

# Healey Hi-Lites



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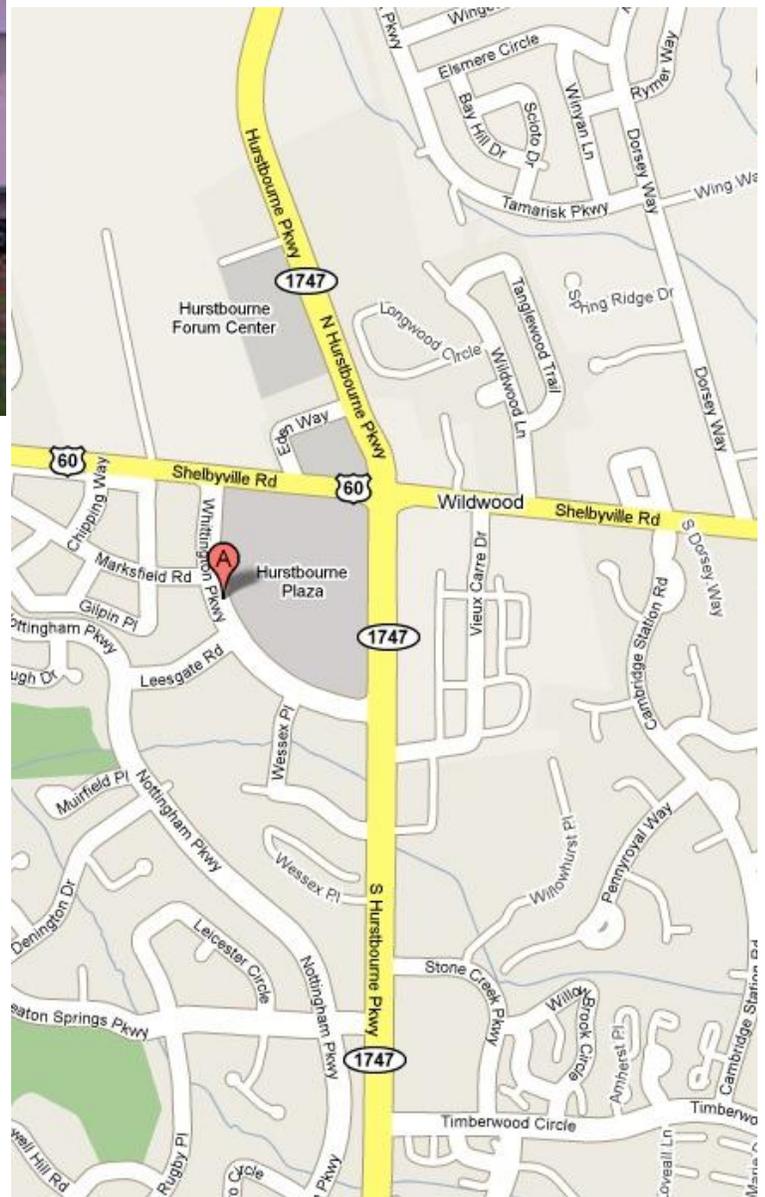
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## Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



It looks like another banner year for SpringThing! In case you haven't heard we're very near filling out hotel and looking to increase our room block to accommodate the flood of registrations. We must be doing something right because word is this is the event not to miss in 2010. What a great reputation! A huge thanks to Jim Werner for his promotional expertise and Bill Wilding for tirelessly working to make sure all our guests have the best accommodations.

In my last article I mentioned the need to begin working on some of the building blocks of SpringThing 2011. I haven't heard anything from anyone! It is crucial that we hit while everyone is pumped from 2010. Having save the date cards and a few important details to offer up at the close of the event the past few years we have been able to secure many returning participants. This allows us to focus on bringing new people into the fold. Although my plate is pretty full right now I am willing to go another year for SpringThing. However, I'll ask that we all really pull together and step up on the big areas (Hospitality, Registration, Tours, Hotels, Auction). If we can assemble the team early the job is much easier for all of us. I already have a few 2011 ideas in mind. Let's discuss this briefly at the next meeting.

Have you made your Conclave 2010 reservations? The rumor is that Bluegrass is taking a strong contingent. I hope you'll join me in supporting our Midwest Chapter friends in their Conclave adventure. It will also be a good time for us to "mention" (unofficially, of course) that we'll be hosting the 2012 Conclave. Our Club has such a great reputation and a strong attendance at Conclave will only reinforce that. Perhaps we might make a run at the DMH award as well!

Spring is in full swing and the BN6 received some much-needed new tires. The JC Penney models just weren't cutting it before. Now I just need a few more tweaks and I'll be ready to roll. After Bernie's last tech session my overdrive was fixed and I discovered the joy of highway cruising in a Big Healey with a non-overdrive rear-end. Needless to say I'll be up for just about any cruise this year! How about you? I am excited and impressed with the members of our Club that continue to step up to the plate. During our initial Conclave planning this winter our Executive Planning Committee has been hashing out the cornerstones of our event (hotel, budget, chair-people, etc.). During the summer months we will present the Executive Summary of this hard work to the entire membership so we can all be up on the latest. This will be the time for anyone interesting in volunteering (hint, hint) to step up. We plan to have a detailed volunteer plan and structure so you'll know what you're getting into. Also, this summer I will be scheduling a Conclave 101 session for members that have not attended a Conclave in a while or ever. This session will provide a high-level overview of the event and what we are undertaking. If you've never been or the last time you attended your hair was a different color it might be a good session for you! Watch email and newsletters for details.

