



# Healey Hi-Lites

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January 2015



**The Bluegrass Club Meeting is Tuesday**  
Join us at Roosters  
10430 Shelbyville Rd  
**Meet and Eat 6-7**  
**Meeting at 7pm**



## Presidents Letter

By: Tom Gish



It is a New Year and another chance to get it right. The board has met and made the outline for the year. We need your help to fill in the blanks to make it another fun year. Bob Thurman and Bill Wilding are busy laying out the plans for the Spring Thing. The date is set and the rooms are held and the events are being planned. This year will have a Southern taste to the party. Hope Bill can give us the details at the next regular meeting on January 27 at Rooster's. Usual time and usual schedule. New for 2015, the club has purchased a public address system, for some of us that have a hard time hearing. I was told some could not hear, hopefully I will have something worth hearing. Decisions must be made on dates for events, types and locations. What type of outings do we want this year? Should we continue the Drive and Dine through the summer months? The Swap meet was great and planned by Bill Fryrear. Do we want to do again this year? Do we want speakers at the meetings or Tec Talks? Should we plan long drives or picnics? The other big question that was brought up, was the budget and the reserve we have. Should we plan special events or trips and have club pay part? Do we buy shirts? Most of all we need a budget so we can plan our expenses and maintain our balance. Some are concerned about the money. The money can be important to the club to help keep it going as we age. So you can see we have a full agenda for our first meeting of the New Year, see you next Tuesday.

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



Springthing is in the wings. It is alive and doing well. Information will soon be available so you can reserve your hotel room and send in your registration packet. I owe Susan Ralph a big thank you. She stepped up and volunteered to be registration chair this year. Whew! Nice to get a break once in a while. Bob Thurman has stepped up and volunteered to chair Springthing this year and Bill Wilding is either co-chair or first assistant. A tour of Lane Museum is on the schedule. For those of you that were able to make it to Lane Museum you will have a chance to see some new cars and for those of you that were not able to make the trip to the Lane Museum last fall this is your chance and you will regret not seizing the opportunity.

As Arlene just reminded me all of us (well, maybe some of us) just celebrated our 15th anniversary of Y2K. Back then I was a network administrator for one of the big four accounting firms. So many hours were spent in preparing for Y2K that there is no way to be able to contemplate the work that went into the preparations. And right about now you are checking to make sure you are reading an Austin Healey related newsletter. Gotch ya. The point of the subject of Y2K is for you to embrace the simplicity of the electrical aspect of our Healeys. Even if Y2K had become a reality we would not have been deprived of the joy we get in driving our Healeys. One of the replies I use to people that attempt to chide me for owning an antique British car is that even though the prince of darkness powers most of it today it is still pretty simple to work on. I don't need a computer to diagnose it. The majority of the electrical problems are related to a ground. Solve that and you are usually good to go. Just slightly more sophisticated than a lawn mower. Well, after thinking that through in a little more detail maybe that isn't so accurate. I think my four year old lawn mower is actually more complicated than any of the Healeys. I know the lawn mower has more fuses.

The AHCA website is growing. There are new features being added all the time. The website, [www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org), has been a boon for the renewal season. We are closing in on a 50% increase in renewals on the website this year compared to last year. One aspect that some people seem to get stuck with is either no email on file or the wrong email on file. The new website uses your email address as your user id whereas the old system used your membership number. If you don't have an email address on file you can go ahead and sign up as a new member and mention in the Vehicle section your membership number. The vehicle section is an area that could also be considered an opportunity for comments also. When I see that I will update your existing membership account. If you have changed an email address but you had logged in previously with the old email address then you can still log in with that old email address and old password. Once in the system edit your profile and update your email address. As you might gather this is almost the end of the renewal season. Most of you have already renewed. Thank you for that. However, there are a few that have yet to renew. Please take care of that as soon as possible.

Check the activities section of the newsletter for our general membership meeting details. We are gathering Tuesday January 27th as usual, just not sure where Tom was able to get a room for us. Hope to see you there. If you haven't renewed yet you can bring your renewal form and payment to the meeting.

Keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.  
Mike Schneider



# Events Calendar



## 2014 BGAHC Financial Statement

12/31/2014

### BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/14

Checking	\$13,561.24
Savings	<u>2,323.30</u>

Total Beginning Balance \$15,884.54

### INFLOWS

Activities	163.00
Interest	7.70
50-50	317.00
Christmas Party	660.00
Regalia Inc	105.00
Membership	2,360.00
Springthing	4,540.00

Total Inflows \$8,152.70

### OUTFLOWS

Administrative	324.94
Charity	50.00
Activities	632.58
Springthing	3073.87
Memberships	2000.00
Misc	10.47
Christmas Party	1,724.04

Total Outflows \$7,815.90

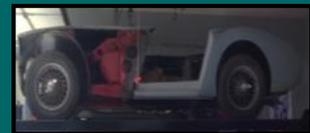
Inflows minus Outflows \$336.80

Total Ending Balance  
12/31/14 \$16,221.34



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