

Healey Hi-Lites



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Tech Session

Bernie Lamp hosted our tech session March 20th at Adam Burckle's shop. A very productive day and thanks to everyone who attended.



Prez Sez
By: Ben Moore



The first day of Spring has been great for me. How about you? I started the day cruising in the BN6 to the tech session. Top down, mid-60s and sunshine, it doesn't get much better than that; or so I thought. Once I arrived at Adam Burckle's shop I was greeted by five other Healeys and at least 12 Healey folks. As the crowd continued to stream in I greeted some familiar faces including **Bill Varga, Dave Case** and **Lee McCracken**. It was great to see them out!

I took to dismantling my interior with the help of **Jim Werner**. This led to the replacement of my overdrive solenoid and the expert tuning of **Bernie Lamp** and **Ron Dilger**. It took a village, but a few hours later I was enjoying a low-rev cruise on River Road! A huge thanks to all those that showed up and worked on cars or brought cars to be worked on! An enormous thanks to **Adam Burckle** for donating the use of his shop and **Bernie Lamp** for his expertise!

So, how many 20-somethings get a thrill out of receiving a Heritage Certificate for their birthday? Not many. But, as the nerd that I am I was that excited 26 year old! I discovered my car was born on September 3-4, 1958. It was originally Primrose Yellow with disc wheels and no overdrive! Obviously someone ditched all that long ago. However, I discovered I kept one really awesome component, the non-overdrive rear-end. The car hums! Now that is has the new fuel pump and a working O/D I'm on my way.

On that note I hope you'll join us for a charity car show in Bowling Green on April 17. This is a show we've never done before but sounds interesting and gives us a chance to reach out to our members and fellow Healey owners in the Bowling Green area. The Nashville group is working on driving up to meet us. This show is for all cars, so let's pack it with Healeys! Watch emails for more information.

SpringThing is humming along nicely. A huge thanks to **Cal Carter** for stepping up to handle the awards for the event. Thanks to **Bonnie Chreste** for volunteering to coordinate the Hospitality suite. Next time you see these two pat them on the back for stepping up and ask how you can help!

At our January meeting **Bill Fryrear** announced he would not be able to fulfill the office of Vice-President due to his many other obligations. He expressed his honor at the selection but asked that we find another lucky person for the job. I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill for even considering taking on this task. **Bill and Jean** have given so much of themselves for this Club over the past 30 years and I am personally very thankful for their support. I have asked the Chairman of the nominating committee to begin looking for the right person for the job.

I am currently pursuing the opportunity to set up our logo for embroidery at Lands' End and L.L. Bean, respectively. Both companies have excellent products and great online ordering. I'll have a report on this at the meeting Tuesday. The cost for our Club is minimal and totally upfront but would provide members literally thousands of custom regalia options!

I recently returned from the AHCA Leadership meeting per my duties for the Future 50 Network. The National Club is working hard on the 2011 Conclave in Colorado Springs and expressed gratitude to the Bluegrass Club for stepping up to the plate to host 2012. Other work consisted of discussions on the Driving Awards. Bonnie Ayer and I will be working this year to revamp this excellent program. Other discussions of note included how to recruit and retain more members. Many of those in attendance were impressed to hear that our Club has seen an increase in meeting attendance as well as event participation. Our best practices may become a case study.

Don't forget to drive your Healey to the meeting Tuesday. Healey drivers are entered into drawings for prizes!

Conclave Corner

Keep up to date on the latest for planning **Louisville Conclave International 2012**

A big thanks to our Executive Planning Committee. Recent meetings have been quite productive in establishing the foundation for a successful event. We are currently working to prepare a report to present this summer for all our members that will consist of a budget, marketing plan and tentative agenda. We will also present a volunteer structure that will outline staffing needs and available Chairmanships. Bring your pens and be ready to sign up! It's all hands on deck for what is shaping up to be a fun and exciting event!



From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider

We had a very productive AHCA officers meeting last weekend in Indianapolis. Most of the AHCA officers were in attendance including Ben and me. We do not pass laws or conduct official business during this meeting. Primarily the purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm about solving the current hot issues of the club.

