

# Healey Hi-Lites



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## Tech Session

Bernie Lamp will host a Spring Tune Up on the First Day of Spring. Bring your new plugs, points, condenser, rotor to get your Healey ready for SPRING and SPRING-THING as well. At Adam Burckle's shop

**Saturday March 20th**

We will get started about 9:30am. The club will furnish morning snacks & drinks. If we have a good turn out, the club will order out something for lunch as well.

## Come out and get your car ready for Spring!

Contact Bernie at [bernie.leslee@insightbb.com](mailto:bernie.leslee@insightbb.com) or 502-243-3572 for more information.

The address is 1875 Arlington Ave. Louisville Ky 40206

Which is accessed via Frankfort Ave. and Haldeman in the Clifton neighborhood. (Enter in back from Alley) On display will be a Silverstone, 100-M, Nash Healey, Bugeye, 3000, TR3, MGA, TR6 and several other collector cars.



## Prez Sez

By: Ben Moore



During December I prayed for snow. During January I hoped for snow. Now, I'm tired of snow. It seems every time I shovel or dig out another round comes in and ruins it. I've been relegated to ordering small shipments of parts for the BN6 in hopes that they may actually be installed in the near future. So far, no luck.

If you're as ready for warmer Healey weather as I am than I hope to see you at our February meeting. At the meeting we'll dream of the warmer weather and events of the spring, summer and fall. I hope to create a large planning calendar that lists as many dates for Healey, British car and auto-related events, shows and drives as possible. Bring as many as you know of. This way, as we venture through our year we can plan to attend events or add drives to our schedule and not miss anything.

SpringThing registrations are rolling in at record pace. Thanks to Mike Schneider for taking care of this important task for us again this year. We still need your help. This is the Club event and needs to be a Club effort. We need volunteers for Hospitality/Beer, Auction and Awards. Other areas of need exist, but those are the most pressing at this time. I hope you will consider volunteering this year.

Our Club is built on a fine tradition of volunteerism. Last I check, no one is compensated for the jobs we do outside of the satisfaction of a job well done. Each year people like Bev Frazier continue to provide a service to our Club. Without being asked, they step up to continue important tasks for our Club. Jim Werner's contributions over the years have delivered web sites, newsletters and events that continue to impress. It's important that we all contribute and continue to support the success of our Club.

Over the past few years we have built a new and re-invigorated SpringThing. Our reputation has spread farther than before and our attendees expect something truly magical. More than one guest last year paid us the compliment that 2009 was the best SpringThing they had ever attended. It's satisfying to hear that, but it's also a challenge...a challenge a few of us can't meet. We must all chip in to make 2010 even better! Let's keep the momentum going.

Last month I asked Bernie to pursue another order of Club grille badges. Thanks to Bernie's efforts on this project our members will be able to purchase badges in the very near future. Be sure to order yours early and proudly display it on your car.

I'll see you all next Tuesday for the meeting!  
Ben



A slide dated 1978 taken at the Conclave in Louisville, Kentucky during the summer of '78.

From left — Henry Burt, Geoffrey Healey, Sonny Moore and Mel Jones,

What an experience that must have been.



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

Once again we have had to gather at a funeral home to say goodbye to one of our members' parents. Bill Wilding's mother passed away a few weeks ago. She did have a long and very active life, but it is still very sad to know that she will not be on this third rock from the sun any longer. Our prayers go out to the Wilding family.

Springthing 2010 is coming. Soon. It will be here before you know it. I can just hear you now. Mike, you are full of it. Have you looked outside lately? There's only a foot of snow in the front yard. What do you mean Springthing will be here soon? Well, it is less than three months off. If you haven't sent in your registration, please do so soon. There is a limit to the number of rooms available at the hotels. This will be the club's largest progressive dinner.

Then not long after Springthing will be the annual British Car Show at St. Joe's. That will be the first Saturday in June. And then shortly after the British Car Show we will be hitting the road for Galena, IL. Conclave 2010 is hosted by the Midwest AHC and will be held in Galena. It is a really interesting mid-western style town. If you can think back to Zionsville for the car show during the Indianapolis Conclave, then you will have a good idea of what Galena is like.

So there you have it. Three very interesting events in a month and a half. Does it get any better? As soon as the weather breaks, be ready to get the Healey out and do your usual spring shake down. With two of the events requiring some driving, you don't want to get an hour from home and have a problem. Watch for the tech sessions that Bernie is organizing. That is a perfect time for you to get your Healey checked out.

