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President's Message



In this newsletter you will find information on the national club's campaign to increase membership. The theme of the drive to get new members is called, "Maximize Your Healey Experience". I will bring to the next meeting the cards you can give to Healey owners to invite them to join. Also, a copy of the card is in this issue of the newsletter.

Another way to increase membership is to hang on to the people who are already in the club and to encourage those less active to be more involved. I believe that Dil Strasser was very effective in bringing fun activities to more members. One need only look at the number of members coming to our activities now, as compared to the past, to see how effective he was. My perception is that he did this with genuine enjoyment of people and a desire to learn from them, and by calling people to invite them out. It is my hope that we can learn from this good example.

Why would we want more active members? I guess there may be many reasons but a few that come to mind are that an experience is more fun when you share it with others and I believe you can always learn something from each person.

A thought on retention of active members comes to mind. This involves our conduct at our meetings. Do you know what you want to have happen at our meetings? I am still a new member and have been asked by the club to conduct the meetings. This is not a job that I sought or would seek, but I wanted to contribute in some way. Do you want just a social hour of uncoordinated individual conversations? Do you want to have a more formal business meeting with a social hour afterwards?

The time has come for you to make a choice and decide what you want. Members have been lost in the past because of this issue. If we want to increase membership we will have to have meetings that are enjoyable.

To me the last meeting was not enjoyable. It was impossible to conduct business with few paying attention and with many carrying on their own private conversations at the same time that I was trying to address the issues. Do you ever wonder if this borders on rudeness?

At times when a member brings up a tech problem he is having, his question is met with ridicule or demeaning comments almost as if we were trying to embarrass the individual or demonstrate our superior knowledge.

I believe a little thoughtfulness and kindness will go a long way toward making the Healey experience enjoyable for our members.

Maybe some of you don't want to hear about problems or ways to improve our club and its meetings. That is OK with me too. Just let me know what you want me to do and I will try to give you what you want. I do believe majority rule should apply.

See you at the next meeting,

Jim Pearce

Austin Healey CLUB OF AMERICA **RECRUIT AND WIN IN 2005!**

The AHCA is on a campaign to increase its membership, and we need every current member to help to do this. In fact, we're having a contest to encourage members to make a special effort to draw in new members. "Maximize Your Healey Experience" is the theme of the membership drive.

The contest rules are explained in the March 2005 issue of *Healey Marque*, page 6. The prize is a set of new 60-spoke wire wheels from Hendrix Wire Wheel. Each new or gift membership that a member recruits earns a "ticket" for the current member. At the end of the contest period (October 15, 2005), the tickets will be entered in the prize drawing at the AHCA Delegates Meeting in early November, 2005. The more new members a current member recruited, the better the chance to win the wheels.

It is vital that the new member's sign-up document include the recruiting member's name! (New members may sign up by print, e-mail, fax or the ACHA Web site www.healeyclub.org) Each sign-up document contains the line, "How did you hear of us?" That is the line that must be filled in for the recruiting member to get credit for a new member "ticket".

Postcards, which are available from local clubs and tell a prospective member how to join, make a convenient recruiting tool for members to use at local or regional car shows, when you see a Healey parked on the street or at a service provider's shop, or just by word of mouth. Members should write in their name and region on the "How did you hear about AHCA" line before they distribute the cards. Recruiters who follow up with a phone call to a prospective member (ask for the name, address and phone number of the person to whom you give the card) may have better luck in actually getting the person to join.

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Minutes for March 8, 2005

Meeting held at Marie Callenders

Called to order by President, Jim Pearce at 7:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Pearce	Dave & Sandy Maxwell
Jim Thornton	Doug & Ann Lewis
Ron & Kathy Jensen	Bob Jahnke
John Morrison	Jim Revel
Allen & Judy Brown	Tom & Ann Henderson
Jon Hanson	Ernie Reno
Bob & Fran Riemenschneider	

The last meeting was the Valentines Day, dinner held at Lugano. Club business was not conducted therefore no minutes were available. Minutes for the January meeting were approved as published in the March Banter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. The Valentines Party was discussed. Jim Revel was thanked for his effort. The Party was a big success.

Item 2. Activities: Jim Revel reporting:

We have 30 days to make reservations for the Antlers Lodge in Jackson, WY. Accommodations are \$79.00 plus tax per night. As of the meeting eight members are planning to make the drive. It should be a lot of fun since it will coincide with the annual BMCU drive to Jackson. That should mean lots of LBC's for the weekend.

BUT, before that we have the Grantsville drive to the Utah Museum of Fire Service History and Firefighter Memorial and the new racetrack site at the Deseret Peak Recreation Complex and Miller Park on April 9th. Larry Miller will assist in building a new 4-½ mile road racecourse at this site. It will be built in the area where the Black Rock Raceway now sits. Black Rock Raceway is currently built for carts and was opened in 2003. The drive will leave from the Conveyors & Equipment parking lot at 10:00 A.M. Bring a lunch and something to drink.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held Saturday, March 12, 2005. All driving members are encouraged to participate. There is a \$10 entry fee.

