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Have a Healey New Year!

Happy New Year and the best to all!

For those of us who received some Healey accessories or parts for Christmas, we have something to do over the cold months to come. Not that any LBC is ever really finished. I know none of mine are really done.

Ann and I have decided to jet off to Mexico for a week in late January. It's been 8 years since the last time there. Not sure if Alex is more excited about a week at the beach or a week away from school?! As a bonus, there will be a few other club members in Puerto Vallarta at the same time. So we may be able to share a meal or drink together in a different country – that's what happens when you get involved in some type of club – your family of friends grows bigger and you get to meet up with them all over the place!

We all know it is never too early to organize an event (see minutes and Christmas Dinner ! ☺), and that being said, the annual Garage Tour is tentatively set for April. So, if you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to put your garage or business on the list, just let me know.

Need to congratulate Ted and Cynthia Moorby on being first time grandparents to a baby girl born

on Boxing Day. Welcome Adeline Charlet Moorby and congrats to Graham and Jennifer too.

And, finally, the New Year's Resolution... we would like to propose that every member attend one more club event than they did last year! If you haven't come out to an event, make this year your first. Whether your car is running or not, we would like to meet you at a meeting or tech session or some other event. If you have attended some club events or meetings in 2012, see if you can count them up and then add 1 for your 2013 goal.

Now Ann and I have to pull out the 2012 calendar before recycling day and count and make our 2013 goal. Happy Healeying!

Forgotten Cars

- Richard Weide

I have always been one to notice a British Sports Car. As I drive by a fellow enthusiast I offer a knowing nod or, if the car is spectacular, I add a little "je ne s'ai quoi" to the nod. I have come to recognize many of the roadworthy cars and their drivers after years of polite nodding. Now and then a never seen before car crosses my path. I take note and, in time, after a few more path crossings, the nod of acceptance begins.



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I am certain I have not seen all of the British Cars that frequent our city roads. Their numbers lend credence to the impact these beautiful little cars lend to our lives.

How often have you heard the words, "I used to have a.... and I wish I had kept it " ? Every summer a few folk lean over my car and find themselves reminiscing over moments of glory while owning such a car. The interruption has almost become annoying, but out of respect for a fellow nut, I smile respectfully. There is always someone who used to have a British Sports Car, or knew someone who had one. I know I had one when I first got my license over forty years ago and, when I think back, I had a blast driving it. That's probably why I owned a few more over the years and have never stopped enjoying them.

So what is it about the British Cars that have allowed them to permeate our lives? There were Italian cars, Russian, Czech and so on, but the British cars have held their ground over the years. I suspect there are many obvious reasons. Cost, numbers of cars originally sold in North America, the availability of parts, and, don't forget, unless the car is fun and adds to our already sporty look, I doubt there would be so many on the road.

Bored yet? What I really want to mention is the vast number of cars that are almost certainly sequestered away in local garages and beneath tarpaulins in what was once a green garden.

Just down my back lane, hidden until about 8 years ago, was a Morgan and a Lotus 7. Across the road and down a bit is a Rover tucked under a tarp. There is a Spitfire under another tarp just off a back lane about 400 yards from my home. There is a Midget stashed in a garage within walking distance from me. That's 5 cars all within a short walk from me. I know of 7 or more MGs resting in East St. Paul.

I bet if we all thought about it, together we could come up with 50 or so cars we know have not been on the road for years and lie dormant in various states of decomposition.

This leads me to ask... if you have knowledge of such a car, please write to me at vwgcars@hotmail.com. If you wish to keep the cars resting place a secret, don't mention where it is. Maybe take a snapshot of the car and send it

along with a few words if you know a little of its history. I am curious to learn how many once loved cars are still out there.

Club Memberships Dues NOW DUE

A message from our Club Treasurer, Todd Chivers:

This year the Austin-Healey Club of America is asking for renewals to be complete by **Jan 15th** so as to expedite printing the directory, so please send your money asap.

