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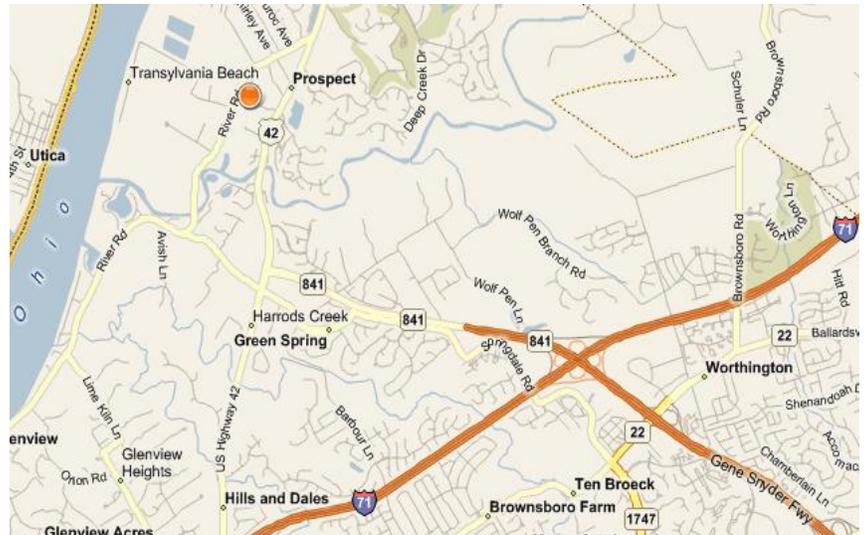
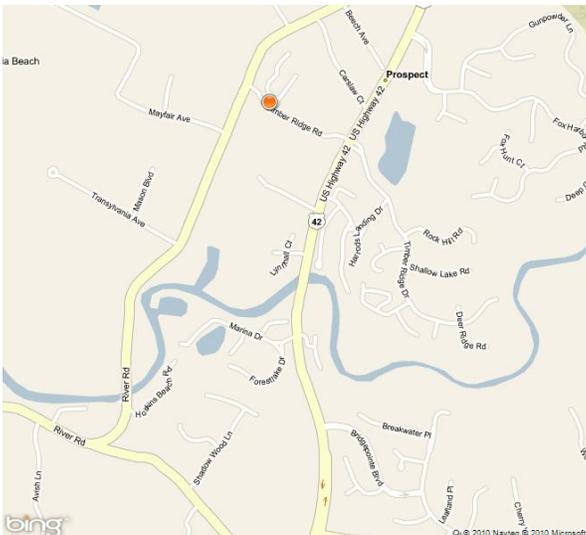
Join the Bluegrass Austin Healey Club as we head east for our June meeting at the Bristol Bar and Grille in Prospect

www.bristolbarandgrille.com/

Tuesday June 22 at 7 PM

The Bristol Bar & Grille is located off US Highway 42 on Timber Ridge Drive in the Prospect Village Shopping Center in the heart of Prospect. We have the Banquet Room on the right reserved with seating up to 40 guests.

6051 Timber Ridge Drive
Prospect, KY 40059
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Prez Sez
By: Ben Moore



It's been a rough couple of weeks for our Club. The loss of members and loss of family has not been a good start for our year. After coming off the largest and most successful SpringThing ever, it was tough to receive news of the passing of Porter Ramsey. His contributions to our Club over the past 30 years have been impactful and his presence will be missed. Even when Porter wasn't able to be at a meeting you knew he was thinking of the Club and the cars. He cared so much for all those around him and his goodwill will be remembered.

We then had a steamy British Bash where many of our members brought their Healeys. The response from the crowd gathered there was excellent and I think we found a few new members. At least three people approached me telling stories of a Bugeye they were working on. Don't be surprised if in a few years our ranks of Bugeye owners skyrockets! It seems they are everywhere.

Shortly after Bash came the news of the passing of Al Sutt. I'll always remember the warm greetings and firm handshake that greeted me every time I saw Al Sutt. His gentle kindness and amazing ability to put anyone at ease were traits that he carried with him always. He saw the good in situations and could be counted on for his cheerleading. Anytime Al was in the room I felt like I had my own personal cheering section. His encouragement and promotion of others was something I admired about him. But it was his ability to raise others up, to inspire through his jovial and positive encouragement, and his sunny-side-up outlook on almost every situation that I will remember about him; it's what he taught me. That no matter how bleak a situation, or how much you might feel like you're on the losing end of a battle, to carry through and strive for success. He taught me to remember why I was in the game in the first place and to never lose sight of that.

