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## New Year, New Executive, New Editors

Happy New Year to all and the all the best with motoring in the seasons to come - whether it be the winter or spring to tackle installing the new windshield or tonneau, or planning your summer and fall outings in your LBC.

As the title above states, we have a completely brand new executive for the coming year. We do not remember the last time there was a complete replacement of the club officers with all new incumbents. This is a great opportunity for people to get involved, bring fresh ideas and perspectives, really see the inner working of the club, and give others a rest to enjoy the club without the executive responsibilities. That being said, the club is only as good as we make it. So let's all involved with it and put our hands up now and again to help out. It just makes it all so much easier. And now we'll step down from the soap box...

This new year is the 60th Anniversary of the Austin-Healey 100 being debuted at the Earl's Court, which started a phenomenon we're still enjoying through our local Austin-Healey club. 2012 is also the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MGB and will be the featured marque of this year's Rendezvous in Kenora.

Our club by name says a lot about us, but what it does not say is that we have a great group of members who drive MG's, TR's, Jags and more, and others who don't have an LBC at present. What we all share is an interest in them and camaraderie at club meetings and events. It may be a bit awkward to come to a meeting

with a group of people you don't know or haven't seen in awhile, but that is soon overcome by the type of people we are and the cars we all enjoy. Hope to see you and your significant other at the next club event.

And lastly, putting together this newsletter made us realize how much technology and communication has changed in the eight years since we last were editors of the *Healey Happenings*. So expect some changes in the newsletter format in the coming months as we get back into the groove of newsletter production. One thing we won't miss is getting the newsletter photocopied and then stuffing, labeling and stamping all those envelopes! It was suggested and agreed upon at the January club meeting that the newsletter would be posted on our website and a link to it would be emailed to members. Let us or Roger know if you have any questions or concerns about this decision. We'll always be looking for any and all types of newsletter contributions - articles about club events or LBCs, photos, jokes, etc. Thank you to Jean Caron for volunteering to provide a monthly article about club members and their news. We can also look forward to a monthly contribution from an executive member.

Happy New Year, Happy Healeying!

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## Prez Report

- Roger Morcilla

Happy New Year to all club members, as your newly elected club president I would like to thank all of the past executives of 2009-2011 with all of your hard work our club has flourished in the last 2 years.

I'm looking forward to continuing making the AHCM fun and exciting for the coming years, after all we are all in this club for the love of our LBC's and each other's friendships.

Let's all move forward to a great driving season soon!

## This & That

- Jean Caron

Tom Struthers recently celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Vintage Theme party hosted by his wife and children.

Club members Gerry & Sheila Berezuk as well as Brian & Brenda Lanoway have left us for warmer climate for a period of time. The former headed for Arizona and the latter went to Florida. Given the unseasonably warm weather we are having so far this winter, I am starting to like this global warming.

This is the year where original Austin-Healey hardtops are being restored. I just completed one for Dave & Shelley Cooper. Our Prez Roger Morcilla just had his painted and Graeme Lowden is feverishly working on his so Joyce can enjoy it in early spring.

In addition to his hardtop, Graeme is progressing on the fibreglass part of his Lotus. Richard Weide, our new VP, is installing and lining up the wings on his Triumph TR6. Dyrk Bolger is doing the finishing touches on the

recently restored interior of his BN7 while John Gilbert keeps modifying his MGBGT. Jim Jackson is working in the bonnet area of his V-12 E-Type and Rome Innes is very busy in the battery area of his MGB. Meanwhile Bill Sullivan is still measuring the seating area of his Jensen-Healey for some modifications.

## Memberships Dues

Your Club Memberships are due by **February 15, 2012**. Local dues are \$20, while those members also belonging to the Austin-Healey Club of America (AHCA) pay dues totaling \$72.

Make your cheque payable to "AHCM" and forward to Todd Chivers at the next meeting or send it to him at 355 Niagara St, Winnipeg, MB R3N 0V3.

Doesn't Roger Morcilla's Bugeye look great in the AHCA membership postcard from a few years ago?

## Member Ads

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## Events Calendar

Feb. 6 Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Location: Home of Graeme & Joyce Lowden

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## Ice Racing 2012

We received an email recently reporting that club member Bill Sullivan was participating in the races held this past weekend January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We don't know how Bill and the event fared, but we do know it would've been a great weekend to be a spectator or volunteer (still have memories of being a volunteer on the ice at Gimli in - 20 degrees temps years ago... brrr-r-r!)

