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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Through the years (since 1987) we have enjoyed our relationship with the club, the members, and the events. My first car was a 1959 Healey 100-6; I loved

that car. When Doug and I got married (1961) we decided it was not a practical car for families, groceries, etc. Although the McEligots did just fine with their Healey as a family car. But of course my Healey didn't have jump seats in the back where you could put kids or groceries. We sold our Healey and I was very sad.

After our kids grew up and had cars of their own, we bought another Healey. This is the Healey we still drive. We have taken this Healey to nearly every event since.

We have gone to Canada in July, where we all started out in rush-hour traffic; 103 degrees; came to a complete stand-still by Hill Air Force Base; and then we inched along, passed Ogden, and onto Salmon, Idaho, where it was 108 degrees. Now most all the Healey events turn out to be in July. The almost hottest time of the year.

If you think it is enjoyable to have the outside temperature at over 100 degrees; the engine heat pouring in; the heat from the roadway radiating in, then welcome to most club events.

Of course we have wonderful times. Like the time we were going to Zions National Park in April. Beautiful spring time. We spent the night at a Bed & Breakfast in Panguich, Utah. Woke up the next morning to find over two inches of snow on our Healeys. Driving through a blizzard with our "little" wipers attempting to clear the windshields; large 18-wheelers coming towards us with our dim little headlights hoping they could see us; heaters/demisters on full blast attempting to keep us safe and comfortable. Yes, indeed a wonderful time.

Another wonderful time was a trip to Jackson, Wyoming. We left Salt Lake on an overcast morning; top up; side curtains in the boot. The rains came and they poured. On I-15 the large trucks would fill our cab with water as they passed; we were soaked to the bones. Further up the highway we finally could pull off the highway and into a convenience store parking lot to put our side curtains on. Doug's glasses were wet on both sides of the lens. Later the rains stopped and we did have a wonderful time.

Another unusual experience was a trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. We left Salt Lake after work in the evening, so needless to say, we had to have our headlamps on. We had traveled as far as Strawberry Reservoir when our lights kept getting dimmer and dimmer. We pulled off to the side of the road; got out and found that our headlights had been flocked over by gnats. Both Dave Maxwell and Doug were out trying to clean off

the lights with tissues and our drinking water. But the rest of the event was delightful.

Now it seems age has caught up to us. We have trouble getting in and out of the Healey; bad backs, hips, shoulders and knees. We are not giving up entirely, but we will still endure the short trips in the Healey in the Spring-time and Autumn. But any long trips will have to be in our (old person's) daily driver if we can figure out all the new technology in this car. See you all at upcoming events.

Keep 'em rolling,

Ann

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

see signs of spring although the weather forecast is calling for valley snow later this week. Regardless, I



think we've survived another winter and it's getting time to dust off our cars, check all the fluids and air pressures and get our Healeys back on the road. We need to decide as a club what our activities will be for the coming season. Please come prepared to offer your ideas at our next BAHC meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at Joe Morleys.

I don't know about you but I was disappointed that more members did not sign up and the Annual BAHC Sweetheart Dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. This has always been a fun

event and the Morleys produced a wonderful feast for us last year. Hopefully, the timing was just bad and everyone is looking forward to participating in a number of fun BAHC activities this season.

I need to thank a number of members including Ann Lewis, Jon Hanson, Jim Revel and Jim Thornton. I had hoped to cover the Sweetheart Dinner in detail this issue and when it was cancelled, I ran out of material. Luckily these members helped out with some great ideas. If you have any suggestions or would like to write an article, please do so.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14: Planning Meeting at Joe Morley’s at 7:30 pm. Please come prepared with ideas for remaining 2017 activities.

May 11-14: The Dalles, Oregon. Austin-Healey Northwest Meet hosted by the Austin-Healey Club of Oregon.

June 17: British Field Day at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City. Volunteers are requested for set up on Friday, June 16th at 6:00pm.

July 9-14: Waco, Texas Conclave 2017 hosted by South Texas, Gulf Coast and North Texas Austin Healey Clubs.

September 11-15: Monterey, California. Monterey International Healey Week 2017 hosted by Austin Healey Club USA and Golden Gate Austin-Healey Club.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

As a reminder, the 2017 dues for Austin Healey Club of America and Bonneville Austin Healey Club were due Jan. 15th.

For the majority of you that have already paid, we thank you very much. Whichever level you choose to join, \$60.00 for both clubs or \$15.00 for B.A.H.C. only, we hope to hear from you soon. Don’t miss out of the “Healey Marque” monthly magazine.

