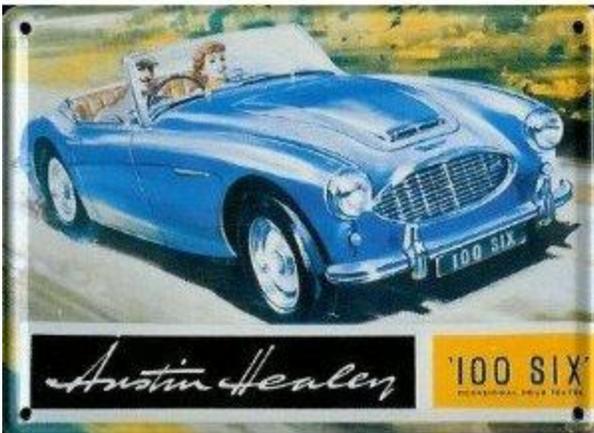


Falling into another Season

Once again the summer driving season is coming to a close. I did not put many miles on the Bugeye this year, but did enjoy the ones I did. The plates ran out on Thanksgiving Monday and I drove it to my buddy's place where I store it for the winter season.



The weekend before, Ann and I had the afternoon to ourselves, so we took the Bugeye out to Lockport. It was a Junk Food afternoon: we stopped at VJ's on Main Street and had an order of fries (I wanted chili on my fries, but they could not seem to get the idea of putting it on fries even though they can on a burger). Then we took Henderson Highway to the A&W in Lockport for onion rings and a root beer float. After chatting with a couple in a TR6 in the A&W lot, we headed back home via Red River Drive. Keeping with the Red River theme, we stopped at BDI for ice cream and a walk over the foot bridge. We took our time and I guess it was our "Fall Colours Tour" for it was a very warm and sunny

day and the scenery was great. As we talked on the way back, we figured that it was probably at least five years since we last drove that route... long overdue.

I heard a group of eight cars headed east for the official club's Fall Colours Tour that same day and also had a great time, weather and colours. We have to thank Don Hubert for organizing this event and hope to have more details in next month's *Healey Happenings*.

Last month I mentioned I bought (saved) an Austin A-40 from the "crusher". Well I just sold it to a guy from the Bird's Hill area. He hopes to one day bring it back to life. So now I know that I did my part to save a little piece of automotive history and possibly get something very unique back on the road.



The Kenora Rendezvous is now a memory, but I'm still looking for some info of who won what during the event. I have not seen a list of who won the car show, rally or other competitions. If someone can pass it on to me, we can share the news for those who did not attend Rendezvous. Thanks.

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On a final note, at our October club meeting host Don Bourgeois was showing the group in the garage his newly acquired 5 speed conversion kit complete with a Datsun 210 transmission. If any of our members are thinking of doing this conversion, give Don a call or email and he would be willing to show it off before he installs it on his Bugeye Sprite. Speaking from experience on my Bugeye, the conversion is well worth it. Both Ted Moorby and Rob Molyneux have also converted the transmissions on their Sprites.

Looks like we're falling into the Restoration Season.

This & That

- Jean Caron

Would you like to purchase an Austin-Healey with racing history? If so, there is a 1959 Austin-Healey Sprite currently on offer with Fantasy Junction in California (www.fantasyjunction.com), a car that raced at Sebring in 1959 and has been totally restored to like new condition is offered for \$135,000.00. This car is featured in Motor Trend Classic magazine this month, pretty interesting article. Fantasy Junction also has several other Austin-Healeys on offer as well as many other British brands.

Our Saturday breakfast drives are over for this year, the Landmark restaurant being the last one on September 22nd. Given the pretty good attendance and popularity of this event, I feel that we should run it again next year. I am asking all of you to come up with a place we can go to next year. Think of a location that is within one hour's drive from Winnipeg and has decent food. Submit your location(s) to our President Roger Morcilla, Vice-President Richard Weide or myself and we will include it in the list. I think we should run it as this year from May to September so we will be looking for 10 new locations outside Winnipeg.

Carol and I went to the west coast for a few days and I got a short visit with Allan Heartfield. He had an unfortunate incident with his Jaguar XJS a few days before. It caught fire as he was driving it and while the fire department quickly put it out, it caused extensive damage to the wiring harness and the engine bay area. He is planning to install a new harness and get it on the road again.

Alan and I also went to a restoration shop on the outskirts of Victoria called Rudy & Co. They specialize in M-B 300 SL. The owner Rudy Koniczek and his friendly staff showed us around. Needless to say that their work is impeccable and they truly do superb work on these classic automobiles. As you can judge by these photos they have several cars on the go; actually seven cars were in the shop, all in various stages of restoration.



From what I heard and the photos I have seen, the Fall Colours Tour organized by Don Huebert was another success. Eight cars were on the Tour and the colours were at their peak. Sadly we missed it as we were away but I wonder where were many of our other Club members, eight cars between the two Clubs (TDC & AHCM) is not a lot in my opinion.

