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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:



The above picture was taken in June of 1964 and is probably why I love Healey's. It belonged to a college friend and we drove it to Martha's Vineyard from Kentucky where we worked for the summer that year and he allowed me to share it with him for the summer. I don't know how we were able to keep all that luggage on it.

After attending the Delegate meeting in Indianapolis in November I felt better about the condition of our club compared to other AHCA Chapters. It also gave me some ideas how we can improve things. All clubs operate differently and unlike AHCUSA that is in financial trouble and may not survive, AHCA is financially viable. We still have considerable esprit de corps compared to many car clubs probably to a great extent because we all love our Healeys. Following are my thoughts to consider

that I learned at the Delegate meeting and how we should be able to improve things.

Some clubs don't even have meetings instead just have gatherings or Pub Nights and we need to have more of those just to keep in contact, maybe for lunch or at interesting places or events. Many don't have newsletters and we are lucky to have the Banter even quarterly. Some don't meet, which is also true of the WMJR, Jag club. One club hasn't had a President in 30 years just 3 members run it. We have to design trips that meet the desires of the members maybe 2 or 3 overnight trips won't appeal anymore so more day trips or maybe just a one night overnight trip should be considered and not too far away so some Healeys will be driven and fewer BJ9's, that is why we have an Austin Healey Club. They can happen when it isn't so hot. Some are more social than we are as they get together more often and less formally than with a meeting. They also have phone calls to members assigned to increase participation. Having a large balance in our checking account isn't of great importance they range from 0 to \$19,000 in other clubs however our net income does need to increase so some fund raisers need to happen to accomplish that.

There appears to be a trend to have car shows to benefit a charity, one club raised \$23,000 with a popularity car show for Boys Clubs, another held one with 150 cars to benefit Special Olympics. Another trend is to Piggy Back with other clubs or a Sub Healey club, one is called Sports & Touring out East and is made up of Healey 290 members that like to drive their cars and ship them various places to go on tour. Their success is partially because of the NE AHC has over 323 members. Maybe our Healey Days needs to happen in a place that more

of the general public can see our cars as that has helped some clubs attract younger members to buy and own Healey's. Some clubs have moved their Holiday Party to January when less is going on and they get better attendance.

It is highly likely that the 2019 Conclave is going to be held in the Black Hills of South Dakota in Deadwood or Rapid City. Also I have been asked and have had a discussion with the AHCA President if we would be willing to host in Park City maybe with some other clubs or sub clubs, another International Meet in 2020 like the one that was held in 1997 in Park City. That and the above will be on our meeting agenda for the January 9 meeting at Joe Morley's. If you haven't read my report that I sent to everyone about the Delegate Meeting please do as it is included again in this Banter. I hope we have a good attendance at the January meeting to discuss the above and lay some fun plans for 2018.

Zoom Zoom,
Jim

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

It's Boxing DAY as our British friends say and I'm trying to put the finishing touches on the first issue of the Bonneville Banter for 2018. As you know, the Banter will be published quarterly in 2018 so please use the club website to keep up to date on the latest news from the Bonneville Austin Healey Club.

We have some new officers for 2018. Jim Revel has agreed to serve as President and Darin Graber will



be Vice President and serve as President in 2019. Ann Lewis has agreed to serve as Secretary this year. She deserves a lot of thanks for her time as President. We should also thank Don Colman and Ernie Reno for their service as Secretary and Vice President.

We had a great evening at the Christmas Party. Although the turn-out was a little light, those that attended had a pleasant evening of conversation and good food. See the article in this issue for photos and details.

Please plan to attend the January 9th BAHC Meeting at Joe Morley's. We will start planning our activities for 2018. It would be nice to have some fresh ideas for club activities that would entice more participation.

Happy New Year. Let's try to make 2018 the best year ever for the Bonneville Austin Healey Club.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9: BAHC Meeting at 7:30 pm at Joe Morley's.

March 13: BAHC Meeting at 7:30 pm. Location to be determined.

May 15: BAHC Meeting at 7:30 pm. Location to be determined.

June 16: British Field Day. Liberty Park in Salt Lake City.

July 10: BAHC Meeting at 7:30 pm. Location to be determined.

July 15-20: 2018 AHCA Conclave, Bloomington, Indiana.

August 25: Park City Classic Car Show.

September 11: BAHC Meeting at 7:30 pm. Location to be determined.

September 16-21: 2018 Healey Rendezvous in Madras, Oregon.

November 13: BAHC Meeting at 7:30 pm. Location to be determined.

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BAHC MEETING MINUTES-

November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Lewis at 7:45 pm.

In Attendance: Ann and Doug Lewis, Jon Hanson, Don Colman, Darin Graber, Jim Thornton, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Allen Brown, Dil Strasser and Craig Mossberg.