If you haven't gotten involved in the club yet, this would be a good time to step up. Let Ben know if you would like to volunteer in some way. We have many jobs that are in need of someone that will take charge. For example, the club needs a secretary. If you are good at paying attention to details, this could be the job for you. We also have Springthing coming soon. Remember, **soon**. Don't pay any attention to all that snow. It will be gone before you know it. If you want to get involved with a really big time project, then we need some volunteers for Conclave 2012. Ben has some very specific needs for Conclave 2012. Since we have done two conclaves already and almost two decades worth of Springthings, we have a lot of people in the club with a lot of experience to draw on. If you want to get involved but you are concerned that you don't have any experience, you should not let that slow you down. We have a lot of people that will be able to help you no matter what area you want to work on.

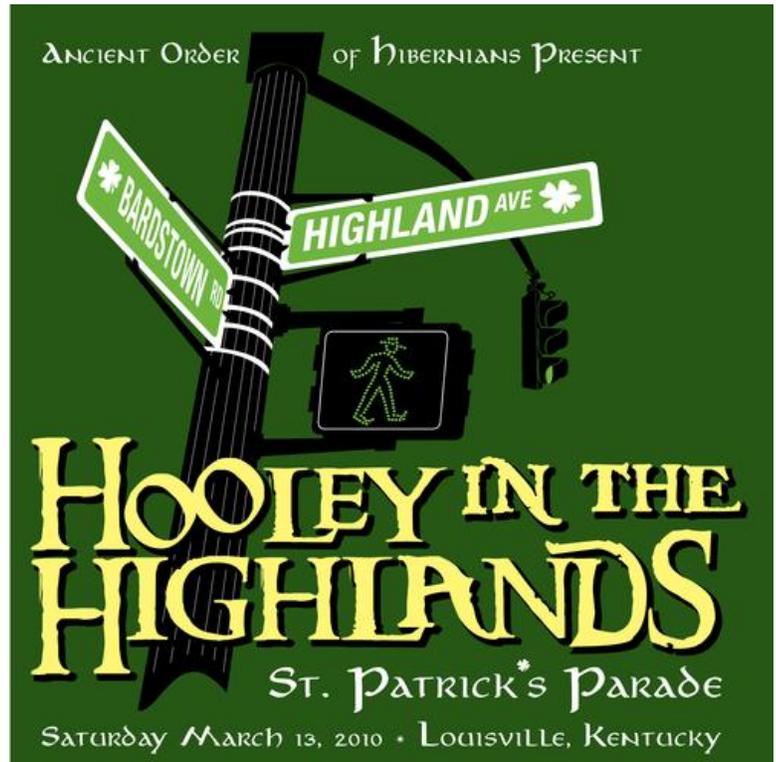
If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010, please do so soon. The cutoff will be here soon, and if you delay, then you may not be listed in the 2010 Membership Directory. You will not want to miss any of the upcoming Healey Marques. The Marque in May will have a special section that will cover another record attempt of the Streamliner. This time the attempt will happen in Australia. Our intrepid Marque editor is making a huge sacrifice. He will be in Australia documenting the attempt with pictures and lots of text. In addition to reading about this in the May Marque, Reid will also be attending Springthing. He will have pictures and many stories about the adventure down under. If you attend Springthing, you will get a chance to see many more pictures and hear many more stories about the attempt.

Our next meeting is coming soon. Hope to see you there. Keep the rubber side down and the top side shiny.

Mike Schneider

## 2009 BGAHC Financial Statement

	12/31/2009
BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/09	
Savings	\$2,197.80
Checking	<u>4,975.23</u>
Total Beginning Balance	\$7,173.03
INFLOWS	
Interest Inc	50.64
Club Identity Project	30.00
50-50 Inc	470.00
Christmas Party Inc	825.00
Membership Inc	670.00
Springthing Inc	<u>10,433.00</u>
Total Inflows	\$12,478.64
OUTFLOWS	
Activities	439.77
Administrative	561.69
Attendance Reward	40.00
Charity	200.00
Christmas Party	1,116.03
Memberships exp	440.00
Regalia	489.96
Springthing	<u>8,141.23</u>
Total Outflows	\$11,428.68
Inflows minus Outflows	\$1,049.96
Total Ending Balance 12/31/09	\$8,222.99



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](http://www.BluegrassClub.com) to register today!

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## Traveling Healey-Hopefully

Constant attention is part of the experience of English cars. When you arrive at your destination, you have achieved something

by Gary Anderson

Most gearheads agree that a classic car doesn't come to life until it's driven on the open road. Highly organized thousand-mile tours have allowed many owners to put some miles under their classic wheels, but don't hold a candle to a plan-as-you-go long-distance road trip with one or two friends in old British cars.