One of the more important things we discussed in detail was the financial status of the AHCA. We are on solid footing. However, we are noticing a slight decline over recent years in membership. The major impact of that is we are having slightly less income each year and slightly higher expenses loom in the near future. Postal increases being one of the major issues in the not too distant future. I know for years I have been telling you that each time I attend a delegates meeting be prepared for a dues increase and then I return and tell you not yet, we found some ways to cut the budget. Well this time I think we are out of ideas and some of the magic pixie dust. Bev Sealand thinks that our reserves will be low enough this fall that the delegates will need to pass a dues increase.

We also discussed coming conclaves. The conclave in Galena this summer was a hot topic. Everyone is excited to be there and get this show on the road, so to speak. The Midwest Club is anxious for us to arrive so they can show off their version of southern hospitality way up north.

We discussed driving awards. This seems to be one of the programs that recently have fallen through the cracks. One of the big changes is that you will be earning pins now instead of a dash plaque. That program will be re-energized with some other new ideas that will be announced soon.

The officers are going to suggest to the delegates that the associate membership be coordinated with Future 50 and the dues lowered to \$15 in order to make it a significant savings and not just token savings. Ben had a very extensive discussion on the future of Future 50. I think Ben was pleasantly surprised how engaged and interested all of the officers are in the Future 50 program. One of Ben's main concerns is succession. As Ben ages he continues to get a little closer to being too old to be a Future 50 member. New people that are interested are needed to step in and start taking over some of the work. He had lots of ideas for that and I am sure he will be able to fill all of the needed positions. He also talked about a Facebook section for Future 50 members. While we were discussing that some of the older members of the group couldn't see the value in Facebook. While a few of us were explaining how Facebook can benefit the club Ben created a Facebook page for the AHCA. He was able to show them before that discussion ended the new Facebook page. Their eyes did light up first of all because it was obviously something that was quick to create and secondly they could start to see the value in it. Then while we were still in the meeting Ben re-connected to the projector and showed them that we already had 63 members on our Facebook page. That impressed them quite a bit. What they didn't know in the background was that Jim Werner happened to be online at the very time Ben was creating the page and Jim immediately sent out invitations for everyone to join. Even at that though it still demonstrates the power of the process. I should have taken a picture at the time they saw that 63 people had already joined the Facebook group. The look on their faces was one of amazement.

The AHCA website was another hot topic. Cole Getzler has been our webmaster. He did a very nice job in presenting our club to the international audience with our new website several years ago. Unfortunately for us though Cole's business has grown to the point that he has almost no time to devote to our website. For some reason he feels a need to pay attention to all of these paying customers. Imagine that. For the near term Carl Brown and John May are work on the web site and get the out of date features updated and freshen the look somewhat. Carl will be the main person with John doing backup.

Public Relations was another hot topic. This goes hand in hand with the Future 50 effort. We are starting to advertise more in other magazines. In some cases we trade out in kind and in some cases we purchase the

ads. As membership director of the AHCA I can vouch for the success of the advertising. I am seeing a number of new members as a result of the advertising.

Carl Brown agreed several years ago to take on another task. He has made tremendous strides in that effort. He is cataloguing the entire Chatter/Marque production. You will be able to enter a key word and his database will tell in which magazines an article related to that topic was produced. That will be a feature available on the web site in the members only section one of these days soon on the AHCA website.

Look for more goodies in the next newsletter. See you at the meeting at Brownies this month and for the next several months. This coming Tuesday.
Keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.

Mike



As the geographic center of the state, Lebanon, Kentucky is the true "heart of Kentucky." What better way to welcome spring than celebrate with your closest friends? As we set out on a tour of one of National Geographic's "Drives of a Lifetime" (<http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/drives>) the Bourbon Trail has something for everyone. Whether it's the small town appeal of historic Kentucky, the water holes of the six major distilleries in the area or the lure of fine Kentucky backroads, you're sure to enjoy SpringThing 2010.

Visit www.BluegrassClub.com to register today!

For more exciting information visit:
www.kybourbontrail.com
www.visitlebanonky.com

"Cars and Coffee" will be happening out in Prospect from 9 AM until 11-ish AM (if the weather co-operates). This is held at the Java Brewing every second Sat AM each good-weather month and involves anyone interested in cars of all types. I've been several times and there's always really nice cars and people attending. Admission is free, except for the coffee, and proceeds go to a benefit.



Pub Night

Tuesday, March 23

**Brownie's The Shed
237 Whittington Parkway
Louisville, Ky. 40222**

**Parking lot display - 6 p.m.
Dinner - 7 p.m.**



Join us for a casual evening of food and fun.

