



TULIPS IN TEXAS



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PRESIDENTS COLUMN



Looking for a Healey event to go to this year?

The Club will be at the **ABCDE “All British and European Car Show”** at White Rock Lake in Dallas so be sure to put that one on your calendar. We’ll be sending detailed info as soon as we know. Be sure to mark your calendar for May 6th. *How about “Food and Refreshments provided by your club”? What would you like to have? Let Hilary Cooper know!!*

Did you know that 2018 is also the 60th anniversary of the Sprite! Please see the Activities section of the Newsletter for more details of the **“60 Years of Spridgets”** Event, (see Activities Calendar for website info). We would like to see “ALL” the Sprites we can get for the 2018 years events and coming up is the ABCDE Show at White Rock Lake this May 6th. I’ll be sending via email the info on the event with registration form and details about the event.

As you know, Chris Kellner has been working feverishly restoring his recently acquired Devin Healey race car and another installment of his detailed progress update is in this issue of our newsletter. He promises to keep us updated on it’s progress and will even give us a great story on the Devin Healey history. Stay tuned, you don’t want to miss it!!

On another interesting note: The Healey Marque Magazine liked our Christmas Party newsletter and they asked to use it in their Regional Clubs section and turned it into a *full page* article. A big thank you to Ed & Lisa Canada for hosting the party!! Hope you enjoyed the Marques edit and layout!

Next NTAHC Newsletter will be the Roundup follow-up. If you took some photos and have comments please send them to me asap! The Newsletter is already under construction.

See ya’ll on the trail.

Patrick Yoas



TULIPS IN TEXAS

Club members met at Braum's on a beautiful spring day to drive to the Texas Tulip Farm near Pilot Point.

The breezy day with not a cloud in sight was perfect weather. We took back roads to view some bright spring flowering trees.

At the Tulip Farm there are rows and rows of blooms of many different colors from dark red to white and orange. The tulips come in different types also, such as doubles and lily and ruffled. We spent over an hour meandering along the rows. You can pick and buy the flowers also, but we decided the open Healey's would not be kind to them.

Then we caravanned to Mom's in Aubrey for a satisfying lunch. This was a great and convenient stop on the way home from any jaunt. The hamburgers are excellent and the onion rings and homemade potato chips are *perfection*.

Alas, there was not room for the pies or cakes or cookies. Full and content, we called it a day and hopped in our Healey's for the beautiful drive home.

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ACTIVITIES COLUMN

Spring is sprung at last and it is time for the Healeys.

Roundup is now history and time for the next events. The next fun event will be the Granbury Wine Walk on April 28. Please save the date as I will need to know how many are attending so tickets may be bought. Local wineries in North Texas participate in this stroll around downtown Granbury. There are also shops and restaurants and vendors selling local products, such as olive oil. A fun day and a short drive.

Later in the year, there are events like Kentucky Spring Thing, AHCA Conclave, Rendezvous and Southeastern Classic. Hope to see you at any and all of these fun times!

Hilary Cooper

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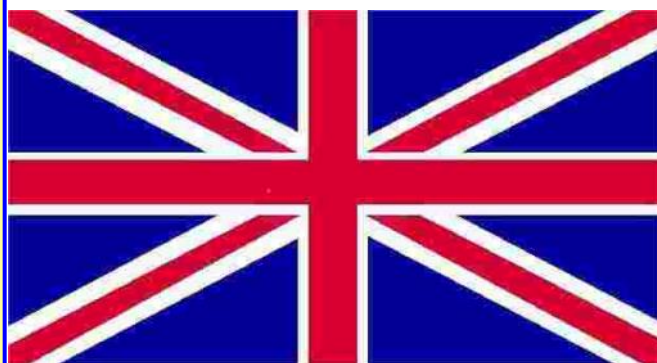
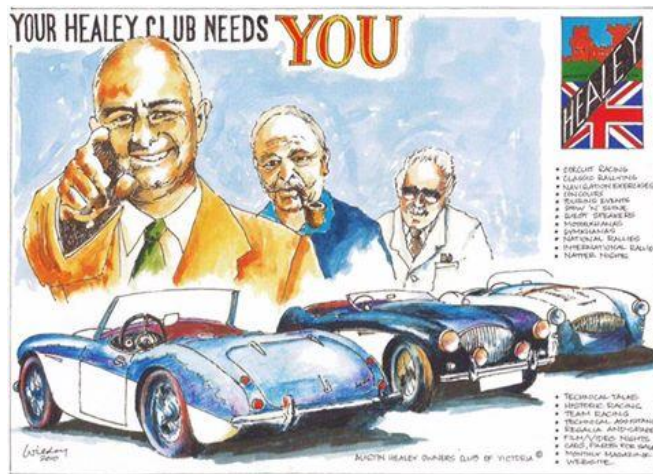
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DEVIN HEALEY

The 2018 racing season started at MSR-Houston at Angleton, TX February 23-25. "Annie" the little red racer developed a knock which caused her to be put back on the trailer. The crank damper came loose. Fortunately, it seems we caught it before it caused too much damage. So Bret Blades and I will pull her engine and I'll replace all of the necessary stuff, hopefully with success, so we can race at Hallett, OK in early April-my favorite track-BTW!!

