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President's Message:

Well here we are at the last month of the year. It seems to be going by a lot faster than when we were younger. Remember the anticipation and excitement when we were young waiting for Christmas? The days used to drag along waiting for the exhilaration of Christmas morning. Now we are hoping for more time to get everything accomplished for the big day.



We've just entered the Holiday Season by giving thanks for all we have to be truly thankful for. Some things seem to be quite small and insignificant to some, but very important to others. We should all take stock in our lives and see what is valuable to us.

They say we should live our lives as though each day is our last and show our appreciation to those important to us. And, yes, help those less fortunate. Maybe we should be working towards some new resolutions for the upcoming New Year.

In January we will start a new, fresh Healey calendar year. I'm sure we will be getting new ideas and more participation from each and every one of you.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season filled with joy and special moments!

Keep 'em rolling,
Ann

FROM THE EDITOR:

As you will read in the minutes of the November meeting, you will have me for another year of editor of the Bonneville Banter. In my usual request for material that the membership would like in the newsletter it was decided to do an article a month about a member. To start the ball rolling I volunteered to do January. At the January meeting I will bring a box with the names of ALL 51 of the club members from which the next year's names for the article will be drawn. As an added bonus for sending in your article Joe Morley has offered to furnish you with a professional quality photograph of your car. Your choice of photo will also be displayed on the mailer page of the issue.



November was the annual AHCA delegates meeting. Most of the meeting was devoted to cost reduction ideas from other clubs. Two major items took up most of the discussion. One was to have regional delegates instead of club delegates. That item, after discussion, was vetoed. The other proposal was to print the directory every other year, instead of each year. The consensus on the proposal was that we all need more input from the members before making such a drastic change. What is your opinion?

I was forwarded a link to some very interesting video, and also a fine article with pictures concerning the Special Test Car #NOJ393. The car will be auctioned at the Bonham's Auction December 1-2, 2011 in Great Brittan. The catalog article is just too long to print here but the link to it is:

<http://www.bonhams.com/eur/auction/19293/lot/433/>.

If you have trouble with the link you can go to www.bonhams.com. Then click on United Kingdom, enter December 2011 in the search, and look for sale #19293 lot #433, then look at the lot details. While you are there you can also look at one of the first Healey Hundreds produced, Lot #452. The shorter look and video of the 100 S is: http://uk.autoblog.com/2011/11/17/video-exclusive-1955-le-mans-austin-healey-set-for-auction-reco/?a_dgi=aolshare facebook.

Happy Healeying, and Happy Holidays,
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Bonneville Austin-Healey Club
2011 Activities Schedule

DECEMBER

Dec. 3, Christmas Party, Faustina. See you there.

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Minutes

Of the

November 8, 2011

Bonneville Austin Healey Club

Business Meeting

Meeting held at Joe Morley's BBQ

Called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Members in attendance:

Doug/Ann Lewis, Craig/Carol Mossberg, Dave/Sandy Maxwell, Don Colman, Jim Revel, Ron/Kathy Jensen, Ernie Reno, Doug/Kristine Barneck, Merlin Judkins, Jim Thornton, Joe Morley, Allen Brown.

Treasurer's report:

\$5665.27

Membership:

51 members

Activities:

Reminded of the Holiday Banquet on December 4th. Need to get your reservations in soon, if you haven't done so already.

Editor:

Always in need of articles. Dave also reported that Steve Pike may be bringing the Streamliner back to Bonneville Salt Flats in August for Speed Week.

New Business:

The main order of business was the nomination of club officers for the coming year.

Nominated were:

President: Ann Lewis, Vice President: Don Colman,
Activities: Jim Revel, Editor and AHCA Delegate:
Dave Maxwell, Secretary/Historian: Craig Mossberg,
Treasurer: Sandy Maxwell, Membership: Jim
Thornton, Web Master: Jon Hanson.

A motion to accept this slate as the 2012 officers
was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous
acclaim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by Don Colman

Salmon

whipped potatoes • vegetable medley • smoked shallot
sauce

Chicken Breast

Spinach * bell pepper * feta cheese * soft polenta*
Asparagus * chorizo broth

Lasagna

Italian sausage • salami • grilled zucchini • roasted onion
• spinach • asiago • ricotta • cheddar • bell pepper puree •
balsamic reduction

\$28

Stuffed Beef Tenderloin Medallions

Asparagus * creamy peppercorn sauce * roasted fingerling
potatoes * cipollini onions * shiitake chips

Dessert

Molten Chocolate Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream

**Cost \$20 or \$28 per person including tax & gratuity
No Corkage charge for wine**

***The prices shown are the members net cost
for each meal. The Bonneville Austin Healey
Club will be adding \$17.00 to the price
shown.***