People like Don take pride in organizing such events, the least we can do is support it. Same goes with articles for the newsletters and the website. These individuals go to a lot of time and effort to make our club vibrant and interesting, I also realize that we all have busy lives but when these people will say enough, we will be left with nothing but cars in the garage. So I challenge you all to take one hour of your busy schedule every month and do something for your Club, just so it keeps going, it's a way to say thank you to those who run it.

Finally to end this month, I just learned that Hemmings Motor News is now producing oil for our old cars, see:

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/tag/hemmings-motor-oil>

How Simple the Rotor

- Tom Struthers

June 2012 often found me on the road between Winnipeg and Kenora as preparations for our 2012 Northern Lights Rendezvous deadline loomed. True to our hobby and the emerging summer weather an LBC was often my transport of choice. Being left stranded on the Highway is not new to me, but couldn't it happen when there is more daylight and less bugs!

The cause of this engine failure turned out to be a faulty ROTOR in the distributor. This little component has no moving parts and had no visual signs of either wear or deterioration; it still for all means and purposes looks feels and smells brand new.

Not to worry the flat bed got me home by midnight and Napa provided the necessary parts and I was back on the road.

Had heard some stories about the quality of these new rotors and so decided to carry a spare and

that was a good thing because a few weeks later while taking my neighbors kids for a ride we had another failure. This time there was no need for any diagnostic time and was back on the road in no time.

Fast forwarding a few weeks found me on a road trip to Saskatoon with a spare rotor on board which failed again near Brandon.

Stopping in Dauphin I learned that the Piston Ring could have a new spare there first thing in the morning was small comfort because it was 4.30 pm beautiful sunny and so I departed Dauphin only to dead stick again 30 miles to the West.



Different views of a TR250 waiting and waiting ...

A quick call to Piston Ring got a new rotor on its way and a call to my brother in Saskatoon started his search the next morning for more spares.

There is definitely something wrong with this picture, so after a three hour wait for my flat bed, I got on the internet and found Advanced Distributors, LLC in the good old USA. Thanks to my guardian angel in Winnipeg!

After Jeff told me what was failing on the rotors and why, we discovered the cause. High resistance spark plug wires demand higher voltage from the coil. Our cars will run fine on 11,000 volts but as resistance goes up so does the voltage until the rotor, the weakest link, channels through and grounds out the system. The old wires were fairly high resistance and with time, lots of time, guess what?

Our conversation goes like this. (Q) What kind of car you driving. (A) 1968 TR250. (Q) Has it still got the green wires on to it. (A) Yes. That is your problem!

In the morning I collected my new rotor, found a set of generic sparkplug wires from a tractor dealer and, with a borrowed pair of cutters and pliers, fashioned myself a new set of high tension leads.

Wow the car ran beautifully now - more power, better mileage and the rotor is now old news.

The link below is to my friend in the USA who found my problem and has since supplied me with new Bosh wires and a ten year supply of brown rotors no black no carbon.

<http://www.advanceddistributors.com>

If anyone in our clubs needs a new rotor for a 6 cylinder, see me. I have about a life time supply.

Fall Supper Drives

Here's a listing of the remaining Fall Suppers as compiled by Margret Friedrich:

***October 14, Winnipeg, St Andrews United Church.** 204- 488-1130

October 21, St Adolphe, 4-7pm, Pioneer Hall in St Adolphe Arena, Adults \$12, Children \$5, 204-883-2563

October 28, St Rose du Lac Community

Hall, 204- 447-2154.

October 29, Lowden's Church.

***November 11, Headingley United Church,** 204-895-9147

Note* Advance Tickets Required.

Carol Caron, Author

- Jodi Bolger

September 15, 2012 marked a day to remember in the life of Carol Caron who on this day presided over the launching of her first book, *Cover Letter Queen*.



The McNally Robinson Bookstore provided the venue for a gathering of family and friends who sat and were entertained as Carol shared a few choice passages from this absolutely delightful read. Supporting her in the reading of selected lines, her daughter Nicole contributed to the endearing content of this book for the benefit of the obviously charmed audience.

On this day Carol was gracious by thanking everyone who helped her in her journey to write, highlighting her husband, Jean, who she credited for supporting her from the beginning in this new venture, and for making it so much fun to do.

Carol acknowledged also her children and their families. Son Richard had traveled from Victoria to attend this important event, and daughter Nicole, her husband and their two young children live closer by right here in Winnipeg. On the dedication page of

the book Carol writes special thanks to “Nicole and Richard whose births provided me with the only job I’ve never wanted to quit”.



This book is self-published, and for this reason, it does not garner the same attention by book sellers and promoters as is given other books which have publishing houses behind them. Carol credited her sister, Dianne, who is a writer and editor, for helping her get this book printed. Carol noted that it was not a tough choice, the simple reason being that costs for publishing with a company hover around \$20,000... a huge investment for most people. It’s a credit to Carol for publishing herself, and she was grateful for having the benefit of her sister’s experience.

The central character in the book, Claire, is sent “hurtling down memory lane” at her 40th high school reunion. Over the course of time Claire has worked at 66 jobs in her 57 years. Each chapter in the book is devoted to one of those jobs as the reader is taken on a joy ride of Claire’s experiences on the job, with her inner voice often edging in to emphasize a particular aspect of the situation. You guessed it...there are 66 chapters, plus a Prologue and a Reunion Chapter.

