



As you will notice when you read this newsletter, the format is changed. The reason is that Alan Heartfield has left us for a few months, gone to work in British Columbia, Vancouver to be exact and he is the sole operator of the Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba website so for the next couple of months, the newsletter will not be as slick and shiny as what you have become accustomed to but hope that it will serve its purpose nevertheless..

Lots has been happening since our last newsletter; the most important event was the annual Rendezvous held this year in Pinawa, Manitoba. It was by all accounts a resounding success. Here are some of the statistics regarding this event:

- 79 registrations
- 146 participants including 7 children and teenagers
- 84 registered vehicles with the top marques being Triumph with (25), MG (19), Austin-Healey (16), Jaguar (9) and Mini Classic and Cooper/Cooper S(6)
- The majority of registrations were from Manitoba (42) and the remaining counts by province and state were: Minnesota (20), North Dakota (6), Ontario (5), Wisconsin (2) and Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Washington and California with (1) each.
- Longest distance driven in a British Car was from Houston, MN at 687 miles in a 1959 Triumph Standard 10. Close second was from Winona, MN at 676 miles in a 1973 Jaguar E-Type.

Rally winners: Roger and Heather Hamelin of the TDC

Funkhana Winners, all from TDC:

- Men: 1st: Al McMillan & Jordan Lanoway
- 2nd: Ted & Graham Moorby
- Women: 1st: Andrea Vinci & Peter Brown
- 2nd: Cynthia Moorby & Jennifer Clarke

Pit Stop Challenge: Team Moorby

Show & Shine Winners:

- Best Austin-Healey – 1960 Bugeye driven by John Davidson of Headingley, MB.
- Best Jaguar – 1973 E-Type Coupe driven by John Rugeberg of MN.
- Best MG – 1946 MGTC driven by Larry Leclerc of Fargo, ND.
- Best Triumph – 1959 Standard 10 driven by Ralph Zerbe of Houston, MN.

- Best other British – 1989 Morgan 4 owned by Ed Driver of Saskatoon, Sask.
- Best overall – 1999 MGF driven by Dawn Williams of MN.

The weather cooperated and despite the rain on Friday, participation in all events was strong. Next year the Rendezvous will be held on the South Shore of Lake Superior in Ashland, Wisconsin from June 11-14, 2009.

A big thank-you to all the main organizers; I won't mention names so I will not forget anyone but you know who you are and without your enthusiasm and commitment, this event would not have been the success it was. Thank you as well to the sponsors and volunteers.

CLUB EVENTS

We also tried something new in early July – having a drive during the week. It seems that the weekends are so filled with family events that we tried a drive on a Thursday evening. Six cars showed up and it was the inaugural drive for former Club member Richard Chamberlin after 25+ years of restoring his BJ8. We started at the A & W at Deacon's Corner and headed south via Lorette and St. Adolphe. It all started very well but unbeknownst to the participants, the road leading from Lorette to Ile des Chenes was being repaired and a large amount of gravel and oil was applied. Being on his maiden run with other British cars, Richard and his flawless BJ8 turned around and took a detour of several miles and rejoined us in St. Adolphe.

July 16 saw 12 British cars at the downtown Pony Corral. It is still a popular event, well attended with a good crowd on hand.

Some of our members also attended the Mid-Canada Mini Club Show and Shine at the Forks. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I learned via some members that there was strong participation and the venue is second to none.

Glen & Wendy Lucas suggested some events to participate in at the last meeting and the first one of many, we hope, will take place tomorrow at the Old Market Square. Should someone else be willing to come up with something that would be fun to do, let me know and we will publish it here.

HEALEY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Octane magazine reports in its July 2008 issue that Big Healeys are returning to The Cape. Those of you who are familiar with the Austin-Healey history will



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recall that The Cape is where Donald Healey prepared all the racing Healeys. So 45 years after Donald Healey moved out, restorer JME Healeys has purchased the premises where JME owner, Jon Everard began his Healey apprenticeship in 1962.

It appears that the long awaited Healey Museum that was to be built in Virginia is on hold indefinitely. It was set to open sometime in 2007 and then there was no further news until recently when the promoter was advertising some of his own Healey collection for sale via various venues on the internet. Attempts to get further information so far have been met with negative results. It is too bad as it had good potential and the people that the promoter surrounded himself with in this venture were well know in

Healey circles and have vast knowledge about the marque.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Here is something I have wanted to do for a long time but never got around to it. 2008 saw a significant increase in our membership and the following are new members that joined our Club this year.

-Don & Karina Bourgeois, Paul & Nancy McLeod, Bill & Lorraine Powell.

Welcome to all and we sure hope to see you at some of our events.

Derek Wilson will soon send the new membership list for 2008; if you have moved or changed e-mail address or phone number, please advise him so that he can update the list.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The meeting for August will be held on Sunday, August 10th at Gerry & Sheila Berezuk's cottage. Here is how to get there: from Winnipeg take PTH #44 east to Seddon Corner, turn left on Milner Ridge Road (nice drive), up to PTH #11, then turn left, go past the Shell station on your left and immediately after, turn right on PR #313, drive across the Winnipeg River, and take the second road on your left. There should be a green sign there that says "Gronsdin Point." Drive carefully for the next 2.5 miles of rough gravel road and where the road makes a 90 degree turn to the right, you will turn left into a driveway that has a steep hill. Take your first right and then your first left up to #19 and you are there.

Gerry & Sheila are inviting us for around 1:00 pm for a BBQ later on in the afternoon. Please bring lawn chairs, towels and your own alcoholic beverages; the rest, food and condiments, will be supplied. Please let me know by August 6th if you plan to attend for

planning purposes. E-mail: vintage_roadster_restoration@hotmail.com or phone 254-1132.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3 – Harbourfest in Kenora

August 23-24 - Vintage races at Gimli

August 24 - Beausejour Car Show

August 30-31 - Watch the Waves, Tour of artisans shop in the Interlake

September 26-28 – Casino Car Cruise, Mahnomon, Mn. I have received pamphlets about this event, will have them at the next meeting if anyone is interested. Draw for a 1957 Cadillac and many other prizes.

See you next month, drive your LBC, you'll love it and they will too.



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