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President's Message

Do It Time Is Here



OOPS...I goofed, Preparing for the March Meeting, I discovered that my president's challenge was missing a couple of items that participants should get credit for. First item was that somewhere between laying out the point schedule and printing it in the Banter the point value for Tech Sessions was omitted. Points for attendance at a tech session are: MEMBER, 2 points, HEALEY, 2 points, OTHER COLLECTOR CAR, 1 point. The area that I had completely failed to address was participation in events of public interest, such as the BMCU's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The membership decided that we would assign the same point value to those kind of events as we give for Bonneville drives. (Member, 2 pts. Partner, +2 pts. Healey, +4 pts. Other collector car, +2pts.). While on the subject of the President's Challenge I hope that all of you will notice what contributions to OUR newsletter will do to help accumulate points.

On the 25th of March a group of 7 Bonneville Austin-Healey Club members made a trek to the famous Bonneville Salt Flats. The salt at this time of year is mostly a lake. But driving out to the end of the paved road near the race area we could get a feel of how immense the salt flats are. Those who went, elected to spend the night in Wendover and partake of a little Nevada style fun. I suppose I should just send them a donation instead of playing the games because the result is always the same.

You will notice in the schedule for April that the tour of Miller Motorsports Park has been moved to APRIL 22nd. The move was made so that the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club can have a parade lap or so on the track. Also the construction will be complete. Watch the web site for more particulars, or better yet, come to the April 11th meeting at Marie Callender's, 1109 East 3900 South, 7:30 P.M. and get the scoop first hand.

The trip to Bryce Canyon May 5th – 7th is fast approaching. If you plan on going, let me suggest that you get your reservations made soon. We will be lodging at the Bryce Canyon Resort, (800) 834-0043. Be sure to mention the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club, and that the rate is \$75.00. To give us more time than a normal 30 day room block, Jim Revel has guaranteed rooms on his personal credit card. When you register please have them release your room from his card.

June 17th the Cache Valley Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) has extended an invitation to our club to exhibit our cars at the Second Annual Summerfest Car Show in Logan. See the Invitation on page 3 in this newsletter for more particulars. Then on

June 24th we will be co-hosting the **British Field Day at LIBERTY PARK**. Make note of the change in venue. I'm sure that the committee will need a little more help this year setting up and running the program, so if there is any area you can help please contact Bill Davis at 484-2858 or E-mail him at grovers@aol.com.

Happy Healey,
Dave

Trip to Wendover

Our trip to Wendover was a good event to start our Healey driving season. As we expected there were not many attending. Participants were the Maxwells, the Riemenschneiders, the Lewis's and Brent Hilton. We left Salt Lake under sunny skies, but a bit windy. When we arrived at the Bonneville Salt Flats, they were covered in water, which is typical in the spring. We then went to The Nugget (the old Stateline) where we spent the night.

Had a delightful afternoon and evening; we checked out the Airfield Museum, which was interesting and informative. None of us won the big money, unlike Brent Hilton, who won the Megabucks last October in Mesquite. Be sure to ask him about that. The weather worked fine for us, the big storm came in around 7:00 p.m. when we were all secure in the hotel. The next morning we had great weather to drive home in.

Maybe we could get more participants in the upcoming events, which brings me to the Bryce Canyon trip in May. We have moved it to **May 5th, 6th, 7th**. We have reservations at the **Bryce Canyon Resort**, 1-800-834-0043. Doug and I have booked an "Historic Cabin" for around \$82 + tax each night. Maybe you can negotiate a better price. They have cottages, cabins and regular motel rooms. Mark your calendars, reserve your rooms for Friday and Saturday nights (May 5th and 6th), and prepare for a fun event.

Join us,
Ann Lewis



Bonneville Salt Flats

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club

General Membership Meeting

Minutes for March 14, 2006

Meeting held at Joe Morley's
Called to order by President, Dave Maxwell at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Pearce	Dave & Sandy Maxwell
Bob Jahnke	John Morrison
Doug & Ann Lewis	Tom & Ann Henderson
Ernie Reno	Bob Riemenschneider
Ken Clifford	Joe Morley
Dil & Dianne Strasser	Paul Strasser

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. The "President's Challenge" was discussed and scoring methods were reviewed. Some additional activities will be given point values. Tech session attendance, as an example, was inadvertently left off the list.

Item 2. The replacement banner has been delayed due to the constant travel of John Evans and John Morrison's inability to find the artwork. As soon as John E settles down, John M will get the art work in for layout.