It may be jumping the gun here, so to say, but in this humble person’s estimation and without a doubt,

Cover Letter Queen presents the makings of a movie needing only to be discovered by a sharp-witted producer, fashioned by an astute script writer and trimmed by a judicious editor. Additionally, the material in the book would easily satisfy an audience with 66 episodes of a weekly television series, one job an episode. It’s a TV producer’s dream. Of course the author would have to agree to all of this. And that is part of the pot on the other side of Carol’s rainbow of good fortune.

You will simply have to get yourself a copy and see for yourselves. This book is rich in terms of its amusement value, writing style, character building, situation descriptions, and general theme flow. It is very entertaining and delightful to read. And let’s not forget, Carol and Jean Caron are long standing members of our AHCM, a feather in the club cap to be sure for this package deal.



Editors’ Note: You can view more on Carol’s book, including her appearance on McNally – Robinson’s Best Sellers list at www.facebook.com/pages/Cover-Letter-Queen/411604548874140 You can contact Carol directly to purchase your copy for \$20



Upcoming Club Events

- Oct 11 *Thursday Tech Session, 7 – 10 pm, Jean Caron's – this Thursday every Thursday*
- Nov 5 *Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Jim & Wendy Jackson's*
- Dec 7 *Christmas Dinner (no meeting this month), Rembrandt's in Lockport – more details to follow*

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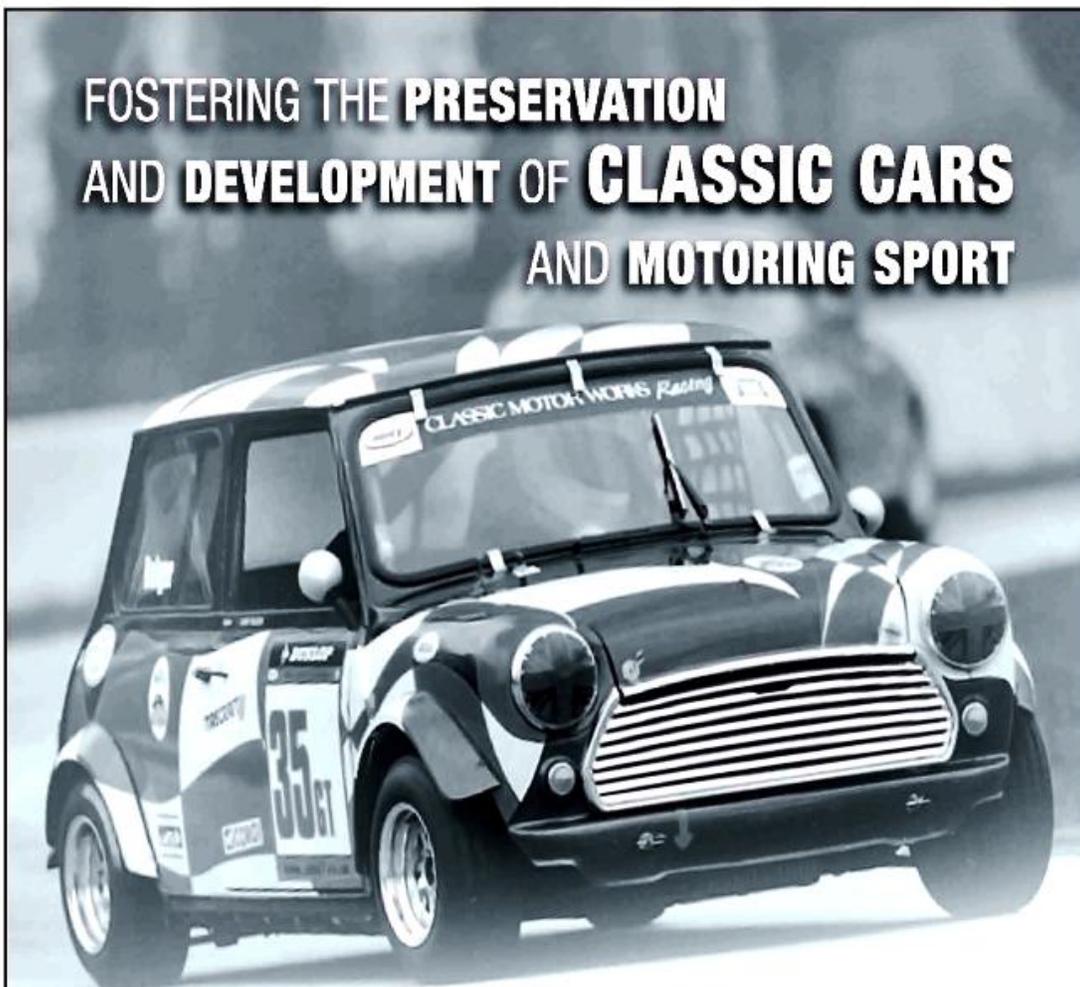
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