Treasurer/Membership: Finances are adequate to cover all club activities. Membership is still at 41 paid members. AHCA is trying to persuade all local only BAHC members to join AHCA. In order to encourage national membership, AHCA will provide local only members with a subscription to the Healey Marque magazine for 2018.

Activities: The Christmas Party will be held at the Cottonwood Club at 6:30pm on Monday, December 11th in the Pinewood Room. Menu will include prime rib or salmon at \$40/ person. The cost includes desert and soft drinks. A cash bar for adult beverages will be available. The club will subsidize any costs in excess of this including a bar tender for the cash bar and the room deposit. We need to finalize the head count at least 3 days prior to the event. Jim Thornton provided Allen Brown with a check for \$250 to cover the deposit and Ann Lewis signed the dinner contract for submission to the Cottonwood Club. John Hanson will send an email blast containing details of the event and instructions for making reservations.

2018 Officer Slate: Voting will be at the Christmas Party. The following individuals will stand for election:

President: Jim Revel

Vice-President: Darin Graber (Darin will stand for President in 2019)

Membership/Treasurer: Jim Thornton

Webmaster: Jon Hanson

Secretary: Ann Lewis

Delegate: Jim Revel

Newsletter: Craig Mossberg (The Bonneville Banter will be published quarterly in 2018)

Activities: Activities will be assigned to individuals on a per event basis. There will be no single person responsible for activities in 2018.

Fund Raising: Darin Graber has volunteered to initiate a program in which members can donate unneeded Healey parts or collectibles for sale on EBay with the proceeds donated to the club treasury. Jim Thornton offered the use of his company's UPS shipping account if appropriate. Members are asked to see what spare parts they have and let Darin know.

Next Meeting: The next BAHC meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Joe Morley's.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Don Colman/Craig Mossberg

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

As a reminder, the 2018 dues for Austin Healey Club of America and the Bonneville Austin Healey Club

are due January 15, 2018. By now, you should have received a renewal form from the AHCA.

Whichever level you choose to join, \$60.00 for both clubs or \$15.00 for the BAHC only, we hope to hear from you soon. Don't be left out of the national membership directory or miss out on the monthly magazine.

We appreciate your continuing support of the BAHC. Please call if you have any questions.

Jim Thornton- Membership Chairman

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GUARDMAN'S PASS-MIDWAY DRIVE OCTOBER 28, 2017

What beautiful weather for a drive over to Midway for lunch via Brighton/Guardsman Pass! Attendees included Darin Graber, Craig Mossberg, Doug and Ann Lewis and Jon Hanson. We met at the mouth of Big Cottonwood and since Darin brought the only Healey in the lineup, he was given the task of leading us up to Guardsman Pass summit. We passed a bit of snow in some shady areas but all things considered, road conditions could not have been better. Darin left us at that point to drive back to SLC for a prior engagement and the rest of us forged on to Midway for lunch.

We were a bit late for serious fall colors - those extensive Aspen groves just past the summit had to be spectacular. Now they are all leafless. After lunch, we decided simply to retrace our route in order to avoid I-80 and that crazy traffic. Near the summit, the road on the inside lane got pretty bad for several hundred yards. The slope was steep enough and the pothole density high enough that my Miata was actually having a hard time getting traction but managed to make it to the top. After we got

to the bottom of the canyon, we all went our separate ways.



Submitted by Jon Hanson

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AHCA Delegate Meeting Report November 10-12, 2017 Indianapolis, Indiana

At the meeting, it was suggested that the things that were discussed and a summary of the meeting

should be conveyed to and shared with the local members. Consequently, following is my summary:

I checked into the Cambria Suites outside of Indianapolis near the airport on Thursday evening November 9th. On Friday the 10th in the AM we drove to Frankfort, IN first for lunch then visited two car collections, the Miller Museum in Frankfort, IN and the Kokomo Automobile Heritage Museum in Kokomo, IN. No Healeys but many cars produced in Indiana from the early days were on display going back to the 20's some were quite valuable. That evening they had a social evening before dinner and introduced 6 or so new Delegates, which included me of course. A number of the Delegates asked me to say hi to Dave Maxwell as he is very well thought of after his many years serving as our club's Delegate.

32 Delegates from the US & Canada were in attendance out of a total of 49 and this lack of attendance of Delegates from the local chapters is of major concern and a phone committee was set up to determine why and to try to improve participation.

Members in the local clubs as **National Members in the US & Canada** totaled 3,030 up 2 since 2016 and down 46 since 2015. The size of local chapters ranged from a low of 1 in the Canadian Provinces AHC to a high of 323 members in the AHC of NE, Inc. The following had over 100 members: Southern Ontario AHC, Capital Area AHC, Inc., Tampa Bay AHC, Atlanta AHC, Midwest AHC, Inc., & Carolinas (Charlotte) AHC. The average size is 62, BAHC has 41 local & National members (down 4 since 2016) but 12 are local only and 7 of them own Healey's, so only 29 are National Members. Losing National Members that still own Healey's is of a concern and they are starting a promotion for those with Healey's to become National Members on a trial basis hoping they will remain as National Members after the promotion. Those 7 will be hearing from National about it.

