

Healey Hi-Lites

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Presidents Comments

By: Bill Wilding



It has been almost a month since we left Louisville for SW Florida. We are having a great time and it has been total relaxation. It is my understanding that the weather in Louisville has also been perfect and I would guess that there have

been a lot of Healeys on the road this past week and a half. There is no better way to winterize a Healey than to drive it as often as the weather permits in the winter months. Our top on Joyce's little blue car has been down a lot and it would be wonderful if we had our Healey down here.

The Bluegrass Club is not as well represented this year as in the past years. Nancy and Doug Conway, Jim and Kathy French, Dona and Roger Coats and Tom and Linda Gish are the only ones who I know are down in sunny Florida. The Frenches, Conways and Wildings are all in Bonita Springs and we have not seen any of the other folks this year.

Doug Conway and myself spent a day at Sebring International Race Way watching races. My brother Ernie (some of you guys know him) raced and won his race in his BMW. My nephew raced in his Spec Miata and also won his races. It was a great day and the vintage race had a bug eye that came in second in its class. An original Ford GT40 had a slight problem in a curve and did some damage to its right side which was a little heart breaking for a million-dollar car. Believe it or not there was even an American Motor Gremlin racing. I had to root for it because I have never seen a Gremlin race before. I talked to the driver after the race and he was extremely happy this was the first race that his car ever finished. Doug Conway, Jim French and I plan on going up the road a piece to the Muscle Car Museum and look around at some of these beauties. By the way the DeLorean's are still alive and well down here and the dealer said they sell more of these stainless-steel monsters than anyone else in the country.

Mike Schneider has agreed again to take over the meeting this month and it will still be at Roosters. Not sure if we will be back for the March Meeting as we are not sure if we will be leaving on the 17th or the 24 of March. Look forward to seeing everyone when we return. Drive your cars in this great weather. It is good for the cars and good for you.

Living the dream in SW Florida and remember I am impeachable.

Bill

From the Drivers Side... By Mike Schneider



First order of business for the new year is membership renewals. If you haven't sent in your renewal please do so very soon. The planned cutoff date was January 15, 2017. We are now almost into March and we still have quite a few that have not renewed.

Next on the agenda is to get that Healey out and enjoy this 70 degree weather mother nature is giving us. Who knows what will be coming our way later to offset this terrific weather, so take advantage of it while you can. I know Mike and Mary Sasse have had their Healey out a lot. I am getting reports that their Healey is seen almost daily in the neighborhood, weekly at church and occasionally shopping and weekly at the tennis center.

Another way to take advantage of the weather is to get some of those nagging maintenance issues resolved. You can't ask for better weather to test the repair or replacement. Bernie has Jerry Schoenlaub's Healey running like a finely tuned watch and Jerry is ecstatic. He says it has never run so good.

The Springthing apps are now available online and in this newsletter as well. We have been to this hotel before and the facilities worked out wonderfully for our event. Ben has devised a different twist on this Springthing so it might be the same hotel but a different grouping of activities. I understand Healey Trivia will be once again featured Thursday evening.

Conclave 2017 is scheduled for Waco. The Texas Healey clubs have a terrific venue. The registration form has been in a number of the Marque magazines and is also available online. If there is any chance you can make it get your registration in soon and make the hotel reservations also.

Conclave 2018 has been set. It will be in French Lick, IN. Perhaps a mile or two closer than Conclave 2016 was. Registration forms for Conclave 2018 will be available during Conclave 2017 and on the website and in the Marque thereafter. The Central Indiana Club has taken the lead on this one but is counting on getting help from a number of the area clubs, including the Bluegrass Club.

The weekend of March 3 & 4th the AHCA officers are gathering in Louisville for the annual officers spring meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to brainstorm for the future and figure out how mistakes happened last year and make sure they don't happen in the future. If you have any suggestions for topics for the officers meeting the upcoming general membership meeting is a good time to present your ideas to either Ben or me.

Hope to see you at the meeting this coming Tuesday night at Roosters. Don't forget to keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.