We appreciate your continuing support of the Bonneville Austin Healey Club. Please call if you have any questions.

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BRITISH FIELD DAY-June 17th

British Field Day (BFD) will be held at Liberty Park again this year. All British cars and bikes in any condition from 100-point restorations to works in progress or an old daily beater are welcome. All area British car/bike owners and clubs are invited to participate. Call your friends and fellow club members to get them coming to the event!

There will be a road course set up on a closed access road inside the park. It promises to be as noisy and challenging as in previous years!

Liberty Park has many amenities including one of the largest and best playgrounds in the city, the Tracy Aviary and a small amusement park with a Ferris wheel and merry-go-round. Even if your family doesn't share your passion for LBCs (little British cars), there will be plenty for them to do while you are getting your fix!

The Salt Lake Arts Academy, a public charter school with emphasis on the arts, will be providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organizers can have more time for some fun, too! Publicity for BFD and the running of the event that day with BFD oversight will be handled by the Liberty Wells Community Council. Liberty Park is part of their neighborhood community.

Volunteers with the Liberty Wells Community Council will be serving the full English breakfast and Fish & Chips for lunch again this year! All cooked on site and fresh as can be. To ensure that you can partake of the English delicacies, we are asking folks to RSVP for either or both meals to BFDUTAH@gmail.com so we will know how many meals to prepare. There will be a little extra food but not much, so RSVP to not miss out on this culinary treat!

Liberty Park is located between 500 East & 700 East, and 900 South & 1300 South. The BFD event will be held in the northeast quadrant of the park. Enter off 1300 South and drive east and north about a quarter of the way around the park. You will see the event on the left.

Please help support the Salt Lake Arts Academy and Liberty Wells Community Council by bringing your cars and bikes out to join in the fun. Registration starts at 8 AM. We hope to have most bikes and cars in place by 9 AM. We encourage folks displaying

vehicles to try to stay until 3 PM, but if you can only make it for a couple of hours, that is fine, too! The registration fee is \$10 per bike or car. The maximum registration fee is \$20 per registrant regardless of the number of cars or bikes they bring. A \$5 donation is requested per adult admission. Kids 12 and under are free.

To register, print out the registration form and bring it along with you on the 17th of June.

For questions regarding BFD or American with Disabilities (ADA) accommodation please contact: Bill Davis, 801-860-6975.

Setup will be Friday evening June 16, 2017 and the BFD event itself is on Saturday June 17.

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Taken from the British Car Specialists Tech Talk book

PRE-TOURING INSPECTION

Norman Nock, Stockton California

WATER PUMP-Hold the fan blade at tip and move it fore and aft, there should be no movement or looseness. Look for a rusty stain or a coolant leak from the hole in the bottom of the pump.

FUEL PUMP-If the pump is old and dirty you should replace it with a new electronic S.U. pump.

HUBS, WIRE WHEELS-Check the condition of the hubs by driving slowly in second gear and going on

and off the gas pedal. Listen for clicks coming from the hubs. Do not over tighten the knock-offs to stop the clicks. If you have these clicks your wheel could come off while driving. (Refer to Feb '87 CHATTER). Clicks could also be caused by a worn universal joint.

COOLING SYSTEM-Check the accuracy of your temperature gauge against a thermometer inserted in the top of the radiator, with cap removed and car idling. Any temperature readings over 195° F, on the gauge, while driving should be investigated to avoid overheating and engine damage.

GENERATOR-If your generator starts to make a grinding sound the bush and or bearing are badly worn. This is usually caused by a fan belt being adjusted too tight. The belt should not be "twangy" tight, it should have a little looseness.

BATTERY-Check that the specific gravity of your battery shows at the fully charged mark of 1.280. If not, charge the battery and check the specific gravity again. If it has not reached the fully charged state, replace it before it causes you a "no start problem" (refer to July '86 CHATTER).

OIL LEAKS-If your car leaks oil every time you park it, don't assume that the oil could only come from the engine. Check the transmission level, water/antifreeze looks like clean engine oil so be sure and check the coolant level. Don't forget to check the engine oil as well. Keep a close watch on your fluid levels and avoid an expensive overhaul.

BRAKES-This is a major safety item and should be checked regularly by a qualified mechanic. Pulling,

soft pedal, no power, locking, grinding or squeaking are some of the reasons to get your brakes checked for safe operation.

CLUTCH-Clutch engaging when foot is almost off of the pedal could be a sign of a slipping clutch. A soft pedal is usually a hydraulic problem. A clutch pedal that is hard to push down and a slipping clutch could be caused by the flexible hose going to the slave cylinder being partially restricted inside, limiting the flow of fluid. Wear between the clutch pedal arm and the master cylinder clevis pin could cause grinding going into first and reverse.

