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President's Message

There Will Always Be An England



As many of you know I have been to England during the last month. My what a change has come about. The narrow winding roads were not made for this change.

When I lived in England in 1962, it was still recovering from the war. Of all the western allies, the British suffered the most economically. The Germans even did better secondary to the Marshal plan. There were still bomb damaged buildings in London. There were telephones in the homes of the middle and upper classes but the common people, of which there were a lot, had to go to a call box on the corner to place a call. Many people had no motorcar or only one.

Now, there are so very many cars on the roads and people own two or three. Of course the homes and streets were not designed to accommodate all these cars. As a consequence, there are cars parked on the front lawns in front of the houses or along the streets, lining one side of a narrow two-lane street. Now and then there is a driveway where, of course, a car isn't parked. In order to go up the street, one has to wait in the driveway space for the car coming down to pass, for the parked cars have converted the street into one lane. The person passing down the street always gives you a wave of gratitude, which really makes you realize you are not in America. Also everyone is so courteous. People turn on their turn signal to enter a congested lane and people slow down to let them in without horn honking, lights flashing, or rude hand gestures.

I found it unnerving to drive through a dark woods on a two lane winding narrow road, on the left side, and with cars coming the opposite direction at forty miles per hour with four inches to spare on either side. And the roundabouts are so frequent that it is a real scramble to drive, read the signs telling which exit to take, and read the street map at the same time.

I did see a 1959 Triumph but no Healeys. There were many BMW Minis.

I went to see HMS Victory at Portsmouth. This was Lord Nelson's war ship at the battle of Trafalgar. Of course you all know that Napoleon was going to invade England but the Royal Navy stood in his way.

Nelson defeated the combined French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar and saved England. This led to the Louisiana Purchase and so we speak English and not French.

I expressed my appreciation to our guide for Nelson and HMS Victory winning the battle and saving us from speaking French and he replied, "You don't speak English either". I laughed and told him, "Well said".

England would be proud of the way we have taken care of it's most beautiful motor car the Healey.

Jim Pearce

FALL COLOUR TOUR- Sept. 27th



The Fall Colour Tour went off without a hitch (and driving rather old British sports cars entitles the word "hitch" to have a double meaning) and a great time was had by all...albeit attendance was rather low. We formed up at Macy's at South Towne Center at 10 a.m. and drove down I-15 to Provo Canyon.

We drove up Provo Canyon where the colours were spectacular. Doug Lewis was regretting not bringing his fishing pole. We then drove over Daniels Pass, past Strawberry Reservoir, and on to SR 208, to SR 35 and into Tabiona. In addition to the fall colours, we saw some nice red rock on the way.

From Tabiona, we drove to Kamas for lunch. Bob and Fran Riemenschneider, who were at their summer cabin nearby for the weekend, joined us at the restaurant for lunch. There was a bit of a wait for service, but the wait was worth it. We were all getting low on gas at this point so we stimulated the local economy at the pump. From Kamas, we drove to I-80 and home to SLC. Attendees included Dave and Sandy Maxwell, Doug and Ann Lewis, Ernie and Vickie Reno, and Jon Hanson.

(Article and Photos by Jon Hanson,
See website for more Photos)

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Bonneville Austin Healey Club

Minutes for September 8, 2008

Meeting held at Joe Morley's Restaurant
Called to order by President Jim Pearce at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Pearce	Dave & Sandy Maxwell
Bob & Fran Riemenschneider	Bob Jahnke
Ron & Kathy Jensen	Doug & Ann Lewis
Jim Thornton	Ken & Kaitlyn Clifford
Ernie Reno	Allen Brown
Paul Evans	

1. The Fall Color Tour will be on Sat. Sep. 27th. Meet at South Towne Mall at 10 AM. Go up Provo Canyon, to Tabiona, to Kamas for lunch. Return home through Parleys Canyon.
2. Healey Days report: 17 cars participated. Everyone liked the location on Main Street in Park City and the larger number of spectators. The same place will be pursued for next year's event. Financially we about broke even. The fee charged for the venue was almost off set by entry fees and money earned from the auction at the dinner. The dinner was also a success and the food was excellent. Dave and Sandy Maxwell were commended for the success of Healey Days. Don Colman was a very effective auctioneer, which helped the finances considerably.
3. No Tech session this month.
4. Bob Jahnke made a motion, which passed, to make a donation of \$100 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation to tie in with the Austin-Healey Club of America affiliation with Make-a-Wish.
5. Financial Report: Bob Jahnke said that there is approximately \$4,700 in the club's bank account.
6. Newsletter Editor's Report: 6 printed copies are now being mailed.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM Allen Brown

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club Proposed 2008 Activities Schedule

Tue., Oct. 14th – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Marie Callender's, 1109 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City

Tue., Nov. 11th – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

Sat., Dec. 6th – Christmas Dinner at Lone Star Steak house, 7176 So. 900 East, Midvale. Details to follow
October, November and December Activities will be scheduled at a later time



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