With the mild temperatures we've had so far this winter, this is the year to take in some ice racing and cheer for local members. See poster below for next ice racing dates and locations.



We got this photo from Bill at the January club meeting.

If someone would like to share some more news on this event, or any of the future ice races, please email us the details and/or photos and we'll include them in the next newsletter.

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# ICE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

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**2012 SCHEDULE**

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Season Opener - **Mazenod Road (just off Dugald Rd)** - January 7th & 8th  
**Saturday** - Test & Tune, Qualifying, **RallyX**, Hot Laps - 10am  
**Sunday** - Race #1 - Practice - 10am, Racing - 11am,  
 Lunch - 12pm, Racing - 1pm to 4pm

Water Ski Park 365 Murdock Road - January 21st & 22nd  
**Saturday** - **RallyX**, Hot Laps - 10am  
**Sunday** - Race #2 - Practice - 10am, Racing - 11am,  
 Lunch - 12pm, Racing - 1pm to 4pm

Water Ski Park 365 Murdock Road - February 4th & 5th  
**Saturday** - **RallyX**, Hot Laps - 10am  
**Sunday** - Race #3 - Practice - 10am, Racing - 11am,  
 Lunch - 12pm, Racing - 1pm to 4pm

St. Malo Provincial Park - February 18th & 19th  
**Saturday** - **RallyX**, Hot Laps - 10am  
**Sunday** - Race #4 - Practice - 10am, Racing - 11am,  
 Lunch - 12pm, Racing - 1pm to 4pm, Awards after races

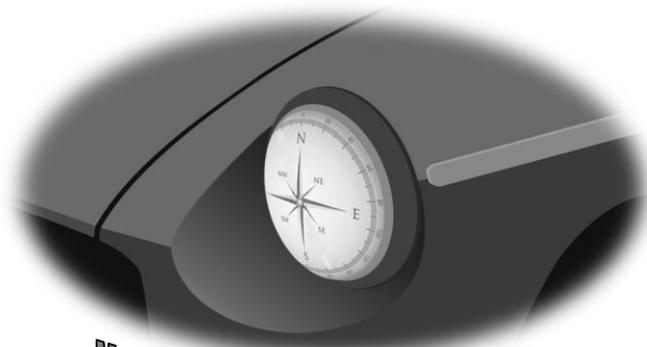
"Fire on Ice" presented by Lakeview Resort Gimli - March 3rd & 4th  
**Saturday** - Race #5 - Practice - 10am, Racing - 11am,  
 Lunch - 12pm, Racing - 1pm to 4pm  
**Sunday** - "Fire on Ice" Endurance Race  
 Rubber Class Race - 12pm to 12:30pm  
 Studded Class 1pm to 2pm (Rubber class cars invited)  
 20 minute mandatory pit stop after 30 minutes.  
 Worker appreciation (bring your helmets) - 2:30pm

**RallyX** - *Run what you Brung! Open to anyone with a car and a current helmet!*  
 For more information please call or text Al Marcoux:(204) 291-7006

\*Location and times are subject to change, please check [www.wsc.mb.ca](http://www.wsc.mb.ca) for up to date information.\*

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## Northern Lights Rendezvous Kenora, 2012

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGB.

If you haven't already made plans to do so, come to **Kenora, Ontario June 14 - 17, 2012** for a memorable **Northern Lights Rendezvous** experience and a great Lake of the Woods holiday.

Better yet, come early, or stay a few days longer and enjoy the many adventures that Kenora has to offer on the water's edge in the heart of some of the more breathtaking lake country around.

Visit our event web site at <http://www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous/> to learn more about Kenora, look over our 2012 Rendezvous program, investigate our event listings and get local hotel information.

For the first time ever, you can use the convenience of our secure web site at <http://www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous/> to sign-up for your events and pay for your registration and tickets using your credit card or your PayPal account.

If you **register on-line before May 1<sup>st</sup>**, you'll be entered into our Early Bird Draw for a chance to win 3 free nights in the 'Vice Regal Suite' at our host Kenora hotel, the 'Best Western Lakeside Inn', during your Rendezvous stay.