We'll all remember Al for something. Whether it was his boisterous laugh, that half-smoked cigar he always seemed to be clutching or his uncanny ability to make you feel welcome in his company. He was a natural cheerleader, someone that got joy out of seeing others succeed and flourish. He was one-of-a-kind and I feel blessed to have known him and, more importantly, learned from him.



These times are not easy for our Healey family. But, each time we are knocked down and shocked and saddened by loss we have to remember that those that have gone would want us to carry on in our shared tradition and celebrations. We don't quit. If any Club proves that in the face of adversity you keep forging ahead, it is the Bluegrass Club. That is part of our fiber; it's what helps make us so unique. Other Clubs look to us as the example for many things, but it's our resolve and ability to pick ourselves back up that really makes us special.

Just in the middle of so much loss there are reasons to be excited for the future. SpringThing 2010 was a huge success and the plans for 2011 are underway. We already have people asking to register. Our Conclave 2012 plans are coming together and we'll soon finding ways for everyone to pitch in and help. The summer and fall Healey calendars are full with fun events and great opportunities to carry on our tradition of fun and family in these amazing cars. And, our Club gained another member on June 16 when the Moore clan welcomed a new baby to our ranks.

I look forward to our next gathering at the Bristol in Prospect. A huge thanks to Jim Werner for seeking out this location and securing this great deal for us. I hope to see you all there as we plan some summer drives and look forward to the Healey season ahead.



From the Drivers Side...

By Mike Schneider

I sure thought this was going to be an easy article this time. I sure was wrong. In an eight day span three of our British Sports car friends passed away. All three of them were really good people and will be missed a lot. I first learned that Al Sutt had passed away and it wasn't an hour later that I learned Kay Varga passed away. At the visitation for Al we were told that Al and Kay were in the same hospital and passed away on the same day. Then eight days later we learned that Craig Holmes lost his battle with colon cancer. I knew Craig almost 30 years. Al and Kay a little more than half that long. In those years we were all blessed to share various events and fun times with them. John Rice and I first met Craig in the Wheelmen. Craig started riding in the early 80's. One thing he was known for in the Wheelmen was his penchant for the recumbent bicycle. That is a low slung bicycle with a lounge chair for a seat. He also enjoyed kayaking and was very good at it. He competed in national competitions and earned quite a few medals and trophies. Then in the mid nineties he turned up with a Spitfire and he was hooked on the British cars. He continued to bicycle and kayak. I also had another contact with Craig in that he worked for the phone company for about 40 years and a lot of that time he worked with Arlene's brother Mike. The time we spent with Al was golden. What a terrific person. Al always had a smile on his face and that nasty ole cigar that he chewed on. Al enjoyed his 100-4 immensely. Between the Healey and fire engines Al sure had a strong interest in things that had horsepower. Not only did he sell fire engines but he thoroughly enjoyed talking about them. I can remember touring a Packard museum with the Healey group and Al managed work fire engines into the discussion every chance he had. I had no idea Packard had so many ties to fire engines. Not long after Al was diagnosed with cancer I thought for sure with his attitude he would conquer it. He did manage to squeeze a lot more years out of those kidneys that he was supposed to..

Kay Varga was the matriarch for the Varga family for the last few years after her husband, Paul, passed away. What a nice and wonderful couple they were. Paul and I worked on computers together quite a bit. I was able to spend some time with Paul in their home and had a chance to get to know Kay in a home setting more so than in the Healey environment. One thing that was very obvious was Paul adored his wife and so did son Bill and his wife Karen. It was easy to see why. Kay was such a nice and considerate person. She was always pleasant and so thoughtful. Every time I visited Paul she was asking me how my family was doing and if I ever took her up on all the goodies she offered me to eat I would be even bigger than I am now.

You would think with all of the funeral home hours we have spent over the years that saying goodbye to old friends would get a little easier to deal with. Well, it sure hasn't for me and I am sure not for you either. Good bye dear friends Craig, Al and Kay. We will never forget you.