DRIVING OVER 6,000FT.-In high altitudes your engine will have a 3% per 1,000 feet decrease in power and the idle will be slower. If you do not drive regularly above 6,000 feet it is not necessary to change your carburetor adjustments or the ignition timing. If you live at these high altitudes check with local mechanics who will advise you about how to change your ignition timing to suit the altitude.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE-Checking your car regularly for potential problems and keeping it tuned-up will help to prevent problems on your tour.

TOOLS AND PARTS-If you have a problem with your car while traveling do you have the parts and tools with you to fix it? Generator – Water pump – Points – Distributor cap – Rotor.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Ann Lewis for suggesting this article. It has a lot of helpful hints for long tours or for just day to day driving.

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JIM REVEL'S LATEST PROJECT

Jim Revel plans to do the front of his latest 100-4 like this picture with Euro plates and the running light installation. His license plate pictured was put together by Jim Thornton & Paul Evans at the recent tech session at Revel's house.



Jim purchased the plate from Ace License Plate in the UK. He is trying to decide whether to hook them the running lights up electrically or just install them without power. He heard Jon Hanson installed his lights without power. What do you think?

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HIGH AUSTIN HEALEY SALE PRICES At SCOTTSDALE AUCTIONS

The following prices were obtained in January at the above they included a 10% buyer's premium.

1955 100S - sold for \$539,000, estimate was \$500k-\$800k, restored by Steve Pike in Australia, did not have original engine, sold at Bonham's. Considered low as others have sold for over \$1,000,000. Old English White.

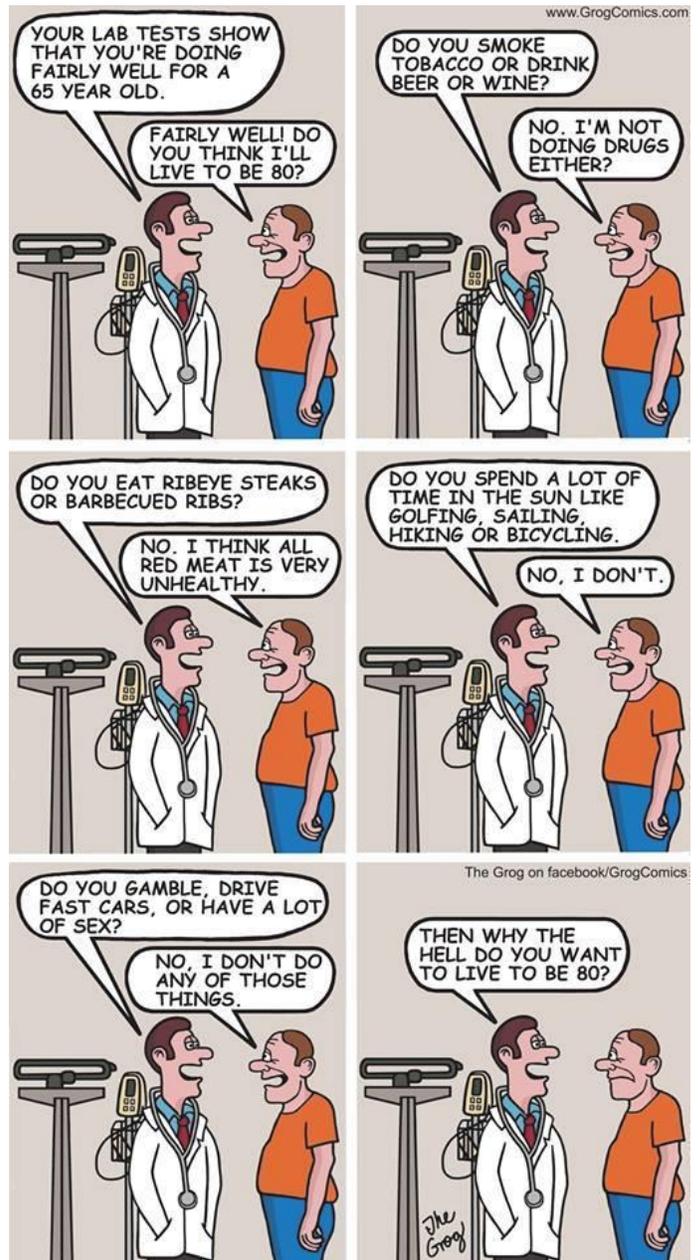


1956 100M- One of 640 sold at Worldwide Auctions for \$203,500. Florida Green over Old English White.





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