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Rumblings



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Greetings!

After the winter that wasn't, we now proceed into prime driving season. This occurs before the brutal heat of summertime St. Louis. In between the rain and storms, spring (along with autumn) can really be fun. Easter and the traditional Easter Car Show mark this transition. Car cruises have already started, but who can deny the importance of the Easter Car Show? As I recall, the Horseless Carriage Club has sponsored this show since I was a small boy admiring pre-war and brass era cars. I am taken back to the days when cars were less appliances and more a way of life. Dad and I would drive from dealer to dealer to view all the new models each October. Back then all the men in the neighborhood worked on their own cars, and advice and assistance (often of dubious value) were as close as next door or across the street. We didn't play baseball or basketball, we put brakes on the car or performed the obligatory tune-up. That time was a while ago; heck, this year marks 50 years since "Big Healey" regular production ceased. Sometimes I wonder if the old car hobby will wane as those who remember the cars move on. Then I am heartened to see the crowds that visit the car shows and cruises. The myth of a simpler and more care era continues to appeal.

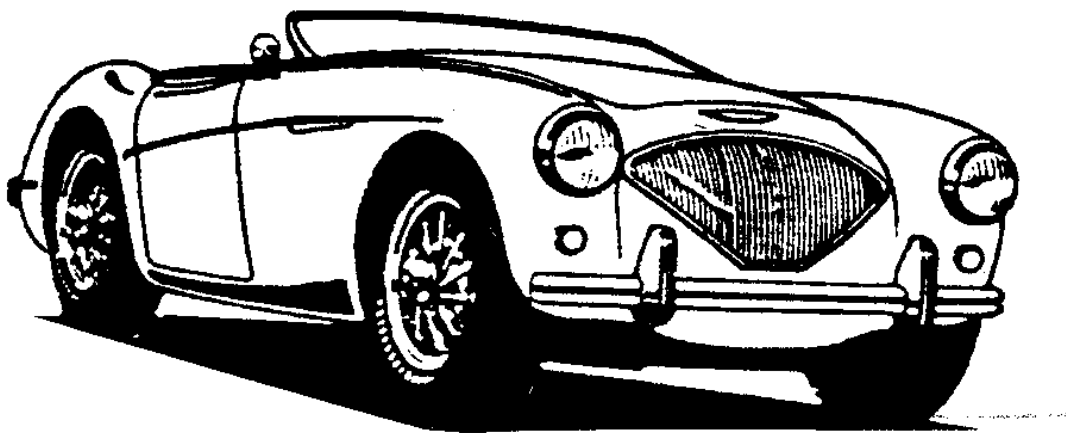


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Which returns me to the topic: don't miss the Easter Car Show held on the upper Muny lot. Hey club members, let's see some Healeys represent the club and the marque. Once you've seen this original Easter Car Show, you may go to the lower lot to view the "Real Easter Car Show," which is a lower lot spin-off show that primarily caters to hot rods. Truth be told, that show often seems more crowded than the one on the upper lot.

I've missed out on some of the car activities that I enjoy. An attack of sciatica, which I compare to a four foot long toothache has temporarily restricted my activity. Television has provided little solace: two-week car restorations, depicted in a one-hour show make me feel all the more inadequate. I plan to fully recover before the iconic Wash-Up Tune-Up at Keith's, but the brakes on the British ride may not be fixed by that time. Hang in there, members and friends: Good times are ahead!

Richard



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Don't forget to go to the club website!

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/gatewayhealey/>

Members and Guests at meeting

Keith Bester	Richard Etz	David Massey	Bob McElwee
Bandit	Phil Ellerbrock	Dave Gurbert	Paul Summers

Meeting Minutes

(Courtesy of Jim Reiter)

No Financial Report

New Business Pierce Arrow Society at Sheraton West Port, June 6-10.

<http://www.pierce-arrow.org/annualmeet/meet17/index.php>

Old Business. CleanUp/TuneUp April 15, Keith Bester's home. Bring a dish To share. Easter Car Show April 16 Forest Park. See Page 6 for all details.

Cars and Coffee



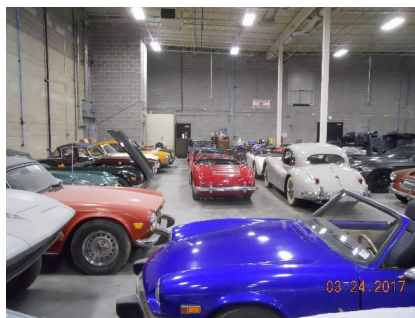
Did you notice no picture of my blue BMW 2002? I forgot to take one. Don't know what that means but doesn't sound good.

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March 2017 Rump Lunch

was held at the Hendles Restaurant in Old Town Florissant. The food was very good and enjoyed by all. After lunch we drove from the restaurant to Jeff Humsher's restoration shop in Bridgeton. What a nice facility he has and what a collection of cars. Lots on British Iron, including XKE Jags, Austin Healeys, MGs and Triumphs plus assortment of other makes and models, including old motorcycles. Those attending were Tom Evans, Bob McElwee, Jerold Anna, John Serkes, Dan Gravens, Jim Reiter and our gracious host, Jeff Humsher





Easter Auto Show in Forest Park information follows below. Special thank you to Ron Varley for making these arrangements. Thank you Ron



Ron Varley

If you would pass this on to your club members.