Since I wasn't able to get an article to Jim in time for the last newsletter I had planned to review Springthing this time. After seeing the coverage Jim was able to put together it looks like I couldn't have added much to that anyway. Great pictures and Springthing coverage, especially the part about Hugh Grundy. What a neat fellow he is. Wouldn't you love to have a couple of hours to just sit and chat with him? On to conclave. This one is going to be in northern Illinois. The last time we were in that area we had a nice time. Especially at the racetrack north of Rockford. This time the focus is going to be more on spending time in the countryside and cruising the old timey town of Galena. It will be a very nice, laid back easy going time. My cousin Mark chose to get married in Galena a few years ago so we had an opportunity to scout out the lay of the land prior to this event. There are historic homes and lots of old world, Wild West type shops to cruise. The car show will be similar to the one the Indy crew put on in Zionsville. They have arranged for the Healeys to be parked on Main Street right next to the wooden sidewalks and shopping district. It will be very picturesque. I am sure if you wanted to change your

mind and attend conclave they would make sure you had accommodations etc. If you want to stay here in hot, humid Louisville then Arlene, Ben, Sonny and I will fill you in on what you missed. I would like to close with a request. How about if we try to make it a couple of years or more before we have to go to another funeral home?

We have a new meeting location. Check out the location. Same time, same day of the month and different location. More good food. Arlene and I ate there recently and I can verify that their air conditioning is working very nicely. That seems to be a big plus lately.

Keep the rubber side down and the top side shiny. Happy Father's day to all of the dad's in the club.

See you at the meeting.

Mike Schneider

Scenes from the British Bash





26th Annual Exhibition of British Automobiles

Saturday, August 7th, 2010 9am - 4pm

Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH.

Popular vote car show, vendors & swap meet, full service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, spectators admitted free!

Registration: \$15 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt *if received before July 17, 2010*; \$15 day of show, Vendors; \$20 or door prize of equal value. Registration open 9 am until Noon. Show runs rain or shine!

Special Awards: Royal Air Force Award, Longest Drive, Ranger's Choice & Best of Show (Presented by the British Museum of Transportation)

Classes: MGT, MGA, MGB 63-67, MGB 68-74, MGB/C GT 65-75, MGB 75-80, MG Midget, TR 2-3, TR 4-250, TR 6 (chrome bumper), TR 6 (rubber bumper), TR 7-8, Stag, Spitfire Mk. I-II-III, Spitfire Mk. IV, Spitfire 1500, Spitfires 78-80, GT-6, Jaguar XK, Jaguar E-type, Jaguar XJ/Sedans, Austin-Healey 100, Austin-Healey 3000, Austin-Healey Sprite, Metropolitan, Mini-old, Mini-new, Land Rover, Sunbeam Alpine, Sunbeam Tiger, Morgan, Motorcycles, British Conversions (V-8 Engines, Custom Bodies- Etc.) Open Class thru 1965, Open Class, 1966 & later, Premier Class (2009 class winners) and Diamond in the Rough.

For more information: General Info & Show: Skip Peterson, 937-293-2819 or daytonbcd2010@aol.com

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Directions:

From North/South: follow I-75 to the Rte. 4 North exit (Springfield), follow Rte. 4 to Harshman Rd. exit at Harshman Rd. turn right and proceed to first traffic light (entrance to Eastwood MetroPark) turn right and follow park road to end.

From East/West: Take I-70 and exit at Rte. 4 South, follow to Harshman Rd. exit at Harshman Rd. and turn left, follow to second traffic light (Eastwood MetroPark entrance), turn right and follow park road to end.



2010 Featured Marque is Ferrari!



NEW DATES FOR 2010!
CONCOURS ON SATURDAY
JULY 17
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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Healey Events 2010

Items in italics are awaiting final date determination

June

22 Monthly Meeting

July

11-16 Conclave

17 Keeneland Concours

18 Cincinnati Car Show

27 Monthly Meeting

August

7 Dayton Car Show

24 Monthly Meeting

29 Indianapolis British Car Show

September

12 British Car Festival. Chicago

Sir Brit Car Show, Newburgh IN

17-19 September Round-up

28 Monthly Meeting

October

Corydon Car show

26 Monthly Meeting

November

23 Monthly Meeting

December

Christmas Party

LOUISVILLE CLASSIC OPEN

SHOW & SHINE SHOW

July 31, 2010

Masonic Homes Of Kentucky

3701 Frankfort Ave.

Registration \$20

Entries will not be judged

9 am - 4 pm

Registration 9 - Noon

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