leaks
4. Adjust brake shoes
5. Check fluid level in master cylinder and top up
6. Check to make sure brakes are operational

General:

1. Check exhaust for leaks and mounts are in good shape
2. Check all lights are working
3. Grease all nipples
4. Check for any oil leaks
5. Check for any fuel leaks
6. Check electrical system is charging
7. Check tires for wear/cracks and check tire pressure (including spare)
8. Check wheels for broken / loose spokes

Hopefully this will give you another fun year to get in, and enjoy your Healey!

John Lomax



Events Calendar



Healey Events 2014

Items without dates are awaiting final date Determination

25 Tuesday meeting at 502 Auto Club

April

12 Breakfast meeting 7:30, Homemade Pie

19 Swap Meet at 502 Auto Club, Bill Fryrear chair.

27 drive/ picnic – open.

May

Bluegrass British Bash

10 Breakfast Home Made Pie Kitchen

15-17 SpringThing, chairpersons Linda Moore-Bev Frazier.

27 Drive/Dinner, Roger and Dona Coates home

31 British Car Week

June

6 Vintage auto racing Indianapolis Motor Speedway

7 Marques on the Green

8 Ault Park Concours

14th Breakfast meeting

15-20 Conclave

22 Drive/Dinner, Adam Burkle's Lake House home

July

Cincinnati Car Show

19 Keeneland Concours

August

3 Dayton Car Show

September

Sir Brit Car Show, Newburgh IN

Indianapolis British Car Show

11-13 September Round-up

October

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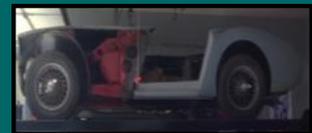
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