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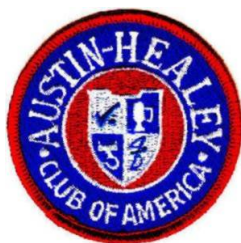


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Valentine Dinner/Party

**Feb 12 6:30 pm Trailhead Brewery, St Charles, MO,
921 Riverside Dr. St. Charles, MO. RSVP to Marilyn
Salini, msalini73@gmail.com or text 314 227 1778.
Wear RED!!!!**

Greetings!

Well the Triumph and Healey club parties have come and gone. These were, as usual, great events. The Triumph Club featured a swell setting (at the MAC), camaraderie, and a silly gift exchange. It was good to see old friends, some that haven't been active lately. Heck, Craig came all the way from his new home on the Lake of the Ozarks! As I understood it, it is a half-hour drive from his place to the nearest town! The Healey Club party was held at its usual swank location, Keith's place. One a year, Keith lets us into the house, and we usually keep the destruction to a minimum. All kidding aside, Keith's house is great and so is the food and fellowship. We stuffed ourselves with Keith's famous beef and turkey as we puzzled over his vintage tap-dancing videos. The pot-luck was vast and terrific, with Bob M.'s huge shrimp (is that an oxymoron?) a tasty appetizer. Served buffet-style, we couldn't fit everything on Keith's large table. It is no wonder that this is the best attended meeting of the year!

The unseasonably warm weather has also apparently passed. The energetic among us will flip on the heater and go out to the garage and start those major projects that take a whole season to complete. The rest of us will be tempted to just moth ball the water soluble (AKA British) rides for the winter.



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Members and Guests at meeting

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Keith Bester

Jim Reitr

Bandit

Meeting Minutes

(Courtesy of Jim Reiter)

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by President Richard Etz

No Treasure Report

Old Business Election of Club Officers postponed.

GHA Christmas Party Dec 10, 7:00pm at Keith's. Bring a dish to share.

Triumph Club Christmas Fri Dec 2

New Business Discussed several events regarding seeing Christmas Lights. A few that were mentioned are the Zoo Lights, Busch Brewery, St Louis Hills, and Our Lady of the Snows.

No GHA meeting in December. **Happy Holidays**

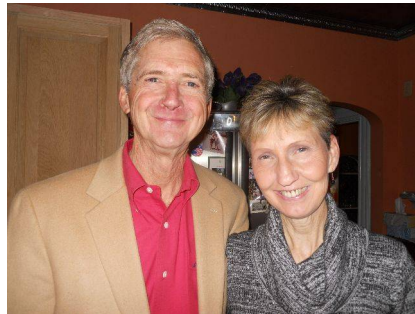
Some of the members may want to tour some Christmas light displays. In the interest of preserving the president's mega-fortune, I lean toward the free displays. The Francis Park neighborhood is great for a light display cruise. Murdoch Street is renamed Candy Cane Lane. If the tour busses (no joke) back up the traffic, you can park and walk the neighborhood. Be sure to see the light display on the playground fence behind Nottingham School. It is cleverly coordinated with music you can pick up on your car radio. Next, behind Grant's Farm off Grant Road, a homeowner has an incredible display. The theme is "Teddy Bear Land" and it is worth the drive to see the sets, lights, and bears. Lights are coordinated with a radio station here, as well. Though I've not been there this year, The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows traditionally has a great drive through display as well. Come in from the Belleville direction for a shorter line. If you don't mind getting out of the car, go to A-B's display at its brewery. This is generally free and includes not only lights, but also a little market for nick-nacks and food. You can visit the Clydesdales and get a picture if you want. The huge line is only for those who want a bracelet that allows them to drink beer in the display area. Otherwise, parking is the only difficulty. Tillies Park has a popular light display, too. They charge per car. Zoo Lights are really cool, too, and are worth the admission. The botanical garden display also sounds promising. It is new this year.

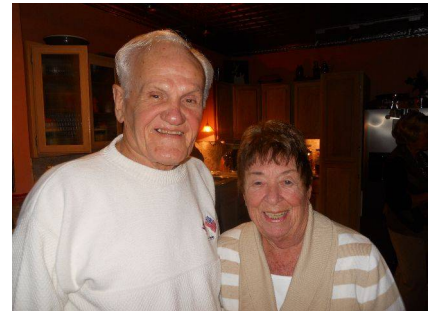
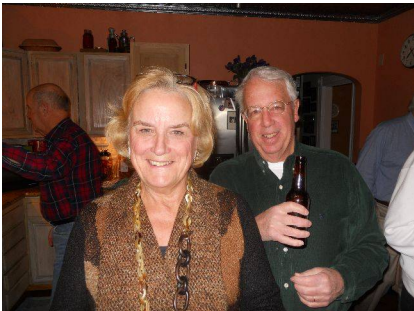
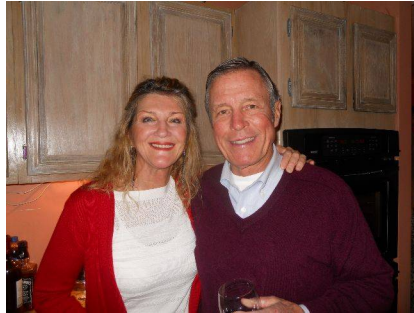
As some of you know, your decrepit president injured his back installing windows in his house. A gradual process over the last couple of years, window number 25 is now installed. Car work has been limited to the essentials. I installed a new brake cable in my daily driver Ranger, that is pushing 19 years old. This is a simple job that takes three minutes on you tube. Fords are OK, but they seem to have some fiendish engineering. Thus, the cable job took about nine back-breaking hours. I'll bore you with all the gory details if you ask. Anice is a long-time member of our church's choir. A trusting fellow choir member loaned her his daily driver Porsche 911. It was a real treat to try it out. It drove better than I expected of a car with the engine located in the wrong place!