Item 3. Treasurer's report, Bob Jahnke reporting: Current status is that the bank account is positive and currently stands at approximately \$4,000. This is up from the last report. Most, if not all, of the outstanding bills have been paid.

Item 4. A discussion of the newsletter and its distribution ensued. The conclusion reached was that the website version is superior to the paper version in that the newsletter is posted in color on the web. The suggestion is that we have Jon Hanson set up an email list to remind members when the newsletter is posted. Financially, the club will benefit if more members accept the web posting as their subscription.

Item 5. Members who have not yet paid dues for the year will be sent past due notices and will be dropped from the mailing list.

ACTIVITIES:

Item 1. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was held Saturday, March 11, 2006. BAHC participation was limited but BMCU did turn out.

Item 2. The drive to Wendover will convene in the Conveyors & Equipment parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25. The early start time is to allow those members who are not able to stay the night to enjoy the drive and the day before driving back. Rooms are available for \$74.95 plus taxes at the Wendover Nugget.

Item 3. The Bryce & Zions trip dates are changed due to the conflict with Mother's Day. The dates are moved up to May 5, 6 & 7. Call Jim Revel for more information.

Item 4. British Field Day is scheduled for June 24, at Liberty Park. More information as it develops.

Item 5. Dave Maxwell suggests that, for those planning to attend the Healey Rendezvous in Nelson, B.C., a trip and route plan should be undertaken soon. Let Dave know if you will participate in the planning.

Item 6. This month's tech session will be held at Conveyors & Equipment, 3580 South 300 West. Usual noon starting time.

Item 7. For those who are looking for something to do June 15-17th, there will be an antique car show in association with the Summerfest art show at the Logan Fairgrounds.

Item 8. The club is looking for venue suggestions for the 2006 Healey Day celebration. Is Park City the best place? August dates are still reserved for Healey Day.

Item 9. Jim Pearce brought a vintage movie that has been converted to tape and showed it at the end of the meeting. The vintage was when Jim's hair was darker and thicker and the Healey he was driving was near new. Ah! Nostalgia.

Item 10. Next meeting is at Marie Callender's on 39th South and 11th East. 7:30 p.m. unless I misunderstood Dave's intent.

John Morrison

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club Proposed 2006 Activities Schedule

Apr. 11 – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Marie Callender's 1109 E. 3900 South, Salt Lake City

Apr. 15 – Tech Session, noon, Conveyors & Equip, 3580 S. 300 West, Salt Lake City

Apr. 22 – Miller Motorsports Park Tour, See President's Message, Page 1, Paragraph 3.

May 5-7 – Bryce Canyon weekend tour, Jim Revel has made some reservations. For details, see President's Message, Page 1, Paragraph 4 and Ann Lewis article, Page 1, Paragraph 3.

May 9 - General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

Jun. 13 – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., place TBA

Jun. 17 – Tech Session or British Field Day (tentative)

Jun. 17 – Summerfest Car Show, Logan, UT, See invitation on Page 3.

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

Jul. 15 – Tech Session followed by BBQ, volunteers needed for location

Jul. 21-30 – Healey Rendezvous 2006, Nelson, B.C.,

Aug. 8 – General meeting, 7:30 p.m., place TBA

Aug. Saturdays – Reserved to determine date for Healey Days

Sep. 12 - General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

Sep. 15-17 – Annual Jackson, WY overnight

Oct. 10 – General Meeting, place TBA

Other Oct. Activities – TBA

Nov. 14 – General Meeting, nominations, 7:30 p.m. at Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

Nov. 18 – Tech Session, noon, place TBA

Dec. 9 – Holiday Party and Elections, time and place TBA

The club will also hold several one day driving events throughout the year

President's Challenge Standings

Dave & Sandy Maxwell	50
Jim & Sheryl Thornton	50
Doug & Ann Lewis	44
Don & Marian Colman	28
Dill & Diane Strasser	26
Bob & Dixie Jahnke	25
Ernie & Vickie Reno	24
Jon Hanson	22
Bob & Fran Riemenschneider	22
Allen & Judy Brown	20
Jim & Virginia Pearce	18
Joe & Lora Morley	18
Paul Strasser	18
Ken Clifford	18

1961-'63 Austin- Healey 3000 Mk II

By David Traver Adolphus

Hemmings MotorNews, April 2006**The stylish, powerful Mark II is more popular than ever**

With a profile drawn after WWII, the long hood, subtle door creases, rakish windshield and big wheel, low-deck shape of the Austin-Healey 3000 Mk II make a promise that the car delivers. It's an intersection of design and performance, of engineering and art that have made the Austin-Healey 3000 an object of desire for almost 50 years.