I can say this after recently completing a two-week, 2,300-mile trip up the coast of California and along the river roads of western Oregon in my Austin-Healey 3000. The scenery was spectacular along the rugged Pacific Coast and among the redwoods, the pace was relaxing, strangers admired our cars, and we couldn't have had a better time.

We even got to repair my car along the way, surely an essential part of any English car road trip. We were on Highway 97, in central Oregon, when my car hiccupped then started again. An hour later, when we found a few shade trees, we replaced the distributor on the theory that it was either spark or fuel that had gone wrong, and the distributor was easier to replace than the fuel pump, since it didn't require the removal of luggage.

But the car died again while sitting there, and we confirmed there was no fuel flow. An old membrane and hot weather had caused the points in the pump to hang up. So when we got to Richland in Eastern Washington, (which required one more judicious off-on of the key to goose the fuel pump back to life), I ordered a new electronic SU pump from Moss, had it overnighted, and installed it before we drove home; I readjusted the old pump to carry as a back-up. Constant attention is part of the experience of English cars. When you arrive somewhere, you have achieved something.

### Company welcome and possibly vital

The only other repair involved rebuilding my electronic distributor on the sidewalk outside our hotel after I had crossed the wires and fried it. Luckily, I carried a spare with points and condenser—always a good idea if the component is small, cheap and critical.

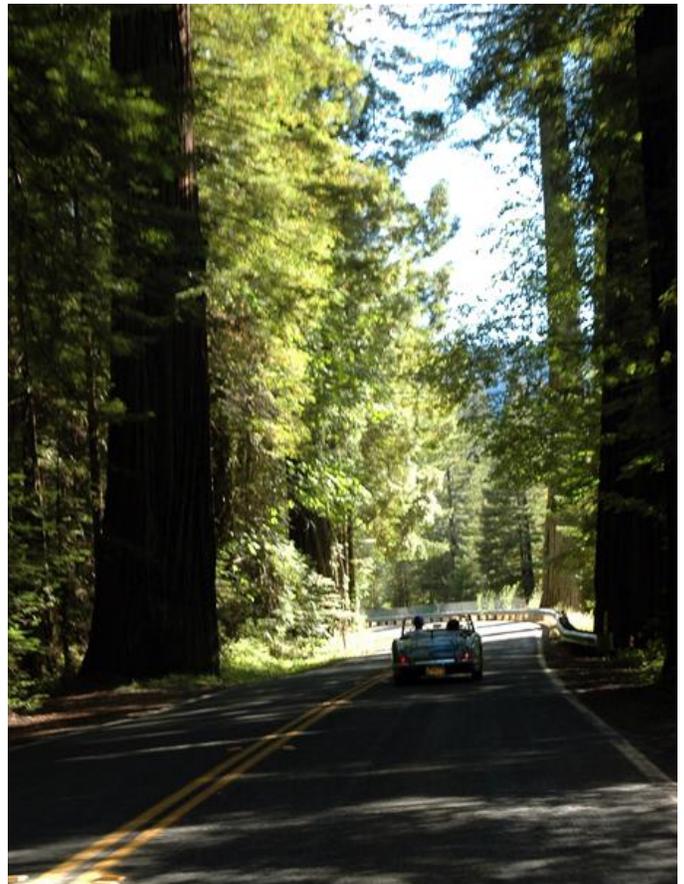
The excuse for the trip was a Healey meet in Eastern Washington. A buddy was planning to drive up with his teenage daughter and was looking for one or two other Healeys to join him, reasoning that the company would be welcome (and possibly vital).

Since I hadn't driven my Healey on a long trip for over five years, I was happy to go. Just about any British model built after WWII can manage highway speeds on secondary roads and still cope with freeway transits.

Calling British cars "agricultural" is a compliment, since they can

be maintained easily with hand tools and a shoebox of spares. Best of all, they're pretty enough to attract attention and familiar enough to encourage passersby to tell you their stories of "a car just like this one."

The plan was simple: We would set aside four days to cover the 1,200 miles up to the meet and three days to return, we'd stay near the coast to avoid the high temperatures and high-speed freeways of the center of the state, and we would find a motel whenever we felt we had done enough driving for the day.



### We went over our cars carefully

We might not have planned in detail, but we did prepare. On other club trips, I've noticed that most breakdowns occur in cars that haven't been well-maintained, and they usually happen during the first day of a trip. To avoid that, we went over our cars carefully a few weeks before the trip, changing fluids, tightening fasteners, tuning them up, and replacing or rebuilding parts like fuel pumps and distributors, which most often cause a mechanical failure. We then took the cars for day-long drives to make sure everything was working. And still there were surprises.