The St Louis Triumph Owners Association would like to extend an invitation to the Gateway Austin Healey Club members, that would like to attend the Easter Car Show at Forest Park, to join us at the car show. Please mail me your vehicle information, along with a check for \$15.00, so that I can reserve a place for you, with our club. I would like to receive your registration information and entry fee prior to April 10th. Make your check out to SLTOA with a notation "Easter Car Show".

My mailing address is:

Stephen Moore
5215 Mirasol Manor Way
Eureka, MO 63025

Thank you

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Steve will let all of our members who register with their club know the arrangements for getting together on Easter Sunday morning. They may have folks assemble somewhere and convoy to Forest Park.

Ron

Multiple states look to amend license plate laws for historic vehicles

[Daniel Strohl](#)



MISSOURI IS ONE FIVE STATES MENTIONED. JRR

About a month into the new legislative session for many states, at least six have introduced bills that would provide for greater freedom for displaying license plates on older vehicles.

Of the six, five would allow single license plates while the other would provide for historical plates:

[New York's Senate Bill 832](#), introduced January 5, would introduce an exemption to the state's two-plate standard only for historical vehicles registered as such that weren't "manufactured with a number plate display area on the front of the vehicle." New York state considers any vehicle 25 years or older eligible for historical registration. The bill has since been sent to the state senate's transportation committee.

[Montana's House Bill 213](#), introduced January 10, would likewise exempt any vehicle "originally manufactured without a bracket, device, or other means to display and secure a front license plate" from displaying a front license plate. As worded, the bill does not require

the vehicle to also register as historic; Montana state law [already exempts motorcycles and street rods](#) from displaying a front license plate. The bill has since been sent to the state's house transportation committee.

[Vermont's House Bill 16](#), introduced January 10, would allow any pleasure car to display just a rear license plate. [Vermont state law](#) considers a "pleasure car" essentially any non-commercial passenger vehicle. The bill has since been sent to the state's house transportation committee.

[Missouri's Senate Bill 131](#), introduced January 4, would not only eliminate the requirement for front and rear license plates among passenger vehicles, it would also require the return of any front license plates to the state. The bill has since been sent to the state senate's transportation, infrastructure and public safety committee.

[Rhode Island's House Bill 5068](#), introduced January 11, would require the state's division of motor vehicles to approve year-of-manufacture license plates for any vehicle more than 25 years old. While the bill allows the state to reject license plates in anything other than original condition as well as those not sufficiently distinctive from current plates, it does allow for replica plates along with state-issued plates. In addition, the bill would allow the display of only one year-of-manufacture license plate if a full set isn't available. The bill has since been sent to the state's house finance committee.

[Illinois's Senate Bill 53](#), introduced January 11, would allow a single rear license plate for secondary vehicles, a new category that includes vehicles driven less than 5,000 miles per year. The bill has since been assigned to the state senate's transportation committee.

At least 19 states* only require display of a rear license plate while at least two others ([Wyoming](#) and [Nevada](#)) exempt front plate display if the vehicle was not originally equipped with means to display a front license plate. (Massachusetts allows single-plate display if the vehicle was registered before the state introduced a two-plate system in 1986.)

As the Specialty Equipment Market Association argues, not requiring a front license plate "protect(s) the aesthetic contours of certain historic vehicles and relieve(s) vehicle owners of the burden and expense of having to create mounting holes on some original bumpers."



Events

2017

April

Apr 15 10 am till ? GHA Spring CleanUp\TuneUP. Keith's Garage. Bring a dish to share.

Apr 15 8:00-10:30am Cars and Coffee Westport Plaza. I270 and Page

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

Please see page 4 of this SCN for more on Easter Auto Show

Apr 25 7 PM GHA Monthly Meeting at Keith Bester's Garage, 115 N Sappington Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122. (314) 821-2372

Apr 27 12:00noon RUMP Lunch. Granite City Brewery, Creve Coeur, MO.

<http://www.gcfb.com/location/creve-coeur-missouri>

May

May 20 8:00-10:30am Cars and Coffee Westport Plaza. I270 and Page

May 23 7 PM GHA Monthly Meeting at Keith Bester's Garage, 115 N Sappington Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122. (314) 821-2372

May 25 RUMP Lunch. Stay tune for details.

2017 Cars and Coffee	
West Port Plaza I270 and Page	
8:00 – 10:00 am	
Feb 18	July 15
Mar 18	Aug 19
Apr 15	Sept 16
May 20	Oct 21
June17	

From the Boot



I sent out a note earlier this month about Donald Healey's early efforts to make a name for his cars in the US. If you missed it, here is a link to the article. Very historical and interesting.

<https://www.hemmings.com/magazine/hsx/2009/09/Donald-Healey-s-Long-Drive/1928671.html?refer=hsxweekly>

On April 15 we have two events. Cars and Coffee at Westport Plaza 8-10am and GHA CleanUp\TuneUp at Keith Bester home. It will be a fun day. Hope the weather is nice so I can get the Healey 'on the road again'.

This is a good time to go back and check if you paid your GHA 2017 dues. National and Local dues are \$65.00 and Local only are \$15.00. Send check to Dan Forgyson, Contact information below.

Wanted...Someone to take over the Gateway Side Curtain News. I have done this, off and on three different times and I feel like it is getting old and redundant. We need some fresh ideas. Please, don't be bashful. Step right up and I will have you going in about 30 minutes and give you the May newsletter about 50 percent completed. I will go so far as to make you an offer. You can sell ads in the newsletter and keep the proceeds for your efforts. And, when you have the newsletter ready to send out, I will maintain the club mailing list and send it to our members. How is that for a deal? If we hear any rumbles, they can do the SCN.

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