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President's Message

Passing the Torch



What will happen to your Healey when you are no longer willing or able to keep it? I have always thought it would be nice to keep it in the family since it is an extension of me that my children would enjoy. That may be unrealistic, since none of them have an interest in auto mechanics and none of them have a history with the car, past and present, as I do. Oh sure, they love going for rides with me as long as I change the oil and etc.

This is a real issue since a survey for Austin Healey magazine revealed that fifty percent of owners are over 65 years old. Thirty five percent are between 55 and 64. Sixteen percent are between 45 and 54. In other words, 99 percent are 45 years or older.

With the cost of buying a Healey going up so steeply of late it is easy to theorize that young people can't afford a hobby car. But I wonder how many would buy a Healey if they had the money?

So one half of owners are under age 65 and that means we will probably be able to sell our cars for some time yet. I wonder if we are seeing a bubble in their worth now, that will burst like the housing bubble has when the buyer pool shrinks as we grow older.

Now is the time to begin to involve a potential future family member owner in the care and upkeep of our classic car. It could be a bonding and educational experience for them and a blessing to both our lives.

Worst case I suppose, is the car going back into hibernation for many years as it has probably done in the past.

Oh well, spring has finally come and the air is so soft and mild and the ride is so exhilarating and fun that as Scarlet said." ill think about that tomorrow, I cant think about that today. Ill just go crazy if I do. After all, tomorrow is another day".

Jim Pearce

Moab/Arches National Park, April 11-13

The road trip to Moab was very successful. Attendees included Ann and Doug Lewis, Jon Hanson, Dave and Sandy Maxwell and Jim and Sheryl Thornton. Two Healeys were in the entourage, Lewis's and Thornton's.

We formed up at 9 a.m. on Friday and headed south to Spanish Fork, up the canyon past Soldier Summit (a bit of nasty weather there), on to Price and thence to Green River. After fortifying ourselves with burgers at Ray's Tavern in Green River, we were off to the Cisco junction on I-70 and thence on into Moab along the Colorado River. This is where the scenery began to be spectacular. We headed to Arches National Park on Saturday morning (only a 10 minute drive from Moab). We stopped first at the Three Gossips. From the Three Gossips, we proceeded to Balanced Rock (and I might add, walked rather lightly near it). We then went to the Windows area and Double Arch. At this point, and by popular demand, we headed out of the park and back into Moab for lunch.

Sunday morning, we headed back to SLC back through Green River and west to Salina via I-70. We had a break in Salina at "Mom's Cafe". Really good pies! So good they have made Sunset and National Geographic magazines. (in business since 1947). From Salina we headed north through Centerfield, Levan, and on to I-15 near Nephi and thence on into SLC.

This was a great trip. It was the first time the author had been to Arches and he plans on returning. Many thanks to Ann Lewis for organizing this event.

(Editor: See the complete article and photos by Jon Hanson in Events and News, BAHC Website.)



**San Diego:
June 29 to
July 4, 2008**



**2008
Healey
Days
Logo**



Submitted by Dave Maxwell

Bonneville Austin Healey Club

Minutes for April 8, 2008

Meeting held at Marie Callender's Restaurant
Called to order by President, Jim Pearce at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Pearce	Dave & Sandy Maxwell
Jim Thornton	Doug & Ann Lewis
John & Gloria Morrison	Ken Clifford
Allen Brown	Craig Mossberg
Dil Strausser	Myra Strachen
Jon Hanson	Ernie Reno

The last meeting was the March meeting held at Joe Morley's restaurant. Refer to the April Banter for a recap of the minutes from that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Dave Maxwell has been making arrangements for the **25th** Annual Healey Days. They will be held at Park City, August 16 & 17. The best accommodation deal Dave has been able to arrange is at the Silver King Lodge. Studio's will be \$109.00 + taxes/night and 1 bedroom's at \$119.00. Dinner will be held at Jeremy Ranch Country Club on Saturday night. Dinner will cost from \$27 to \$36, for the usual beef, fish or chicken entrees. Add \$5.60 for a salad.

Social hour will convene at 6 o'clock and Dinner will be at 7 o'clock. (P.M. of course). Sunday there will be a drive up to East Canyon and a return down Emigration with a stop for lunch optional.

Item 2. There will be **25th** anniversary shirts available for purchase. The logo that has been chosen will be similar to that which was used on the 15th anniversary shirt. Cost will be \$20-25. Orders will be taken anytime. (See logo on P. 1)

Item 3. Joe Morley sent word that he had investigated the Homestead as a potential site for Healey Days and had obtained a rate of \$119 for the nights of the event. Dinners are available for \$25-30. Dave Maxwell has already made a commitment to Park City, so the alternative cannot be considered.

Item 4. Reports:

1. Jim Thornton reports 43 paid members this year. Down from 53 members last year. We expect two or three more may pay late.

2. Bob Jahnke reports that there is approximately \$4,750 in the treasury and the club may elect to provide the salads at Jeremy Ranch Country Club in August. To be discussed further.

3. Allen Brown reports that we are still mailing The Banter to 8 members.

4. Jon Hansen has been contacted by Miller Motorsports Park, Jon will contact Bryan Miller to setup a potential car corral during the American LeMans event, May 16-18.

5. Ann Lewis discussed activity plans:

April-Drive to Arches National Monument April 11-13
May-Possible show at Miller Motorsports Park (above)
May- BMCU annual Jackson, WY drive (Memorial Day Weekend)

June- BMCU British Field Day at Liberty Park June 21
July- Barbecue on the 19th following the tech session at the Morrison's

August-Healey Days the 16th & 17th
September-Leaf drive the 27th

Item 5. John Morrison announced a project to collect photos for a CD/DVD project as a fund raiser. Watch your email for a reminder.

Item 6. Tech session on 4/19 to be held at Manny Tafoya's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

John Morrison

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club Proposed 2008 Activities Schedule

Tue., May 13th – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

Sat., May 17th – Tech Session, TBA at May 13th Mtg.

May TBA – See Minutes on this page, Item 4, Par. 4

May 24-26 – BMCU Memorial Day Run to Jackson, WY. Check the website at www.britishmotorclub.org for more information or call Bob Jahnke at 583-3021.

Tue., Jun. 10th – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Marie Callender's, 1109 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City

Sat., Jun. 21st: British Field Day at Liberty Park

Sat., Jul. 19th: Tech Session, noon. Pool Party & BBQ at 2:00 p.m. at the Morrison's. Bring your drink and we'll figure out the food in the meantime.

Aug. 16th, 17th: Healey Days. See Minutes, Item 1.

September: Saturday the 27th, a drive, where: TBA

October, November and December Activities will be scheduled at a later time

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