We packed a basic set of spare parts between the two

cars, including hoses, gaskets, tune-up kit, radiator and gas caps, and miscellaneous mechanical and electrical fasteners and wire, plus a completely wired and tested distributor. The nice thing about touring in North America is that you're only an overnight delivery away from Moss Motors and their spares.

We both had basic tool kits. I carry a large, transparent plastic zippered make-up bag in which I have all the stuff I need to reach on the road, including a flashlight, tire gauge, pliers, screwdrivers, crescent wrench, test light, and electrical wire with alligator clips in several lengths.



Two other pieces of equipment turned out to be essential to the pleasure of our trip, one almost obsolete and one just introduced. These were our CB radios—standard trucker Cobras hard-wired into the cars—and my Garmin Nuvi navigation system.

With the CBs, we were able to chat back and forth, a nice feature when you're driving alone. Without that communication, I think we would have lost touch in the Portland rain on the one major freeway transit we had to make.

We weren't too concerned about getting from one specific place to another, the purpose for which a nav system is usually used. For us, its most useful function was to locate the next gas station, motel, or restaurant, critical information when you're driving unfamiliar back roads at twilight,

getting hungry, tired, and looking at a gas gauge that's semaphoring from empty to half-full.

Without the Garmin we never would have found Mom's Kitchen in North Bend, Oregon, on a Saturday morning. Not only did "Mom" serve us up wonderful western omelettes with fresh-baked biscuits and hashbrowns, but she also told us there was a local car show at the bowling alley three blocks away. We were the only British sports cars in the lot among the custom hot rods and classic Fords.

### Nav system and CB both helpful

Having the freedom to stop whenever we wanted allowed us to learn the story behind the theatre marquee in Orick, California, which was advertising "Cowgirl Mud Wrestling," and also check out the Palm Tree Restaurant next door, which served seven kinds of fresh-baked pie.

There are amazing roads in Northern California. We'd particularly recommend the 30-mile stretch of Highway 1 from Fort Bragg to Leggett and the 85 miles of Highway 101 from Eureka to Crescent City. Though the Avenue of the Giants that bypasses 101 between Garberville and Fortuna shouldn't be missed, these two stretches have as many redwood trees as one could wish.

In Oregon, the small beach towns offer coffee, an ice cream cone, or a night's lodging, but the secret of this state is the river roads. Trace the Umpqua River along Highway 38 from the coast to Cottage Grove, or the McKenzie River along 126 from Eugene toward Sisters, to experience the Oregon's forests.

Regardless of where you live, the experience of finding your own routes away from the main highways, in classic British cars with just one or two like-minded friends, just can't be beat. You don't need five-star hotels or a following crew of mechanics in a car-hauler to enjoy your British car on the open road, where it belongs.



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**The Bluegrass Austin Healey Club**

has been in existence for over 40 years. We meet on the Fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss car shows, car drives, restoration, current events, the weather, and any other thing that we find interesting at the time. We have our meetings at a location so that we can enjoy our cars and see what the "other guy" has done since we last saw his car. The meetings are friendly and not too formal and we are always happy to see guests or potential members at our meetings.

More information is available by calling any of our officers listed or visit [bluegrassclub.com](http://bluegrassclub.com)

**House Favorites**

All House Favorites served with one side item.

**Spring Street Hot Brown**

A very popular Louisville dish. 7.95

**Steak Sandwich**

Cooked to order. Served on a toasted Hoagie. Kate's Favorite! 9.25

**Tuna Steak Sandwich**

Lightly seasoned and grilled. Served on a toasted Kaiser bun. 8.95

**French Dip**

Thinly sliced lean roast beef, melted Swiss on a toasted hoagie roll. Served with Au Jus. 7.95

**Fish Sandwich**

Hand cut, lightly breaded and deep-fried golden brown. 8.25

**Shrimp Basket & Fries**

Breaded shrimp, deep-fried golden brown, served with a tangy cocktail and tartar sauces. \$6.95

**Large 14" Pizza**

9.50

Pepperoni, sausage, ham, mushrooms, green peppers, jalapenos, onion, kraut, extra cheese. Additional toppings 1.50

**Chicken Quesadilla**

A bit of Southwest seasoning, melted cheese in a crispy tortilla shell. Served with shredded cheese, sour cream, & salsa. 7.25

**The Rocket**

Ham, Salami, Bologna, American Cheese, Banana Peppers, Slaw & our Homemade Dressing on a Toasted Hoagie. 6.95

**Reuben**

Grilled on dark rye... "Positively one of our best!" 7.95

**Chicken Breast**

A large boneless breast, grilled or deep-fried. Served on a toasted Kaiser roll. "Possibly the best in town." 7.25

**"Big Guy's" Ham Sandwich**

Half a pound of thinly sliced ham, piled high on a toasted onion bun with melted Swiss or American cheese proudly served with "Mom's" mustard. 7.95

**Burgers**

All burgers are served on a grilled Kaiser or Orion bun with your choice of American, Swiss, Blue, Cheddar, Pepper cheese, Homemade chips and a pickle.

