

Running Out of Time

Yes, Fall is in the air. My, actually Alex's, pumpkins are orange and the potatoes are being dug out of the ground. That can only mean one thing - that the "S" word is on its way. Like always, I have been busy in the yard, but now is the big push to get things put away and moved around so when the white stuff comes, I can get to it for the winter projects.

I have not heard how the Fall Colours Tour went, but it was sad that all the nice weather we have been having of late decided to stop that weekend and rain, lots.

I have had the Bugeye out a few times, but not as much as I would have liked. I have some maintenance stuff to do to it, so I plan on doing it once the weather turns. Instead of waiting until spring, so it will be ready to go. Ann and I have not committed to the Thunder Bay Rendezvous yet, but the Bugeye

will be ready. In the mean time, Alex has enjoyed getting picked up in the Bugeye, versus taking the school bus, on some warm and sunny days when I've been home.

In car related news, I do have a follow-up on the Datsun 210 I picked on my one day (5:15am to 9:30pm) road trip to Moose Jaw. A couple days after bringing it home, got together with the fellow Datsun-guy from work, and we got it running. It had been sitting for 10 years or so, but did include a few joy-riding stunts by local youth before being written-off by SGI (luckily for me the owners bought it back!). I am happy to report that the transmission shifts fine. I now have the spare parts if mine goes south in the Bugeye. I am a



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firm believer that you can never have too many spares (Ann's Note: And that explains our shop, sheds, horse trailer, transport trailer, etc. full of stuff/parts and living on 12 acres).

On a final note, club elections are

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coming up in November. So now is the time to think about running for one of them. All current positions are up for grabs, so help keep the fun we have going by putting your name forward.

President's Report

- Roger Morcilla

Well Hello Everyone!

It's sad to say that soon our little British Cars will be once again being put in hibernation mode. I really can't believe that summer 2013 has come and gone.

Although my favorite time of the year for driving my Healey is the month of October, but not because of worrying about overheating (my Healey Runs Cool LOL) but to absorb the beauty of nature.

I hope everyone had a great time with all the clubs activities, on that note I would like to thank everyone that have organized club events so that all can enjoy! And thanks to Jean Caron for organizing the summer breakfast drives and to those that suggested the fabulous locations!

With my busy schedule due to a family reunion this year I still had a chance to join the group on a few breakfast drives and certainly enjoyed them all.

This year my Healey has been behaving like they "say" you're typical British Car! But isn't that the fun of owning these little Gems!

It all started out with bad spark plug caps purchased four years ago. Apparently these caps have built in resistors that are guaranteed to fail over time even though they are brand new! After that the cam lobes on the distributor shaft wore out due to lack of lubricant (I'll take the blame for that one).

Then around mid August it was plagued with fuel issues, this one was a bummer to figure out. It turns out that the gas tank liner was slowly deteriorating inside the tank causing it to starve for gas when the engine reaches a certain temperature. With a high quality spark plug caps thanks to **Dyrk** at **Classic Motor Works**, rebuilt and re-curved distributor and a brand new gas tank, the Healey rides again.

On another note, this is more likely to be the last report that will be providing as your club Prez I would like to thank you all for the great support that you have provide during my 2 year term. Also a big thank you to **Jim Jackson** for keeping the club organized and up to date with the events and meetings.

Thank you **Todd Chivers** for maintaining and keeping the clubs financial status on the plus side, and not over spending like our current Provincial Government known as the NDP.

Elaine Davidson, Thank you for keeping the club informed with the AHCA, with your great effort on attending to all of the delegates meeting tell us that you truly passionate about our hobby!

Richard Weide Thank you so much for chairing the meetings when I'm not able to attend!

Ed Driver, Thank you for the amazing job on re designing and maintenance of the Website, I don't know if I can fill the shoes you're in there is so much to remember and I'm way behind!

Mark & Ann, The Club Newsletters are Fantastic! I truly enjoyed all 22 issues of the Healey Happenings hope you guys stay on!

Just a reminder that Elections for Club Executive positions are just around the corner! Get involved and keep it fresh! I think all positions are available.

Our next big Club Event is the Annual Christmas party at Rembrandts; this event is very well attended by members. I hope to see you all there!

You're outgoing President, Roger.



This & That

- Jean Caron

September 21st was our last Breakfast Drive for this year and the destination, Elma, Manitoba, was also our longest drive. It was indeed quite a drive, and the temperature when we departed from home was only 2C, with the top down. Of particular interest when we all gathered in Dugald, was that of the seven cars in attendance, four of them were Big Healeys, a rare sight indeed in the last few years. I think that if we do these drives again next year we should shoot for this number of Austin-Healeys every time. A big thank you to all those who supported these drives throughout the summer, you make it all worthwhile and fun.