Mike

2016 BGAHC Financial Statement

4th Qtr

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/16

Checking	\$15,920.96
Savings	<u>2,340.10</u>
Total Beginning Balance	\$18,261.06

INFLOWS

Interest	9.32
50-50	261.00
Christmas Party	1,159.00
Regalia Inc	0.00
Membership	2,100.00
Springthing	4,072.50
Total Inflows	\$7,601.82

OUTFLOWS

Administrative	205.00
Charity	50.00
Activities	168.37
Springthing	2,917.24
Memberships	1,600.00
Club Identity Project	93.87
Gifts Given	684.73
Misc	42.39
Christmas Party	2,264.38
Total Outflows	\$8,025.98
Inflows minus Outflows	(\$424.16)
Total Ending Balance 12/31/16	\$17,836.90

SpringThing

May 18-21, 2017



The Bluegrass Club is proud to present SpringThing 2017 - Back to Bourbon. We'd tell you how many years we've been doing this, but frankly, we lost count somewhere in the late-2000s.

This year we are pleased to be allowed to return to the beautiful Maker's Mark campus. A true Kentucky landmark, the Maker's Mark Distillery is the perfect blend of serene country location with beautiful art installations, aging caves and

the full bourbon-making experience. Combine that with a gourmet BBQ dinner and Lucas Light Car Show, and you have all the makings of a once-in-a-lifetime Healey trip.

A huge art-glass installation greets us in a specially outfitted aging warehouse and leads us to the dipping room. The Maker's crew will be on hand to provide VIP tours of the distillery while we enjoy a



relaxed afternoon and evening on the campus. And, thanks to a new Kentucky law, you can purchase your favorite Maker's blend in the cocktail of your choosing on-site.

You must see this to believe it! We hope you'll join us as we partake in one of the country's hottest bourbon destinations! All of the Maker's Mark experience is included in one special price. **Visit www.BluegrassClub.com registration information.**

BACK TO BOURBON





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Southeastern Classic XXXI

October 12 - 15, 2017

Lake Guntersville, Alabama

SAVE THE DATE!

The Atlanta Chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America is proud to announce that the 2017 Southeastern Classic will return to Lake Guntersville State Park in Northeast Alabama. Save the Date! October 12-15 2017! You don't want to miss this one. It will be a great time to spend with old and new friends experiencing wonderful fall temperatures, brilliant colors and magnificent sunsets at the Lake Guntersville Resort Lodge located high above the banks of the Tennessee River. There will be a full schedule of Healey activities including road rally, car show, funkhana, tech sessions, regalia, arts and crafts, awards banquet and of course some Friday night fun and laughter. It's just going to be a "Heehaw" kind of weekend! Be sure to pack your overalls and straw hat. If that's not enough there will be free time to relax with friends, go antiquing in town, visit local vineyards, explore hiking trails, go caving, golfing or just drive your Austin Healey on the numerous country back roads. Many area attractions are also nearby such as the Huntsville Space Center. The car show will be held on Saturday morning along the shores of beautiful Lake Guntersville. Lake Guntersville State Park overlooks the majestic 69,000-acre Guntersville Reservoir, and ranges over more than 6,000 acres of natural woodlands. The park has an 18-hole championship golf course, a beach complex, fishing center, hiking trails and nature programs. The resort lodge and chalets are located on the pinnacle of Taylor Mountain for spectacular vistas. Visit their website for more details. www.alapark.com/lake-guntersville-state-park. Be sure to mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. Registration forms will be available this summer by accessing the Atlanta Club's website at www.atlantahealeys.org. For additional information contact John Bowen, Event Chair. Phone 404-808-0401. Email johnbowen17@gmail.com

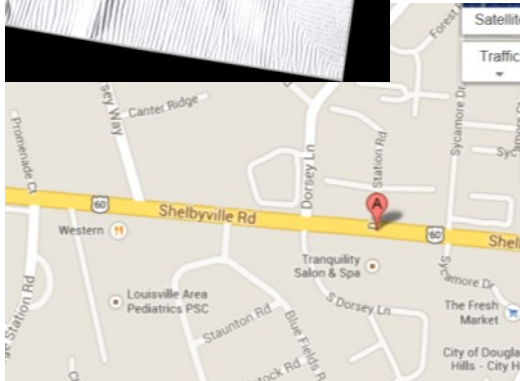


Mohican State Park, Ohio September 14-16, 2016

September Roundup 2017

Mid-Ohio Austin Healey Club is sponsoring the event for 2017 at Mohican State Lodge, 1098 County Rd, Perrysville, Ohio in Ashland County. The Lodge is in an 1,100 acre State Park which is adjacent to a 4,525 acre State Forest. Remember the video shown at September Roundup 2016. You are getting first opportunity to reserve rooms at the lodge as they are limited to 40. We are working on getting more rooms at this rate of \$ 110.00 / night plus sales and bed tax (13%). The lodge is offering an additional night Sunday for \$ 89, which you can cancel by July of next year with no penalty. You can sight see the area on your own after the event. We will list some of the sights to see in the area later.