By the way, January's issue of *Sports and Exotic* has an article on the WSM Sprite. Apparently, these were slick little Sprite fastbacks that were used for mid 60s racing. I learned that several of our members had heard of them. Some fellows in England are reproducing them as complete cars. Production is limited but you can have your own for \$55,000 plus the cost of the donor car and shipping!

Richard

Pictures from GHA Christmas Party. Saturday, Dec 10. Lots of happy folks, great food and delicious giant shrimp. Special thanks to Pat and Keith for hosting the party and Bob for the shrimp.





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Bucket List addition number 1

Skating away, behind the wheel of a classic British car

[Kurt Ernst](#)



Part of the fleet available for the Classic Ice Driving school. Photo courtesy Jaguar Land Rover.

In January, the average high temperature in Arjeplog, Sweden, reaches 19-degrees Fahrenheit, and it typically snows on 16 of the month's 31 days. While that may not sound like an ideal climate for a three-day getaway, Jaguar Land Rover Classic is offering British car fans something that just might make a Swedish winter bearable: the chance to drive classic Jaguar and Land Rover automobiles on ice, under the guidance of instructors, at the company's winter testing facility.

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Jaguar and Land Rover have offered ice driving schools with contemporary vehicles in the past, but the expansion to include classic vehicles from the catalogs of both brands is something new. Of the move, Jaguar Land Rover Classic director Tim Hannig said:

The Jaguar Land Rover Classic business is rapidly expanding and now offers classic car sales, bespoke restorations, parts supply and, in this case, unforgettable driving experiences. Driving a Classic Jaguar or Land Rover is always a wonderful experience, and having the chance to drive both brands' icons on ice in such extreme conditions is a unique opportunity. I am looking forward to meeting enthusiasts of these two great British brands in Arjeplog for a spectacular driving event.

The cost of the school is €3,000 (roughly \$3,400 at the current exchange rate), which includes two nights at the Hotel Silverhatten and VIP transfers from Arvidsjaur Airport. Getting to Arvidsjaur Airport isn't included, and a brief check of flights showed that planning in advance (and flying through a hub like Stockholm) will most likely be required. Advance reservations for the school, set to take place in early 2017, are also required. For more information, visit Jaguar.com/Experience-Jaguar/Iconic-Experiences/Ice-Drive-Sweden.



Our sincere condolences are extended to Linda and Dave Massey for the recent passing of Linda's father, Gordon Gregory. He was 89 years old and served during WWII.

Dues are Due

2017 AHCA dues are due. Cut off date to be included in the 2017 Membership Directory is in Jan. You will be receiving a renewal notice from national with instructions on how to pay. Dues should be mailed to GHA Membership Chairman Dan Forguson by the date in the notice to be included in the 2017 Directory. Please sit down as soon as you receive your notice and send a check to Dan. 672 Troy O'Fallon RD, Troy, IL 62294



Grace, the cancer-fighting 1953 Austin-Healey 100

There is an article on the GHA Website updating Grace's latest efforts.

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Events

December

No Regular December GHA Monthly Meeting. **Happy Holidays**

2017

January

Jan 24 7 PM GHA Monthly Meeting at Keith Bester's Garage, 115 N Sappington Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122. (314) 821-2372

February

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March

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April

April 15 10 am till ? GHA Spring Tune Up Wash Up. Keith's Garage. Bring a dish to share.

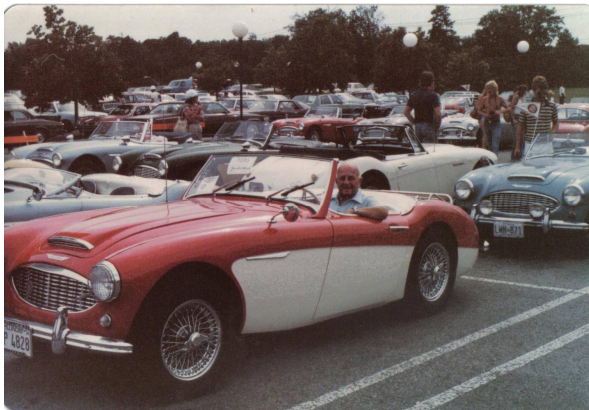
Apr 16 Easter Car Show. Upper Muny Parking Lot, Forest Park. St Louis, MO

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From the Boot



Sorry for the delay in getting SCN out. I wanted to include the pictures from the GHA Christmas Party. It was another great party and special thanks to Pat and Keith for hosting it in their home....and to Bob for those giant shrimp!!!



This picture of Sir Donald M Healey was taken at an AHCA Conclave. Location and date unknown. Does anyone recognize anything or remember where and when?

Jim Reiter

Happy Holidays

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