



# Healey Hi-Lites

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October/November 2011

*You're Invited...*

to the annual Bluegrass Club Christmas Party!

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011  
University Club, Belknap Campus  
6 p.m. Cocktails  
7 p.m. Dinner and Celebration

\$20 per person. Buffet dinner. Gifts for all in attendance.

Please RSVP by Monday,  
Nov. 28 to Jack Burns with your  
payment and number of guests.

416 Plum Ridge Rd.  
Taylorsville, KY 40071

## Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



It's almost the end of another year and has this one been an adventure or what? I'm not sure about you but I'm glad that my favorite events are a little closer to home next season. In the meantime there's much to be done on the Healey and I'll be taking donations based on the fact that I'm basically a non-profit now.

But, before we hang it up for the season there are a few more fun opportunities for Club members. First is the Austin-Healey Club of America's national delegate's meeting. It's truly an honor for the Bluegrass Club to host the national delegate's every so often and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how the Club functions. I invite you all to join us on Saturday, November 12 at the Breckinridge Inn to hear all the latest agenda items for the national club.

If meetings aren't your thing you're invited to dinner with the delegate's at Texas Roadhouse and following that to dessert and coffee back at the Breckinridge. There are a few ways you can help! If you'd like to provide transportation for delegate guests to and from dinner (to and from the hotel) or bring an item for the auction. The auction and dessert on Saturday help raise money to offset the cost of the meeting and keep dues low. Please show your support by bringing an auction item and/or attending and bidding high! You'll be impressed by the quality of items the delegate's bring...trust me. (See "Ben is now a non-profit").

Then, to close out our year it's the annual Christmas party. This year we will be hosted at the University Club on the Belknap Campus of the University of Louisville for an amazing buffet dinner. Each person in attendance will also get a special gift. I hope you'll join us as we celebrate a year's worth of successes and honor some of our most dedicated members. More details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

I hope you'll join us as these last few events for the year. 2012 is going to be a blast with Conclave close to home and other events within an easy drive the next fall. Let's celebrate 2011 and give it a proper send off with close friends and family. I'll see you all at the Delegate's meeting.

Also, don't forget the Club meeting on November 22 where we will get updates on the latest developments with Conclave plans!

Ben



Ron Dilger is opening a new restoration shop off Old Henry Road . Look for information soon or visit the club Facebook site for a preview.

# ***Early bird gets the bourbon cake!***

***It's never too early to start the party!  
And what kind of party is it without cake?***

We're getting ready for you in Louisville next summer and thanks to our friends at Adam Matthews bakeries we have a special gift for anyone that registers before February 29, 2012. **The Kentucky Woods cake!**

The Kentucky Woods cake is the original, one and only Bourbon Barrel Cake and is a moist brown sugar cake with pure maple and chocolate cake, topped with walnuts, chocolate and caramel bourbon icing. Seven year aged Kentucky bourbon is used to give the cake a very unique nutty maple flavor.



***Anyone that registers before February 29, 2012 will receive this special gift at registration check-in during Conclave. This is a special limited time offer!***

Stay tuned for more updates! Check the website often for the latest information and list of registrants,  
**[www.AustinHealeyConclave.com](http://www.AustinHealeyConclave.com).**

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



This coming weekend the Bluegrass Austin Healey Club will be hosting the fall delegates

meeting for the AHCA. If you have never witnessed sausage being made now is the opportunity for you. The delegate's meeting is open to any AHCA to view. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to meet members of the AHCA from all over the North American Continent. The typical subjects will be discussed and perhaps even voted on. We will be discussing insurance, conclaves, longevity recognition, local clubs, the responsibilities of a delegate, the Marque, the budget, regalia, Future 50, club retention, marketing of the AHCA, election of AHCA officers and the list goes on and on. If you would like additional information on the activities for the weekend please email me with your questions. [mjsbn2@att.net](mailto:mjsbn2@att.net) The meetings will be held at the Breckenridge Inn starting Saturday morning about 9:00 am and ending Sunday in the early afternoon.

For those of you that are new to the world of Healeys, the AHCA and the Bluegrass AHC this would be an excellent opportunity for you to expand your knowledge and meet a number of the people that are responsible for some of that history. Both the AHCA and the Bluegrass AHC trace their origins to 1961. How each got to 2011 is a very interesting story. In both cases some of our original officers are still members of the clubs. In the case of the Bluegrass AHC Eddie Davis is still a member. Eddie was the Bluegrass' first president under our incorporated status in April 1961. Eddie and a wild bunch of compatriots started hanging out together in 1958 and eventually decided to codify the club as a corporation in 1961. It started as the Kentuckiana Sprite Club. A few years later they decided to let the big Healeys in. About the time the big Healeys started participating in the KSC the club also affiliated with a club in England. We were one of six clubs in the USA that maintained that affiliation until the club in England ceased.