I have just been reading some of the race results from this year Goodwood Festival of Speed held recently in the UK. The Fordwater Trophy race was won by an Austin-Healey 100-6 who started on pole then dropped to 8th place and then clawed it way back to the front to beat a Mercedes-Benz 300SL driven by former F1 driver Jochen Mass. To say that this 100-6 was modified would be an understatement I guess. See the accompanying photo.



As well in the same race, was a beautiful Austin-Healey 100 Coupe, believed to be one of three ever built. This one was for a while, Donald Healey's personal car and it has a 100S engine in it. When this car was owner by Donald Healey, it was painted red. It is now raced regularly on the circuits of Europe.

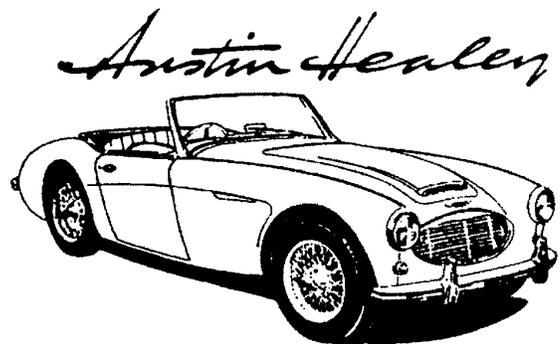


The weather channel is calling for nice weather this coming week, hopefully they are right, so I might just be able to squeeze a couple hundred more miles on my BN6 and reach 6000 miles for the year. I have never been over 4000 miles in a year before, so that would be quite good. However, next year I will need only about 1200 miles to reach 100,000 miles on the car and it is believed to be the original mileage since the car was off the road for 13 years before I purchased it in 1987.

Finally for this month, here are a few paint names, colours that are used on the Austin-Healey models. These are paints for small items, not the whole cars, where these are readily available:

Top Frames: BMC Cumulus Grey, code GR29

Painted Wire Wheels: Ford Argent Silver



Timely Tech Tip

- As reported by Curt Carlson of the Minnesota Austin-Healy Club about 10 years ago in their newsletter. Taken off my shop wall where I've had it tacked on for almost as long.

July 21st, 2003 7:30p.m.

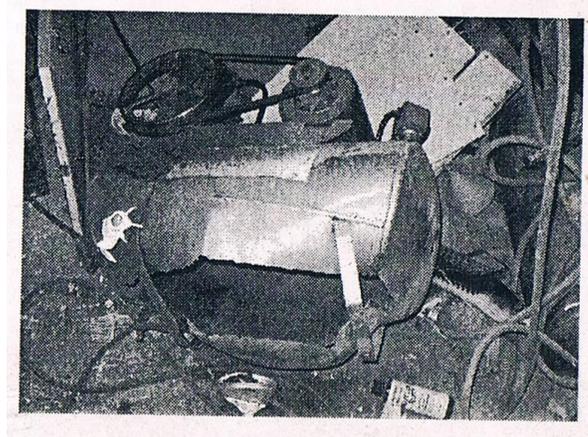
While sitting in my living room reading a magazine, I was greeted by the loudest BOOOOOOM and the most earth-shattering, window rattling explosion I had ever heard in my life. I jumped and ran out the back door of my house to look around my South Minneapolis neighborhood for what had happened.

My next door neighbor was standing in his driveway next to his truck looking into his open garage in disbelief. I could see the dust rolling from his garage out through the main door and the service door. His 30-year old air compressor had exploded!

He had just plugged it in, and walked out the door to get something from his truck in the driveway when it went off, opening up the rusty seam on the bottom of the tank, and sending the A/C up like a rocket through the bottom of his wooden workbench and out into the garage. Parts and pieces of the air compressor and the workbench and shelves were thrown out into the street 50 feet away!

My neighbor was fortunately in the driveway and wearing his safety glasses and soundproof earmuffs (as he religiously does even when moving his lawn!). Because of this, he escaped any injury. If he had been at his workbench, or even in the garage, pieces of metal, plastic tires from the air compressor, wooden shelves with nails protruding, and various other bits of debris could have killed him, or at best, taken off a leg or an arm. He was VERY lucky.

Please look at the photo.



Inspect your air compressor. Drain the tank religiously. Compressing gasses, like air, always cause condensation to form. If your compressor is old, or you suspect its integrity, throw it away and replace it. The few hundred dollars it will cost you is far cheaper than a lost limb or your life. Do it today.