**Parking on the street and in their parking lot, enter on
the East Side**

**Make your reservation by November 10th by
sending your check to:**

**Jim Revel
2040 Mahre Drive
Park City, UT 84098**

**Please make your check payable to BAHC and
include your meal choice**

ATTENTION

Jim Revel states that there are 9 seats left at
the Holiday party on December 3rd. You can still
join us for this special occasion. Just give Jim
Revel a call. **435-640-3347**

Holiday Party

**December 3, 2011, 6:30 PM
Faustina
454 East 300 South
Salt Lake City**

Menu

House Salad

butter lettuce • mixed greens • sherry vinaigrette • beet
chips

Or

Butternut Squash Soup with Candied Pecans

Choice of one of four entrees

\$20 or \$28 including tax & gratuity

\$20

Here are the bullet points from the AHCA
Delegates meeting:

Delegate's Meeting

November 12th and 13th 2011

Summary of Key Issues discussed

Membership Directory:

How to economize the cost of the directory.
Should the directory be sent to members yearly or
every other year?
A study group was selected to review the discussion
from the meeting and to research alternative ways

to save money on the production of the directory.
The committee is:
Robbie Cook, Reid Trummel, Greg Lauser, Carl Brown, John May and Mike Schneider.

Delegate Handbook:

A Delegate Handbook is being created to be given to each club for their Delegate to try and improve communication between the AHCA Officers & the Delegates, as well as between the Delegates and their club members. It is also intended that in the future, the Delegate will pass their handbook to their successor. This handbook will have the responsibilities of the Delegate, forms, contact information, copy of the year's minutes, web site information, etc.

Web Site:

Since last November's Delegate's meeting the redesign of the web site has been initiated. The first step is the design of the database which is now underway. Full implementation is expected by next year's membership renewal process.

Breakout Sessions:

Membership Recruitment & Retention:

- Communication within local club and new members
- Mentoring new members
- Passing out the free membership cards and new owner cards
- Membership officer sharing the renewal list with the club

Future 50:

- True next generation includes young people to age of 40
- Scholarships
 - Red/drive at high schools and colleges
 - PR for events
 - Military bases –distribute Healey Marques; could be past issues
 - Project car-donate a car for high schools/technical schools to restore

Registries:

- What do we do about the future?
- Move forward with the program and privacy standards
- We do not have registrars for all models

Election of Officers:

Last year's national officers were re elected

Honorary Members:

Bob Gilleland for his years as advertising/sponsorship director
Ron Mitchell as Conclave web master
John May and Carl Brown as co-chairmen for Conclave 2011



Subject: Bad Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the

bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

GLAMOROUS GRILLES

1952-'54 Nash-Healey

An Italian-designed grille for a combined American and British-production car.

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY JIM O'CLAIR



Some of most distinctive car grilles of the mid-Fifties are those designed for the 1952-'54 Nash-Healey.

The first Nash-Healeys debuted at the London and Paris auto shows in late 1950, and in Chicago in February of 1951. The early alloy-body models, formed by the British coachbuilder Panelcraft, had an oval outer grille design that was very similar to the 1949 Nash Ambassadors and 600s. Nash president George Mason chose this design. Only 104 of these alloy-bodied Nash-Healeys were built. Despite the critical acclaim the car received in the press, sales were not so enthusiastic, prompting Mason and partner Donald Healey to seek out Italian coach designer Pinin Farina, who was already under

Nash-Healey Roadster.

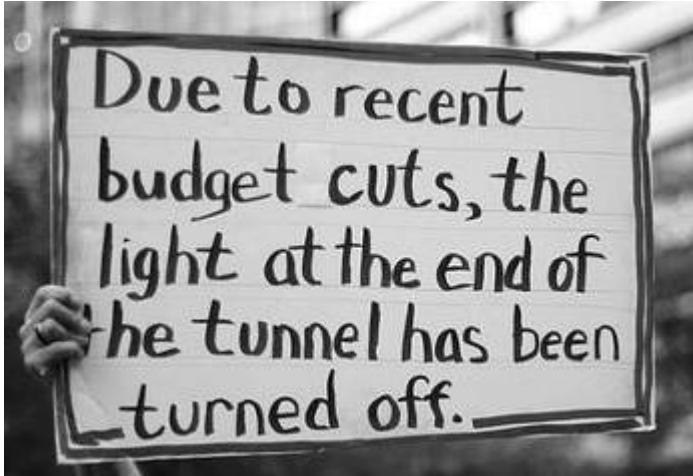
The Pinin Farina-designed grille still had the same Nash oval look; however, the headlamps were moved inside the oval outer grille bezel and the multiple vertical bars were removed in favor of two horizontal bars. The Nash-Healeys used this grille until their production ended in 1954. The Nash-Healey grille used a much wider outer race track-shaped oval molding than the 1951 design, and the two horizontal grille center bars allowed mounting of the large Nash-Healey emblem in the center.