Register now! Our Lake of the Woods boat cruise and the Saturday evening Awards Banquet featuring Dennis Gage from 'My Classic Car' have a fixed capacity. You can guarantee your seats if you register early.

Need even more information? Contact our 2012 Rendezvous co-chairs: Brian Lanoway at [blanoway@shaw.ca](mailto:blanoway@shaw.ca), or Tom Struthers at [tstruthers@gmail.com](mailto:tstruthers@gmail.com).

See you in Kenora next June!

## Louisville Conclave 2012

Hosted by the Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club in Louisville, Kentucky between June 17 and 22. More details next month or check their website at [www.AustinHealeyConclave.com](http://www.AustinHealeyConclave.com)



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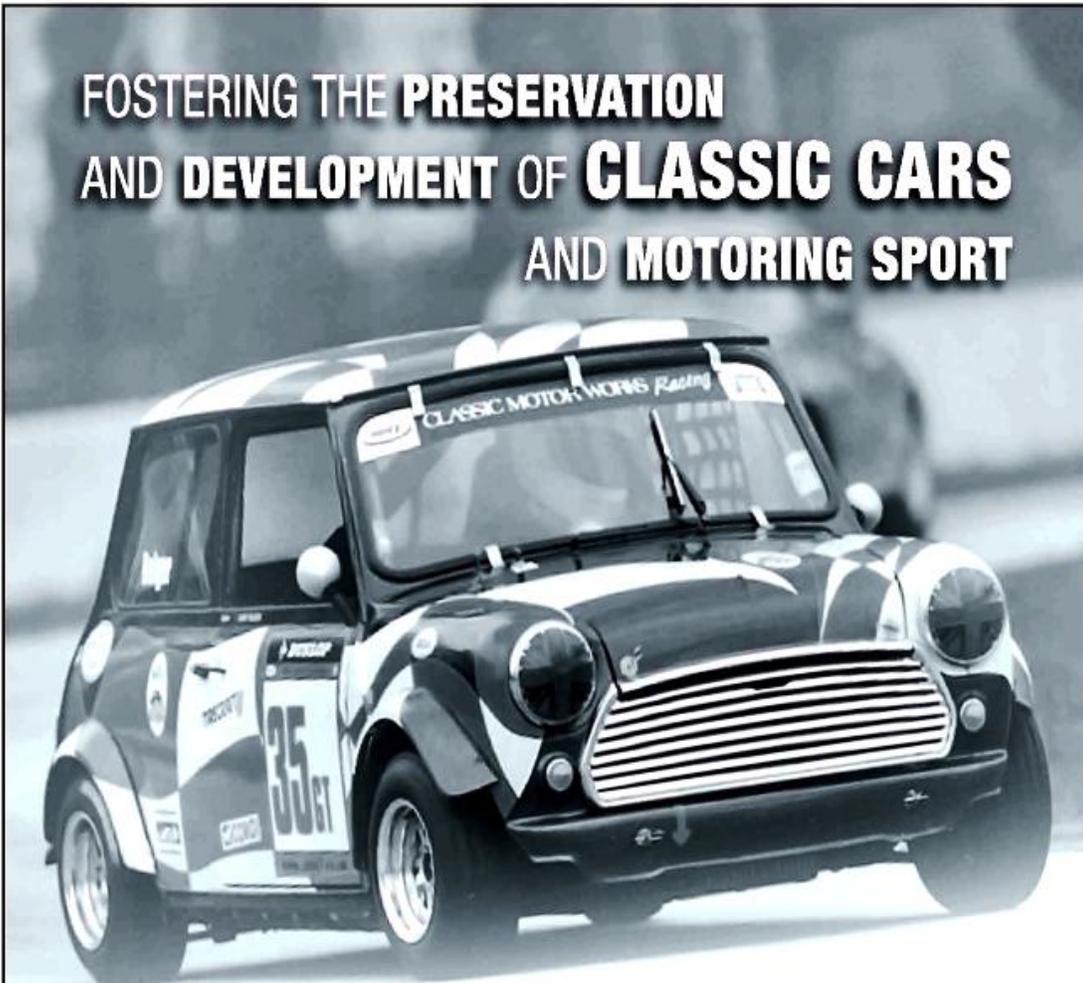
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