Reservations can be made at Mohican State Lodge (419) 938-5411. Mention that you are with the Austin Healey Group to get the discount rate. The dates are September 14th – 16th . Thursday the 14th we are planning on hospitality 7:00pm and maybe the funkana. Friday we will start around 10:00 am for the weekend events, just to give you a rough idea. We will post more info in the future, once again you are getting first opportunity to reserve rooms. Any questions contact me (Chris Clark).



The Bluegrass Club Meeting is Tuesday

Always the fourth Tuesday

Join us at Roosters
10430 Shelbyville Rd
Meet and Eat 6-7
Meeting at 7pm

Tips From The Garage

By Bob Thurman

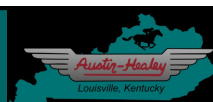


#21. WHEEL STUFF- I RUN 6 INCH WIDE STAINLESS, TUBELESS WHEELS WITH 195/65/R15 TIRES ALL OF YOU KNOW TO PUT A LITTLE ANTI SEIZE ON YOUR HUB AND SPLINES, BUT DON'T BE STINGY. I USE A 4lb DEAD BLOW HAMMER TO TIGHTEN SPINNERS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE STRIPPED BECAUSE THEY WERE TIGHTENED TOO MUCH. GO AHEAD AND HAMMER THEM DOWN. IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN FRUSTRATED BY TAKING REAR LUG NUTS OFF TO REMOVE REAR DRUM, DON'T DESPAIR. THE NEXT TIME YOU TAKE THEM OFF, GO TO PARTS HOUSE AND BUY CORRECT NUMBER LUG NUTS TO FIT 78 CHEVY MALIBU. THEY ARE SAME THREADS, 3/4 SOCKETSIZE, AND STICK OUT ENOUGH TO GET A HOLD ONTO. YOU CAN THEN USE A 3/4 SOCKET&RATCHET OR USE IMPACT GUN. I BOUGHT A SCISSOR JACK FROM SALVAGE YARD FOR A HONDA FOR MY CAR THAT WAS VERY COMPACT WHEN CLOSED. I WELDED 3/4 NUT TO END OF WINDING ROD AND WELDED 3/4 SOCKET TO END OF WINDING CRANK.FITS NICELY IN TRUNK AND UNDER CAR. IF YOU HAVE EVER FOUND LEAK AT REAR AXLE FLANGE IT MAY BE "O" RING BETWEEN FLANGE AND BEARING HUB. THE ONES I HAVE BOUGHT HAVE TOO SMALL CROSS-SECTIONAL ID. I COULD NOT FIND EXACT SIZE SO, I USE ONE THAT IS SLIGHTLY OVERSIZE ID. WHEN YOU TIGHTEN DOWN ON YOUR NEW LUG NUTS THEY WILL SHAVE AWAY THE EXCESS. MAKE SURE THEY ARE CORRECT SIZE TO FIT SNUGLY AROUND THE METAL SPACER THEY GO AROUND.

ALLEN HENDRIX DOES A **FINE JOB** OF BALANCING AND TRUING TIRES. HE ALSO WILL BALANCE BRAKE DRUMS WHICH CAN HAVE A TERRIBLE EFFECT ON SHAKING. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM THAT WILL NOT BALANCE OUT, IT COULD BE YOUR BRAKE DRUMS. WE HAVE ALSO FOUND WIRE WHEEL ADAPTERS THAT HAD CENTER HOLE AND LUG NUT HOLES OFF CENTER. THIS HAS ONLY BEEN REPLACEMENT DRUMS.



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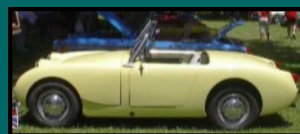
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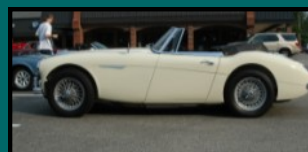
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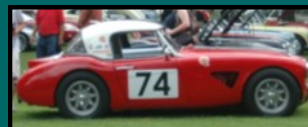
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