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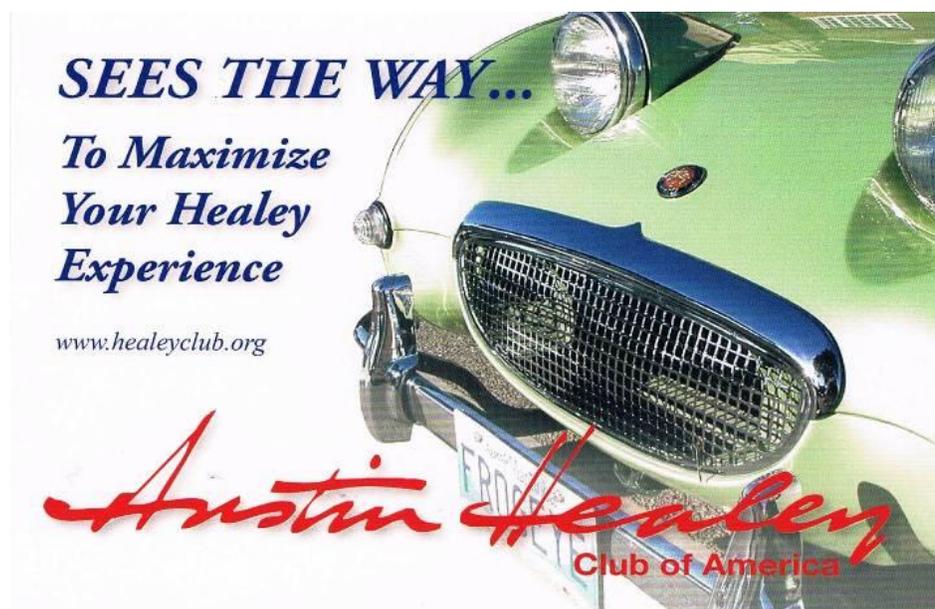
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advised that his Morgan will likely be for sale in the spring of 2013 if anyone is interested.

I got a book from Carol, for Christmas, the biography of Lloyd Robertson, the long time news anchor at CTV News. In the book he tells the story that his first big time job after a couple of radio stations in and around Stratford, Ontario, was in Winnipeg with CBC in the early 1950's. After a few years in Winnipeg, he was transferred to Ottawa and in the middle of March, he, along with wife and newborn daughter drove all the way to Ottawa in an Austin A40. He did admit that it was not

really a perfect winter car.

One restoration I failed to mention a few months ago is that of Bill Sullivan who is working on his Triumph TR250 with the help of Ted Moorby. According to Ted they are at it every Tuesday evening, so if anyone wants to drop in and check it out or even lend a hand, Tuesday night is the night.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas Season and now things can get back to normal, getting cars ready for spring.

This 'n' That

- Jean Caron

The Healey Museum is now up and running in the Netherlands. You can see a short video of the Official Opening and interviews with some dignitaries here:

<http://vimeo.com/54946825>

[Editors' Note – The museum website is <http://www.healeymuseum.nl>]

A 1955 factory 100M sold on E-Bay on Dec. 16, 2012 for \$75,000.00 and it needed complete restoration. I would describe it as a fiscal cliff, but who knows these days.

I received a message from Jeff Gillard from Australia. He is the Healey enthusiast who visited Winnipeg in the spring of 2012 and looked for our Club at the same time. He sent me a photo taken during a 2500 kms run that they had in Australia a few months ago and he said that they encountered all kinds of weather, even snow.

Russ Bees from Iowa also sent me a message. Some of you might remember him from past Rendezvous. He told me his collection of British cars now include a 1931 Standard Avon, a 1937 Railton Stratton, a 1953 Jaguar 120 FHC, a 1958 Morgan DHC and a 1962 Daimler SP 250. He also



Club Meeting Schedule

- Feb 4 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, John & Elaine Davidson's
- March 4 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Steve & Kate Thompson's
- April 1 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Jean & Carol Caron's
- May 6 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Bill & Fern Sullivan's
- June 3 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, John & Waltra Gilbert's
- July 6 Club BarBQ & Meeting, 2:00pm ?, Bob & (SAT.) Joan Wilkinson's
- Aug 12 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Roger & Karen Morcilla's
- Sept 9 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Jerry & Gail Peterkin's
- Oct 7 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Graeme & Joyce Lowden's
- Nov 4 Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Dyrk & Jodi Bolger's
- Dec 6 Christmas Dinner & Party, 6:00pm ?, Rembrandt's in Lockport