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Upcoming Club Events

See Calendar page on our club's website <http://www.ahcm.ca/calendar/calendar2013.html> for complete listing of all AHCM events

We also included inter-club events found on Triumph Driver's Club web site <http://www.triumphdriversclub.com/events.htm>

- Wed's** **Tech Time @ Graeme's** – mornings, contact Graeme Lowden for more info

- Thu's** **Tech Time @ Jean's** – evenings, contact Jean Caron for more info

- Oct 7** **Club Meeting** – 7:30 pm at **Graeme & Joyce Lowden's**

- Oct 20** **TDC Run to Haywood Fall Supper** – 2:30 pm Meet at the Petro Canada on the corner of the Perimeter and McGillivray, cost \$12 , RSVP Barry Howorth at spurs1@shaw.ca

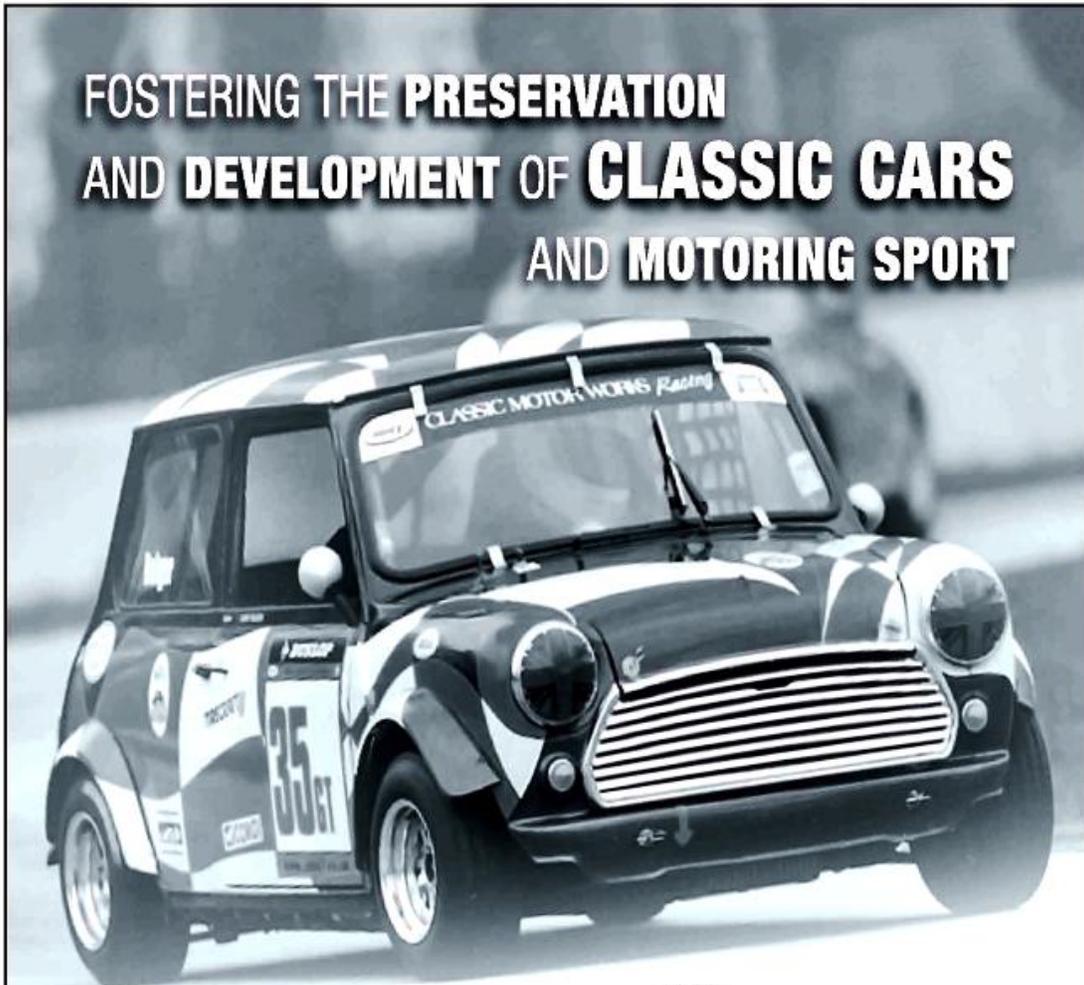
- Oct 27** **AHCM Run to Lockport Church Perogy Dinner** – 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Cost at the door \$10 adults and \$5 children. All welcome, contact Graeme for more details.

- Nov 4** **Club Meeting** – 7:30 pm at **Dyrk & Jodi Bolger's**

- Dec 6** **Christmas Party** – Time to be determined at **Rembrandt's in Lockport**



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