The basic design of the grille was so well received at Nash that the American-built models (also designed by Pinin Farina) adopted a similar version of the grille in 1955-'56. Pat Foster notes in

'54 Nash-Healey grille, but with a single center bar supporting the Nash emblem.

Nash-Healey cars are extremely rare; only 506 were built (104 of these were of the first-design alloy bodies with the earlier grilles) before Nash and Hudson merged in 1954. The merger also marked the end of the partnership with Donald Healey. Only about 400 cars ever wore this grille. A few of the 1954 leftover cars were sold as 1955 models, and Nash gave up on the sports-car idea after they became part of American Motors—the Nash-Healey was shelved.

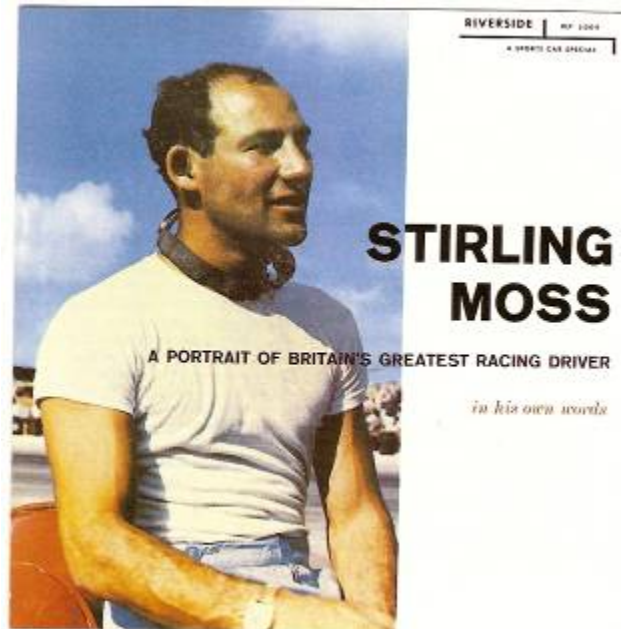
This featured car, a 1953 Nash-Healey Le Mans Coupe owned by Joe Conlon, is one of only 162 built that year. It recently won Favorite British Car and Best in Show at the 2011 Hemmings Sports &

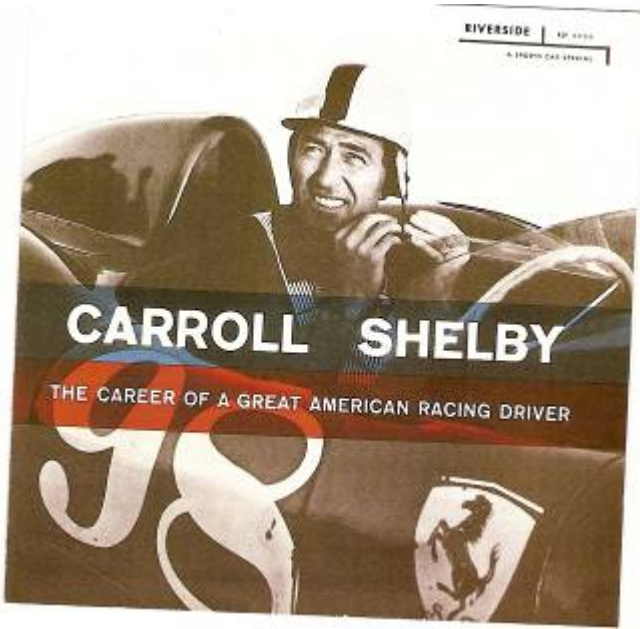


Legendary Racing Driver Interviews

If you're interested in sports car racing in the "Golden Days", these three CD's are just the thing. They are "Stirling Moss-A Portrait of Britain's Greatest Racing Driver", "Phil Hill-Around the Racing Circuit With A Great American Driver" and "Carroll Shelby-The Career of a Great American Racing Driver". These conversations were recorded by Fantasy Records at the Nassau Speed Week in December, 1956 and are re-issued by Ace Records in England. They are available through Amazon.Com.

It's fascinating to hear these legendary drivers talk about racing, other drivers, cars and their outside interests in an informal interview session before the peak of their individual fame. They are a great way to spend a winter afternoon and would make a great gift for any Gear Head.





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