Saturday night after the banquet they held an auction of Healey items contributed by the Delegates and raised several thousand dollars for

AHCA, Gary Brierton, previous AHCA President was the Auctioneer and he was almost as good as Dave Maxwell and Don Colman have done after our Healey Days Banquet as it was very similar to what we have done in the past.

National AHCA's 2017 Budgeted Revenue was \$189,475 with Disbursements of \$192,450 and the largest Disbursements are for the cost of Marque Magazine, Insurance and the Delegate Meeting. They have a cash balance of \$123,937. The 2018 budget is similar. BAHC's 2017 Revenue was \$2,710 with Expenses of \$2,410.98 with Net Income of \$299.02 and a cash balance of \$4,127.29. Other clubs reported a low of \$0 to a high of \$19,000. This was reported at the Delegate Meeting. My Expenses were as follows: My room cost was \$374.34 for the nights of 11/9, 10 & 11 which included \$32.79 for food and beverage, my round trip flight cost was \$485.96 for a total of \$860.30. I was reimbursed by AHCA in the amount of \$299.91. I agreed to cover all my out of pocket expenses this year but if we can improve income for the club I may ask for the BAHC to contribute whatever their approved standard share is next year. For 2018 the AHCA share of flight cost has been raised to \$200 from the current \$150. Each Delegate got up and reported about the above to the group about their club's successes, socials, events etc. Following is a summary of some of their pertinent facts:

Golden Gate AHC reported 7500 homes were lost in their area due to the fires that traveled in some cases 100 yards in 30 seconds. **Bluewater/Sarnia AHC, Canada** holds a car show for 280 Cars and raised \$8,700 for the Salvation Army, **Quebec Chapter AHC** hosts the Canadian Grand Prix that 125,000 people attend, club drives around the formula one track, **So. Ontario AHC**, have an annual British Car Show including 48 Healeys, they have a 1 social per month. a lunch drive and flea market fundraiser, **AHC of Central FL, Tampa** hold a car show of 150 cars that benefits Special Olympics, **Atlanta AHC** hold a 500 Miglia and a 100 Mile rally, **Illini AHC**, hold garage tours, **Central IN AHC**, hold tech sessions, Halloween Party, **Kansas AHC**, hold

monthly tech sessions, 2 & 3 day trips to the Ozarks, no fund raisers, car shows have brought the age level of members down with new members, **Blue Grass AHC**, hold a gymkhana, do tours, meet for lunch, **SE Michigan AHC**, hold no meetings, have monthly Pub night, haven't had a President for 30 years have 3 person board that runs it, moved their holiday party to January & get better attendance, do tours, **Minnesota AHC**, Popularity Car Show for Boys Club raised \$23,000 for them, do tours, picnics, Annual Banquet, **New England AHC**, British Car Show, wine tours, Lodestar Clambake, 1 tech session/mo. Phone calls to all, no meetings instead gatherings, support a not for profit donated \$22,000 have 47 events, **NE Ohio AHC**, bowling party, piggy back with other car clubs and do events, **Ohio Valley AHC**, hold meetings at houses, have gatherings not meetings, up to 35 attend, Romeo gathering (retired old men eating out) touch all members often, Thurs. night date nights, gun safety for ladies go to range on Mondays, **Oklahoma AH Owners Club**, have monthly breakfast, weekend trips, **AH Club of Oregon**, holding NW Rendezvous in Sept. 2018, **Low Country SC AHC**, no dues, **Gulf Coast AHC (Houston)**, Crawfish Boil, Summer Wine Dinner, **Wisconsin Chapter**, Spring Dinner, Silent Auction, Chili Blast. Almost all had holiday parties. Hopefully the above will give us some ideas. They hope more Delegates will attend Conclaves only about 60% to 70% attend. 2019 Conclave is likely going to be held in the Black Hills either in Deadwood or Rapid City. **Mike Schneider wants Officer reports from all Chapters as much before January 15 as possible. See page 34 of November Marque about this.**

Submitted by Jim Revel

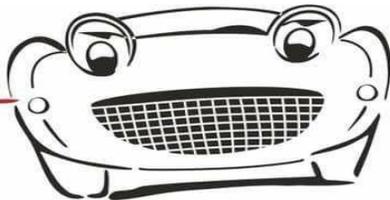
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CHRISTMAS DINNER 2017

The BAHC Annual Christmas Dinner was held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Cottonwood

Club in Holladay, Utah. Twenty-one members turned out to enjoy a delicious dinner and some holiday cheer. Thanks to Allen Brown for coordinating the event and to Ann, Tara and Mark Henderson for the use of their membership that allowed access to this wonderful location.



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