**The Turkey Burger**

"Everything a great burger has without everything a great burger has." (93% fat free). 6.75

**Gourmet Burger**

Served on a toasted English muffin, topped with bleu cheese crumbles. "Pass the Gray Poupon!" 7.45

**The Double Trouble**

You guessed it! Double King Burger. Cooked to order and stacked high. 9.95

**The King Burger**

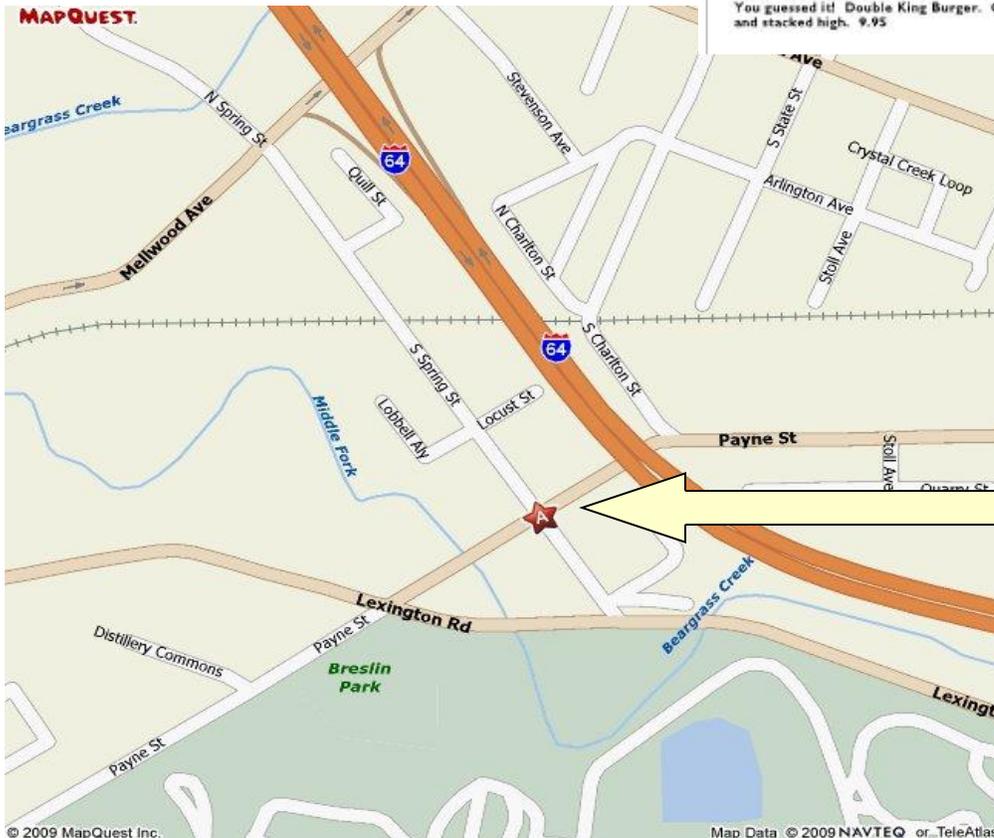
(Maybe the original King!). 100% Ground chuck. 7oz. Cooked to order. 6.75

**The Rowdy Reuben Burger**

Grilled chuck beef patty topped with Swiss cheese, 1000 Island & our homemade coleslaw. Served on grilled dark rye. 7.45

**Patty Melt**

Back by popular demand! 7oz ground chuck, grilled onion, melted Swiss on grilled dark rye. 7.25



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February 23**



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# Club Calendar

## Healey Events 2010

*Items in italics are awaiting final date determination*

### February

*Carl Casper Car show*

23 Monthly Meeting

### March

*Spring Kyana Swap Meet*

*St. Patrick's Day Parade*

23 Monthly Meeting

### April

Texas Healey Round-Up

27 Monthly Meeting

### May

1 Bluegrass British Bash 2002

1 26th Annual British Swap Meet Wadsworth, OH.

14-16 Springthing

20 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

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