British Field Day is still up-in-the-air for a venue and date. Still tentatively scheduled for early June.

Item 3. Jim Thornton announced that the club should have 39 paid members. This is a real number and not bad, all things considered. There are 3 members who have not yet renewed, but are expected to renew for 2005.

Item 4. Jon Hanson was congratulated for the success of his web page effort.

Item 5. Allen Brown reported that the use of the web has cut the mailing list by approximately 50%. Good news for the treasury.

Item 6. A tech session will be held on March 19, 2005 in John Morrison's garage. Brake analysis and bleeding will be one of the topics. Windshield assembly will be another.

Item 7. Dave reported that Edie at AHCA had a computer crash in November and she is still trying to recover from it.

Item 8 Kruse International will conduct an auction on April 1-3 at Thanksgiving Point. Admission is \$15. Times are: Friday – 2 p.m., Saturday – 10 a.m. and Sunday – 1 p.m.

The web site lists 292 items to be auctioned.

Item 9. Despite the West Coast Meet a meeting and tech session will be scheduled for July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

This is the description of the drive to Grantsville.

The drive to Grantsville will begin at 3580 South 300 West, the Conveyors & Equipment parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For John Morrison and others who are prone to a late start the route will be to SR-201 west to I-80. Take the Tooele exit to SR-138. Take SR-138 to Cooley and Clark Street intersection to the Donner-Reed Museum. Then we will back track to 800 E (SR-112) to the Deseret Peak Complex and the Firefighters Museum. Straight driving time is about one hour and mileage is less than 50. We should be about ready for lunch at the Deseret Peak site.



For more information on the Deseret Peak Recreation Complex, go to:

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/print/1,1442,600109863,00.html>

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Activities Schedule

April 9 - Day trip to Grantsville, Desert Peak Facility/ Fire
 Fighter Museum

April 12 - Club Meeting @ Joe Morley's, 7:30 p.m.
 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

May 10 - Club Meeting @ Marie Calenders

May 21 - Tech Session @ ? to get ready for Jackson Hole
 Trip on 5/28 – 30

May 28 – 30 - Trip to Jackson Hole and possible Driggs
 side trip, Lodging at Antler Motel, meals to be set up.

June 14 - Club Meeting @ Joe Morley's

June 18 - Tech Session @?

July 9-14 - West Coast Meet @ Klamath Falls, Ore.
 Registration 7/11 (See Feb. 2005 Banter for details.)

July 12 - Club Meeting @ Marie Calenders

Aug. 6&7 - Healey Days, Park City, place for meals and
 lodging to be determined

Aug. 20 - Tech Session@?

Sept. 13 - Club Meeting @ Marie Calenders

Sept. 17 - Fairview Day Drive

Oct. 11 - Club Meeting @ Joe Morley's

Oct. 15 - Tech Session @?

Oct. 29 - Halloween Party @ 1:30PM, place to be
 determined

Nov. 8 - Club Meeting @ Marie Calenders

Nov. 19 - Tech Session @?

Dec.10 - Christmas Party @ 1:30PM, Place to be
 determined soon

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Tech Session 03/19/05 (Photo by John Morrison)

E-Mail Message from Dil and Diane Strasser

Greetings from Xela, Guatemala:

What is that old saying? "The older you get the faster time flies". It must be true because we are half way. Nine months and it has been wonderful. We love Western Guatemala, the beautiful people, and the opportunity to share the gospel.

The Elders and Sisters are great, hardworking, dedicated missionaries. We are enjoying helping them. The Gospel Chariot (our 20 year old Toyota Corolla) has been a great blessing. It enables us to visit the branches of the mission each Sunday. There are 21 branches and we are almost through our 2nd time, six more to go. This next week the mission office will be moved. The property will be used by the Stake Center for needed parking.

Spring is in the air here. The crops are starting to be planted, so it will be beautifully green. We will continue to do our harvesting work for the Lord.

Love to all,

Elder and Hermana Strasser

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A Potential Healey Mechanic?

A gynecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and was on the verge of being burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to change careers and become an auto mechanic. He found out from the local technical college what was involved, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently and learned all he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the gynecologist prepared for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wondered if there has been an error that needs adjusting?" The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly which is also worth 50%." The instructor went on to say, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did all of it through the muffler".



*1967 Austin Healey 3000 Mark III
Owned by Allen and Judy Brown, drawn by their son, Jamie*

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BAHC 2005 Summer Trip



Jackson Hole, WY, May 28th-30th

For lodging reservations at \$76 per night, call:
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