

Healey Hi-Lites

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Presidents Comments By: Bill Wilding



Another month has gone by and it is time for another Healey Meeting. I am assuming we will have our room back again at Roosters

this month as they promised.

I can remember "back in the day" when SpringThing was this weekend. Yes, the same weekend as Thunder, two weekends before the Derby. There were a lot of folks who was wanting to go to Thunder so it was changed to the weekend after Mother's Day. We had some really good weekends and some really bad, wet and cold ones during this time. I believe once we even had snow. At this time of the year I thank you can live in Louisville and experience all four seasons in a single 24 hour period.

This will be the last meeting before SpingThing and we don't have a lot of folks from our club attending this year. If you are just waiting to the last minute to register, please registered so we can get a good count on the amount of food and adult beverages we need to order. Also we lose our motel rooms the first part of May.

If you are not attending SpringThing this year we would still like you to consider bring an item for the auction. John Bahe is in charge of the auction this year and he is arranging a raffle for anyone who brings in an item, they will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate. I'm not sure if you get a chance for each item or just one chance per person. I think this could be a negotiating factor with our President Elect. Your name will be put into a drawing and the winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card. This meeting would be a good time to bring these items in if you are not attending SpringThing.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Tuesday Night. I am impeachable,



All the reports I have been getting about the swap meet hosted by Bruce at Unique Automotive indicate it was a success despite mother nature's attempt to spoil it. Bruce had plenty of

coffee and donuts for the approximately 70 participants. That was extremely considerate of Bruce to open up his facility to host the swap meet. Reports from unnamed sources also tell me that there were quite a few very nice cars to inspect. Nothing unusual there as he always has an interesting group of cars in his facility. I had planned to attend the swap meet but a class reunion breakfast got in the way.

The hot topic du jour is Springthing. We are in the mid 30's for registrations and almost all of the registrations are from out of towners. We need at least a dozen more from the Bluegrass Club. Call the hotel and get your reservations made for the room and then send in the registration form. Please......

Two weeks after Springthing the British Sports Car Club will be once again hosting British Bash or Marques on the Green. We will be back to the St Joe Orphanage on Frankfort Ave. It helps the team to know how many registrants will be on hand so please get your registration form mailed soon.

The membership directory is in the works. There was a delay this year due to the very slow response to the annual renewals. It doesn't make much sense to print a membership directory that only lists about half of the club from the previous year. After much pleading and prodding we finally got a little over 75% of the membership to renew.

Conclave is coming soon. This will definitely be one of the smaller conclaves in AHCA history. Many kudos go to the team lead by Bonnie Ayer for taking this on with such short notice. If you like to attend a smaller event and experience the personal touch while having a lot of fun, then this is the conclave for you. One of the unique promotional efforts for this conclave was the direct email approach to the AHCA membership. Ed Reiss made this possible. It will be interesting to see how well that was received. The acceptance of this type of marketing will probably determine if it will be used again for another conclave.

If you received your copy of the May Marque then I am sure you noticed the front cover. Only a Sprite with all of its raw power could handle pulling another Sprite. Without seeing the picture I am not sure I would have believed it. Also in Reid's article he talks about Gordon Ewald flying a P-51 Mustang fighter. Coincidentally we just finished watching Thunder Over Louisville air show with a P-51 as one of the planes flying in the event. That should make reading the article on pages 24 & 25 even more interesting.

Hope to see you at the general membership meeting Tuesday evening at Roosters. We have been promised that we will have the use of the meeting room this month. Don't forget to keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.

Mike Schneider





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 oncein-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







The Louisville British Sports Car Club

Join us June 3rd for our 33rd annual All British Car Show - British Bash. This year our annual event returns to St. Josephs Children's Home Park



St. Joseph Children's Home 2823 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206 35 Classes of British Vehicles & Popular Choice Awards!

BritishSportsCarClub.com

British Sports Car Club, P.O.BOX 43574, Louisville KY 40253

New Product – BJ8 Dead Pedal

Many cars have a left foot rest or 'dead pedal'. The left-hand-drive model of the Austin-Healey BJ8 has the headlight dip



switch mounted in this location.

This product provides a convenient location for resting the driver's foot and moves the dip switch to an easily accessible position.

It is created with 3D computer aided design and produced with a 3D printer using carbon-fiber reinforced plastic that is tough, light, and durable.

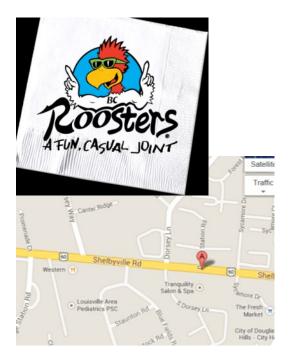


Easy 10 Minute Installation

Pedal mounts in original screw locations so there is no drilling required. Includes all necessary hardware.

Available Now \$49 from club member Glenn Stephens, glenn@tragmate.com.

Bluegrass Austin Healey Club



The Bluegrass Club Meeting is Tuesday Always the fourth Tuesday

Always the fourth Tuesday Join us at Roosters 10430 Shelbyville Rd **Meet and Eat 6-7 Meeting at 7pm**



#22. FUEL GAUGE

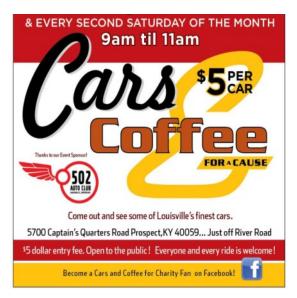
DOES YOUR FUEL GAUGE NEEDLE FLICK WILDLY WHEN DRIVING DOWN THE ROAD? THE CURE? GND. WHEN THE GAUGE LOSES ITS GROUND, IT CAN NOT READ CORECTLY, OR JUMPS.

1ST PLACE TO CHECK- MAKE SURE GAUGE CAN IS GROUNDED TO YOUR DASH. BRACKET THAT SECURES GAUGE HAS TO TOUCH BARE METAL. SOMETIMES MATERIAL IS WRAPPED THRU GAUGE HOLE AND INSULATES GAUGE BRACKET. REMOVE MATERIAL SO THE PRONGS TOUCH.

2ND PLACE TO CHECK-OVER YEARS THE TANK LOSES GROUND TO BODY FOR VARIOUS REASONS. RUN SEPARATE GROUND WIRE FROM BODY TO TANK SENDING UNIT. A 14-16 GAUGE WIRE WILL WORK FINE.

3RD PLACE TO CHECK-OVER YEARS OF USE THE PIVOT POINT OF SENDING UNIT GETS WORN AND NO LONGER STAYS IN CONTACT WITH UNIT BODY. THE ELECTRICAL CONTACTS ARE IN THE TOP OF THE UNIT AND THEY READ RESISTANCE BETWWENGROUND ANDRESISTER IN TOP OF UNIT. YOU NEED A GROUND BETWEEN UNIT BODY AND FLOAT. I USE A VERY LIGHT WIRE AND SOLDER IT TO ARM BETWEEN FLOAT AND PIVOT POINT. I STRIPPED INSULATION OFF A SPEAKER WIRESO GAS WOULD NOT SWELL UP INSULATION AND CREATE PROBLEM. I THEN PUT A SMALL ELECTRICAL EYE TYPE CONNECTOR ON OTHER END AND PICKED A PLACE ON BOTTOM OF SENDING UNIT THAT WOULD NOY INTERFERE WITH UNIT OR MOUNTING OF UNIT. SECURE IT WITH SMALLEST SHEET METEL SCREW YOU CAN. JUST HAS BE A GROUND AND DOES NOT CONDUCT ELECTRICITY.

Events Calendar









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