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# Healey Happenings

[www.ahcm.ca](http://www.ahcm.ca)

Next Club Meeting: Dyrk & Jodi's 3 Mar 2008



TWO JOHN DEERE SNOWPLOWS ?

Social Notes

Everyone in the Club wishes a safe trip and a safe return to Richard as he leaves for Afghanistan this week.



AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB OF MANITOBA EXECUTIVE

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**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba, please visit our website ([www.ahcm.ca](http://www.ahcm.ca)) or contact Graeme Lowden at [membership@ahcm.ca](mailto:membership@ahcm.ca).

Note that owning a Healey, or any other specific marque, is not a prerequisite for joining the club. All are welcome.



Roger and Graeme's cars are coming along very nicely. The "race" is on.



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Quiet Month

It was a pretty quiet time this month as far as our Club was concerned. First of all we had our monthly meeting at Bob & Joan's. In my opinion it was likely the meeting where we had the most Club members ever, at least those I have been to, sure nice to see. Other than the meeting, there was the odd gathering of Club members but nothing scheduled. Given the fact it was a pretty cold January, members likely preferred to work on their projects so the cars are ready to go should we get an early spring. I have been very busy in the garage but as you read this Carol & I will be in warmer climate for a few weeks, Florida to be exact.

For those of you that like to plan in advance for events, check our event calendar on the website, you may find an event that interests you. Those who have not yet renewed your membership, please do so by contacting Derek Wilson, it's only \$20.00 for a local membership and an extra \$40.00 if you wish to join the AHCA. Definitely well worth it and this is a small token to show your appreciation for those who maintain the website and keep your Club going.

Jean



Lorraine McTavish  
(McTavishes Motel in Clear  
Lake) called to give us a heads up

MESSAGE FROM JODI - CLEAR LAKE WEEKEND 2008

on the available dates for next spring. The GOLFERS have booked May 30/31 so it is not available that weekend. You would not want that anyway, too close to Rendezvous. However,

the AHCM may have the May 23/24 weekend or May 16/17 long weekend for 2008. They are cleaning up for the winter but will answer the calls coming to their 1-888-933-6233 number.



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**CLASSIC MOTOR WORKS****CHAPTER ONE**Roots

The seed for my obsessive enthusiasm of British sporting cars was planted back in the 1960's. It took hold hard and fast after I had purchased my very own typical "non-functioning" sports car in 1967. It was a blue 1960 Sunbeam Alpine sporting prominent tail fins and a removable hardtop. In one year, after several blown engines, long nights and bloody knuckles, the Sunbeam was retired to the scraper.

Was it time to give up on these cars? No, the seed now had unshakable roots deep in my soul and nothing would do but to purchase another British Sports car! In 1968 a "silver" 1961 Austin-Healey 3000 came into my possession. Regretfully, it too was destined for the scraper. It was demolished by a hulking big "Detroit iron" domestic vehicle trying to maneuver in the local shopping centre parking lot.



These little sports cars were not yet "rare" classics in the early days and were easy to find and cheap to buy. The hunt, pursuit, and acquisition game became relentless. Purchases included the Austin-Healey 100-6, 3000 (many) and Sprite, the Triumph TR3A, TR250, TR6, TR7, and wannabe TR8, the MG Midget and MGB, a sports racer Ginetta G4, the Morgan Plus 4, several Sunbeam Tigers and of course my first car, the ever influential Sunbeam Alpine! I shouldn't forget the promiscuous Austin Mini which

seemed to somehow multiply on its own. I have never counted the number of British sports cars that have passed through my hands but I estimate at least 40 to 50 to this day!

Club Connection

Still intoxicated with British sports car passion, I moved from Fredericton, New Brunswick to Winnipeg in 1981. Immediately upon arrival in Winnipeg, I started sniffing out the British sports car scene. There did not appear to be any British sports car clubs at that time with the exception of maybe the Jaguar club.



After locating some fellow enthusiasts, the Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba (AHCM) was formed in 1989 of which I became the founding President. The club remains active to this day. Subsequent to Classic Motor Works, a number of my Triumph friends/customers looked on with keen interest on the formation of the Healey Club. Shortly thereafter the Triumph Drivers Club of Manitoba (TDCM) was formed. I currently belong to the AHCM, TDCM, and the Mid-Canada Mini

Group. There has never been an MG club in Manitoba. I also belong to one of the oldest sports car clubs in Western Canada, the Winnipeg Sports Car Club (WSCC).

*Chapter two to follow in the next newsletter*

## Petition to stop the ban on leaded gas

Keep in mind that the petition (and our actions) are to change the extension from temporary (it is until Jan.1, 2009) to permanent.

Also, we would like to get thousands upon thousands of Canadians to sign up for the Legislative Alerts from SEMA.

Please register for SEMA by going to [www.sema.org](http://www.sema.org)

Call up legislation on the left hand side –then go to SAN or SEMA ACTION NETWORK and you will find it.

Breaking News - SEMA Action Network Expands to Canada!!

Canadian residents, go here to register:

<http://www.semasan.com/san/CanadaSignup.aspx>

It is very important that all Canadian sign up for SEMA to give us greater lobbying support.

Gord Forman, Manitoba Director

[www.naaaccc.ca](http://www.naaaccc.ca)



Apparently BMW are going to build this car and call it a Triumph TR4. Well, they're both red.



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 Asking \$ 300. or ???  
 Call Gerry Green 204 663 6813

WANTED: 1966-68 Austin Healey 3000 Mark III. If it needs some work that is fine. I am willing to pay up to \$30K.

Bernie Wright  
 928-718-9011  
 email: [Bwright@citlink.net](mailto:Bwright@citlink.net)

FOR SALE: 1990 Jaguar XJ40. Remote start, A/C, good interior, factory rebuilt diff, runs well. ABS and O2 sensor not working. \$3000. Alan. 204-797-7982

FOR SALE: AHCM club regalia \endash lapel pins @ \$5.00, grill badges @ \$25.00. Call Jean Caron at (204) 254-1132 or email:  
[VINTAGE\\_ROADSTER\\_RESTORATION@hotmail.com](mailto:VINTAGE_ROADSTER_RESTORATION@hotmail.com)

FOR USE: Vintage Roadster Restoration has available , as a courtesy to the members of the Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba the following items: Body rotisserie , engine stand, engine lift/hoist and tilter, engine dolly (specifically made for Big Healeys with gearbox attached). To reserve any of these items, call Jean at 254-1132.

FOR USE: Oil pump mounted on a wooden base. Can be driven using a drill. For priming rebuilt engines. Also remote IR temp. sensor. Call Alan at 204-482-7708.

### Calendar

Games Night	Feb	St. James Legion
Clear Lake Run	16,17 May	Clear Lake
Spite 50th Birthday Celebration	20 May	
Rendezvous 2008	5-8 June 2008	Pinawa
Fireworks	1 July	Lac du Bonnet
Vintage Weekend	23,24 Aug	Gimli

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