The car was the result of a collaborative effort, initiated by Birmingham, England's Austin in 1952, which looking for a design that would sell well overseas. A proposal from Healey won out, and the 3000 took its name in 1959 when it gained a 2.9-liter straight six. The Mk II came along in mid-1961, differentiated from earlier models with a triple-carbureted straight-six engine. Breathing through a trio of SU HS4 carburetors and featuring a 9.0:1 compression ratio, it made 132hp at 4,740 rpm, and 167-lbs.ft. of torque at 3,000 rpm. Externally, it closely resembles earlier Austin-Healeys, with the addition of "Mk II" script on the hood badge and a front grill with vertical bars.

Later Mk IIs saw some changes, including a new convertible body (identified as a BJ7 body from the chassis number) and a return to two SU HS6 carburetors, with only a slight reduction in power. The BN7 two-seater was discontinued in the spring, leaving a 2+2 (and briefly, a BT7 four-seater) available. With real roll-down windows the BJ7 became a much more usable car. The Mk II lasted through late 1963 with few other major changes.

The style, power and usability of the 3000 has led it to be called a "poor man's Aston-Martin." For many years, their prices were more or less static, until they took a dramatic upswing four or five years ago. Top examples now command in excess of \$50,000, while drivers and unrestored cars are getting harder to find, although almost 10,000 were imported into the U.S. A decent Mk II under \$25,000 is unusual today. The upside of the interest is a vigorous club scene with two competing national clubs and a healthy supply of restoration and performance parts, as well as experts in the marque.

Pitted against smaller British favorites such as the Triumph TR3A and MGA, the Mk II excels in both appearance and performance, while starting in price where the MG and TR leave off. It's bracketed on the upper end by cars like the Jaguar XK150 and XKE, which start in price where the Mk II tops out. While very different in style and execution, the Porsche 356, in cabriolet and roadster bodies, was direct competition at the time, and remains close now. However, the 356 is noticeably more expensive than a comparable Austin-Healey.

With its unbeatable combination of style, power and grace, the Austin-Healey 3000 Mk II has little direct competition today. If you want top-down European motoring, in a substantial and energetic car, it's one of your finest choices.

(Editor's note: BAHC member Bob Jahnke has a 1962 BT7 Tri-Carb Healey.)

Second Annual Summerfest Car Show

The Cache Valley Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, along with Logan City is excited about the Second Annual Summerfest Car Show. Summerfest Art Faire and Music Festival in its 23rd year in Logan, will be June 15-17, 2006 at the Cache County Fair Grounds. More information about Summerfest Art Faire can be found at:

www.ci.logan.ut.us/parksrec/summerfest/index.htm

We want to extend an invitation to your club members to attend and exhibit their vehicles on Saturday June 17th from 10 am until 5pm on the grass at the Faire. There will be now entry fee, judging or awards. We are planning an informal tour to points of interest on Friday afternoon for those who may wish to arrive early with an overnight stay.

The VMCCA is dedicated to the acquisition, preservation, restoration and exhibition of antique and historically significant automobiles. VMCCA recognizes all original or restored original cars 25 years or older. All show entries will need to comply with this guideline. No customs or hot rods please. Please come and join us, and display your car in this unique and beautiful setting.

RAMADA LIMITED Logan, offers a preferred Car Show Summerfest rate of \$55.00/night with full American breakfast, single/double occupancy, an additional charge of \$5.00 for additional persons over 12. Ramada Limited is located at 2002 south Highway 89-91, Logan, UT 84321; about 3 miles from the fair grounds. Their phone # is 435-787-2060. You are to make your own reservations directly with Ramada, and refer to Cache Valley Car Show Summerfest rate.

We would appreciate a response regarding numbers of attendees for planning purposes. For further information, contact: Norm Canfield 435-245-7515 or normcanfield@earthlink.net or Robert Bryner 435-752-8166.

Sincerely,

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Get ready for Healey Rendezvous 2006 Nelson, British Columbia, Canada

The Austin-Healey Owners Association of British Columbia will host Healey Rendezvous 2006 at Nelson, B.C. in the Selkirk Mountains, July 24 -28, 2006. Plan on attending this annual gathering of Healey enthusiasts and enjoy beautiful British Columbia. See you there, eh!

See link for registration application form on BAHC website in "Events and News" section.

www.bonnevillehealeyclub.org

www.healeys.ca/m_21.asp

www.nelsonbc.ca/



1962 Austin-Healey Mark II (Tri-Carb)
See Sports Car Profile article on Page 3