For a number of years the SCCA ran the rallies in the area and the Kentuckiana Sprite club ran the gymkhana's. Then in the mid sixties the activities started to switch. The SCCA started running the gymkhana's and the Healey club started running the rallies. Eddie developed some awesome rallies that took you all over the state and required the whole weekend to run. As time passed we affiliated with the AHCA in 1978 and eventually became the Bluegrass Austin Healey Club, Inc. We were fortunate to host one of the first conclaves held in the USA. We hosted the 1978 conclave (the third conclave) at what was then the Ramada near the Bluegrass Industrial Park. Then in 1993 we again hosted the conclave using the Executive West as our host hotel. Now in 2012 we will again host the conclave and do it at the same building as the 1993 conclave but the hotel is under a different name, Crowne Plaza, and quite different decorations etc. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find additional information on our upcoming conclave. If you have not volunteered to help, please do.

For a detailed rendition of how the AHCA came to be please refer to your Membership Directory on page 8. It makes for an interesting read.

One of the topics we are going to be discussing at the delegates meeting is the status of the longevity recognition process. That fell under my sphere of responsibility when I took over the membership duties from Edie about six years ago. For several years the lists were not published in the Marque as they had been in the past. Leaving the lists out of the Marque was not intentional. The absence of the lists was a by product of being over worked trying to get caught up with doing the basics for the membership duties. Now that all of the other duties are getting under control I have been working on getting caught up with the recognition process. What we will be discussing at the delegates meeting will be how and what to do. There is not enough space available in the Marque

to publish all of the previous lists so the current thinking is to possibly put them on the AHCA's website. I plan to publish in the Marque the current lists going forward from this point. For example, those that will celebrate 35 years with the AHCA in 2011 will be recognized in the Marque sometime in 2012 and then the 30 year members and so on. Reid inserts those lists on a space available basis. I don't think Jim Werner is planning a December newsletter. He usually takes that opportunity to spend time enjoying the holidays since we don't have a general membership meeting in December, but instead have our Christmas Party early in the month. The next opportunity I will have to tell you what transpired in the delegates meeting will be the January 2012 Healey Hi Lites.

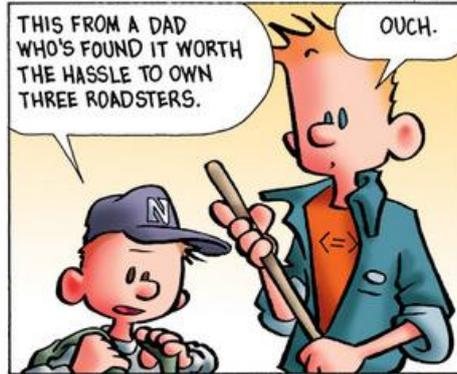
As happens every year I will be sending out another batch of renewal invoices in late November. The plan is to get them in your mailbox before the Christmas mailings start to fill it up. And I would be remiss if I didn't remind you to properly pack your Healey away for the winter. Jim Werner has an excellent list of all of the things you need to do to winterize your Healey. There are some 'don'ts' in that list also. Contact Jim if you would like a copy of the list. Getting it ready in the spring will be a lot easier if you do all of the proper things now when you store it.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next general membership meeting and don't forget to keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.

Mike Schneider



Johnny Depp and Aaron Eckhart, along with a few great vintage rides, star in the film adaptation of Louisville's own Dr. Hunter S. Thompson's "The Rum Diary." This late 1950s Austin Healey just might be our favorite



## Bugeye For Sale

Complete nut and bolt custom restoration:  
 Newly rebuilt 1275 with headers and down draft Weber carb  
 Datsun 5-speed  
 Alloy wheels (minilite style)  
 Power brake booster  
 Front disc brakes  
 Crossflow radiator with electric fan  
 New white top with zip out rear window  
 New sidescreens  
 New black interior with white piping  
 Modern wiring harness with relays  
 Alternator  
 Original tachometer converted to electric.  
 H4 headlights  
 New grill.  
 Recent professional body restoration (paint is near perfect on the underside as well as top)



Car is located in Louisville, KY. Contact Estefana Strader at [estefanastrader@att.net](mailto:estefanastrader@att.net) for more information



# Events Calendar



## Healey Events 2011

### November

11-13 Delegates Meeting—Louisville  
22 Monthly Meeting

### December

6 Christmas Party

### Cars and Coffee

Is held on the second Saturday at Java Brewing in Prospect from 9-11am. It's always been a good turn-out with many different auto-makers and vintages. So fire up the British Car - get your morning coffee there, check out the cars and meet some new people. Normally 100+ cars. It's on US 42 in Prospect just past the Dairy Queen, you can't miss it.

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