By now I'm sure many of you have heard that our friend Don Lenschow from Texas is battling cancer. I hope you'll join me in keeping Don and Kay in our thoughts and prayers. If you are so inclined, please take a moment to send Don a note. Here's to a safe and fun spring and summer driving season. I'll see you at Brownie's the Shed for our next meeting! Ben





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

The prime Healey season is here. Get that Healey out and enjoy it right now. As you go to the grocery store or Target or stop by the Pie Kitchen for some cherry or chess pie make sure you take some brochures for the club with you.

As you drive around the area in your Healey you will meet someone that used to have one and once in a while they want another one. Those are the people that we can be marketing our club to. As our average age in the club continues to increase we need to make some effort to find new members that

will be interested in purchasing our cars when we get to the point that we need to pass the car on to the next person.

While reading one of my MINI magazines I saw an ad for a Spring Thing event. After doing a double take and reading the detail it seems that a MINI club in Florida has been hosting a Spring Thing for the last fifteen years. The Pikers!! Ours is way older than that. Registrations are still coming in for our Springthing. If you haven't registered yet you are quickly running out of time. There are limited rooms available at the host hotels so get your registration in soon. We have quite a diverse group attending this year. Healey people are coming from Oregon to Maine and from Wisconsin to Texas and a lot of the states in between. Spring flowers and spring rains always makes me think back to all of the good times we have had in the past. Perhaps it is because I am just coming out of hibernation and the old cranium is working on overload. At any rate please take a moment to remember all of the members that have passed on before us. We have had many terrific members pass away in the last several decades. One of the worst things we can do is to forget those that have contributed to the quality of life we enjoy. Please take a minute to remember these members and in many cases parents of members.

Don Lenschow is one of our Healey buddies from Texas. In the past Don and Kay have attended many Springthings. He has even bid ridiculous amounts for some of our auction items. Don is battling lung cancer right now. A few weeks ago Robbie Cook, Bob Thurman and John Lomax (yes that is a rather incongruous grouping since Lomax is from Canada) drove down to visit Don. Just imagine how impressed Don was when those three walked into the hospital room to visit him in Texas. They reported back that Don was in good spirits and had a terrific attitude. Please keep Don in your thoughts and prayers.

Many of you are making plans for your summer travels in your Healey. One of the items that should be in your tool kit is an AHCA membership directory. The 2010 publication should be in the mail just about the time Springthing is getting started. BTW if you haven't made plans to attend conclave this year time is running out. You can log on to the AHCA website, [www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org) and print off the registration form and a form for the regalia. Those need to be in the mail as soon as possible.

The next time you see Jim Werner you might notice that he is no longer driving his Porsche. It seems that Jim was driving near Bowman Field when a brand new driver nailed him big time. The Porsche was smashed into a street sign. Unfortunately the Porsche was totaled. Jim was not physically hurt despite the damage to the Porsche. For the first time in a long time one of Jim's red cars is going to have to be replaced. What are the odds the replacement will be red?

The British Bash is also coming soon. Registration is open for that now. As always, the Bash is the first Saturday in June and the British Glow is Friday night before the show. There is a modest discount on the registration fee for those that are members of the British Sports Car Club. If you are so inclined they could use a little help also. Russell Mills is in charge this year. The BSCC is raffling off an MGB this year. You can purchase a raffle ticket to win an MGB for a mere pittance. I might also add that one of our very active members is the president of the BSCC this year. Trevor (hotrod) Jessie is the lucky person to be at the helm of the BSCC. Next time you see Trevor get your wallet out and purchase one of the raffle tickets for the MGB. Rumor has it he will be at the next general membership meeting for the Bluegrass Club. Our general membership meeting is coming up this coming Tuesday. Be there or be square. Remember Maynard G. Krebs? Keep the rubber side down and the top side shiny.  
Mike Schneider

# 2010 BGAHC Financial Statement

3/31/2010

## BEGINNING BAL- ANCE 1/1/10

Savings	\$2,248.44
Checking	<u>5,974.55</u>
<b>Total Beginning Bal- ance</b>	<b>\$8,222.99</b>

## INFLOWS

Interest Inc	0.00
Club Identity Project	0.00
50-50 Inc	0.00
Christmas Party Inc	0.00
Membership Inc	450.00
Springthing Inc	<u>2,455.00</u>
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>\$2,905.00</b>

## OUTFLOWS

Activities	0.00
Administrative	130.42
Attendance Reward	0.00
Charity	0.00
Christmas Party	0.00
Regalia	651.00
Springthing	<u>110.00</u>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$891.42</b>

Inflows minus Out-  
flows \$2,013.58

Total Ending Balance  
03/31/10 \$10,236.57



## For Sale: 1965 Austin Healey 3000Phase I BJ8

I have owned the car since 1986, Healey Sur-  
geons did some restoration work then, outrig-  
gers, some of the floor, rocker panels, etc.

Engine rebuilt then as well, probably has  
about 6000 miles on it. New interior, top and  
tonneau still in good shape. Stainless Steel  
exhaust. Chrome Dayton wire wheels with 72  
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# Club Calendar

## Healey Events 2010

*Items in italics are awaiting final date determination*

### April

27 Monthly Meeting

### May

1 Bluegrass British Bash

2 33rd annual swap meet & car show Solon, OH.

13-16 Springthing

14-16 Southeast Classic, Tampa

22 British Car Week

25 Monthly Meeting

### June

5 Marques on the Green

22 Monthly Meeting

### July

*Cincinnati Car Show*

11-16 Conclave

27 Monthly Meeting

### August

*Dayton Car Show*

24 Monthly Meeting

### September

*British Car Festival. Chicago*

*Sir Brit Car Show, Newburgh IN*

*Indianapolis British Car Show*

17-19 September Round-up

28 Monthly Meeting

### October

*Corydon Car show*

26 Monthly Meeting

### November

23 Monthly Meeting

### December

*Christmas Party*

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