Plenty of parking available.

Prizes for those that drive Austin-Healeys!

Join us as we begin our spring thaw!



At **Brownie's The Shed Grille & Bar**, we are working hard to make you feel right at home. You will love our staff, always friendly and courteous - and our food and drink specials can't be beat. We have 16 draft beers on tap and an experienced bartenders that knows all the old (and new) tricks.

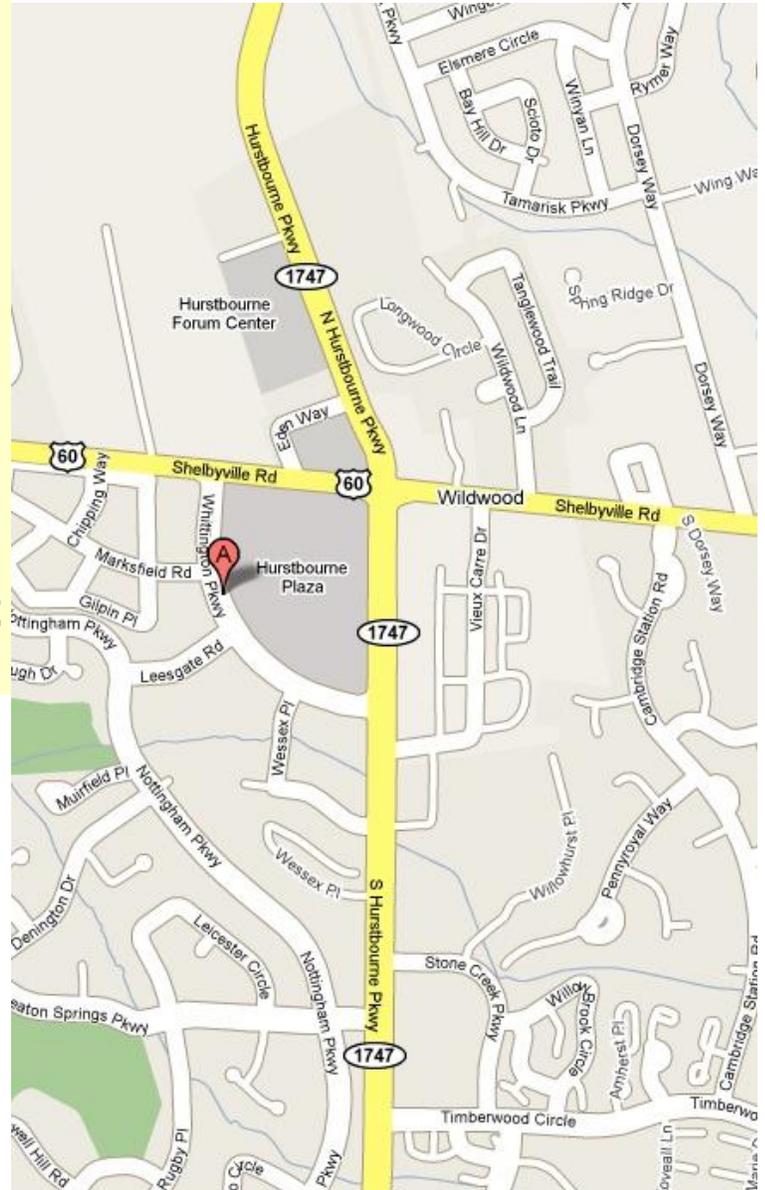
With happy hour from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Late Night Happy Hour starting at 9pm, Monday thru Friday, you can find a time to stop in and enjoy a drink from our bar, or sample some of our daily specials!

The best American cuisine and German food from Brownie's The Shed Grille & Bar, Your Closest Home To Home!

Join us Tuesday March 23 for our club meeting at Brownie's The Shed Grille & Bar

Visit browniestheshed.com, to learn more about this restaurant.

Located in Hurstbourne Plaza, at 237 Whittington Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222



Prepping Your Car for Summer Driving (2010) - by John Lomax

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

Drive train:

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

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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

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Club Calendar

Healey Events 2010

Items in italics are awaiting final date determination

March

23 Monthly Meeting

April

16-18 Texas Healey Round-Up

27 Monthly Meeting

May

1 Bluegrass British Bash 2002

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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