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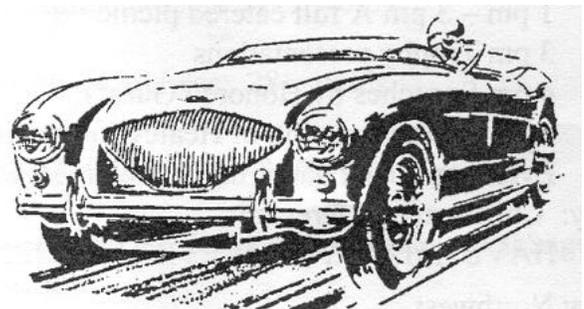
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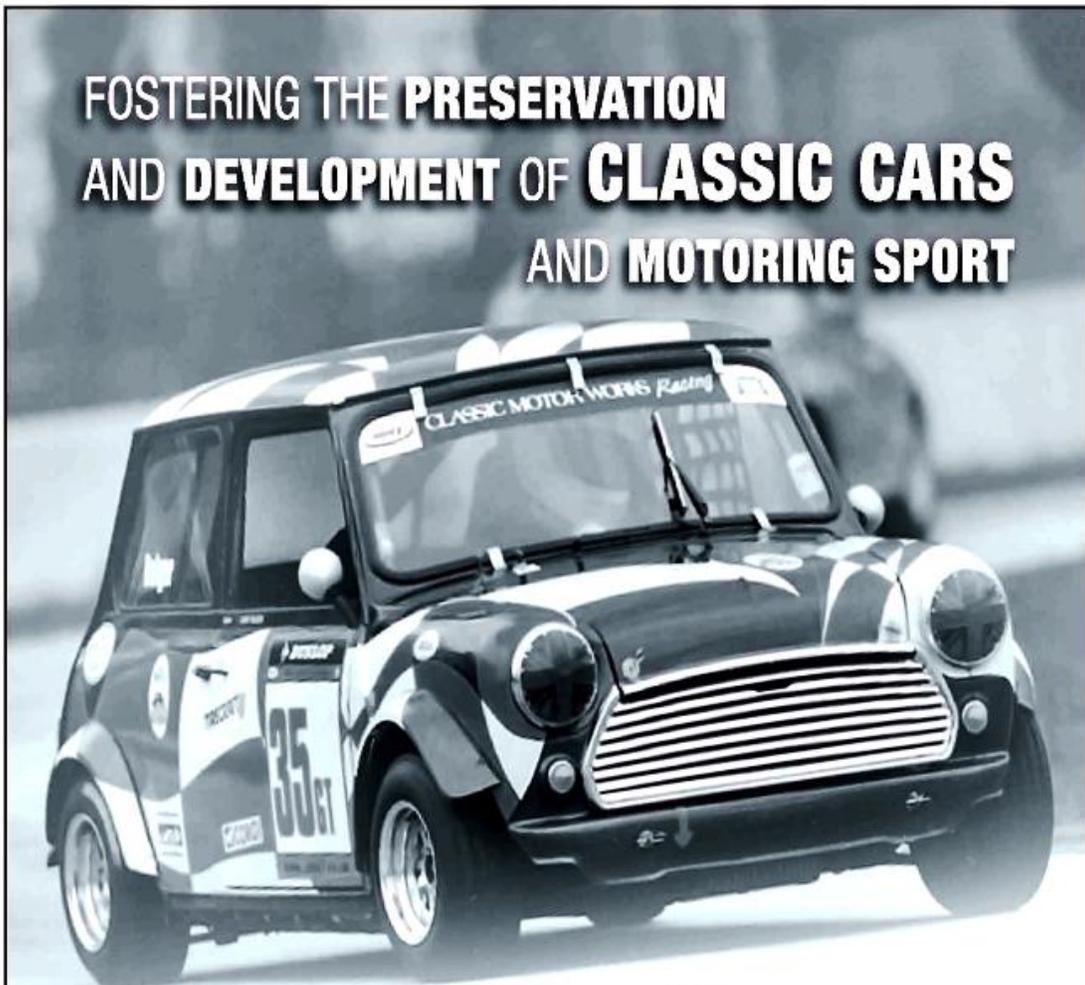
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