While on the racing scene our ever intrepid Porsche man-Tom Taff-was back with his 914-6 just a bit over a year after his shunt at the very same track fall of 2016. The car looks gorgeous, runs like the dickens, and other than a few teething issues, mostly oil leaks, Tom drove a good weekend including in the rain. I think I'm going to begin calling him "Herr Regenmeister" (Rain Master). It was great to see him back on track with his "Tangerine"!!

As many of you know I'm restoring a Devin-Healey for Group 4 racing as a C Modified Sports Racer. The last time I included photos of the car it was a shambles. So, I thought it might be nice to share some photos of the progress to date. As you'll see the engine is installed with the club center shift transmission in a mock up to confirm all mounting points. Everything actually fit to my delight and surprise. As far as we took the original Healey down to its bare bones everything is now spot on. You can see from the photos that we're just about ready to set the body back on and start developing the tubular sub-structure. The goal is to have her teched and ready to race for the opener in February 2019. While there's still a lot of work to be done I have a really good team of fabricators, club members, and suppliers, who're helping me make this a fantastic racer. I'm working on a story for one of my upcoming musings about the history of Bill Devin and how Devin cars, including Devin-Healeys came to be. Should be a good read.

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Photos 649KB & 614KB show the front end with the engine, front suspension, steering including the collapsible steering column from Denis Welch in position.

...Devin Healey Cont...



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Photos 582KB & 530KB show the differential mocked up at ride height with the carriers & disc brake brackets from Denis Welch.



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Photos 553KB & 596KB show the splices for the new front frame
clip-This work was supported by American Race in Dallas-an excellent shop.

...I'd better get back to work....where did I put that sparkplug wrench?

Chris



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NTAHC Membership

Hello Ya'll,



It's Already Mid April! How come I wasn't told... Well I'm ready now, the rain has helped in more Ways than not. My garden is coming alive like we never had winter! Well, i just wish the weekends were a lot nicer so that we can get the car out. It's good that we don't live north Of Texas! The cars up there are under blankets of snow.

If you haven't already gotten your car out for a drive, do so! It'll get all the little critters out of the car and it clears the head of all the winter clutter. When using GPS be careful it does not give exact directions to the front door as your spouse does, "Right Dear" . I will have to say i got one of the best compliments yet via text from Don last week "Excellent Directions Sweetheart" yep, no GPS used only my hand-written piece of paper and he actually read it!

Conclave 2018 in French Lick, Indiana is also coming this July. Now is the time to get your RSVP in. Mike Schneider, he's the one you send off your registration to! I have in-fo on that or you can use the link Also book your Hotel as well.

NTAHC would like to Welcome our New Members! If there is anyone who hasn't received Your April Healey Marque Magazine please send me an email and let me know so I can help You.

This is the last Healey Trails Newsletter that goes to all of last year's membership. If you don't receive next months newsletter then that means you forgot to turn in your 2018 Membership. If you aren't sure drop me an email and I will check for you.

Who would like to host the 2018 Christmas Party this year?

Stay cool, stay warm, stay dry!

Barbie





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2018 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

2018

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White Rock Lake
May 6, 2018**

NTAHC Will have a club Display there!

**60 Years of Spridgets
Hot Springs National Park
Hot Springs Arkansas
www.60yearsofspridgets.com
July 4-7, 2018**

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July 15th thru 20th 2018
<https://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>
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The North Texas Austin Healey Club Classifieds

For Sale

*Two-seater rear shroud for sale, flanges are excellent, Eddie Miller made the few small repairs it needed very nice condition; \$1800.00

*RH drive dashboard, excellent condition \$500.00

Chris Kellner
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For Sale: Pair of HD8 Carburetors

For the BJ8 Healey-restored to as new condition. Will sell outright for \$750.00 the pair or on an exchange basis for \$525.00 the pair plus a good pair of cores.

Photos available on request.

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FOR SALE ENGINE PARTS

New in box set of full race JE Pistons that I do not need. They are 84.5mm (3.327 Inches), the maximum allowable to remain under 3 liters.

Paid to have them custom made, with new pins (including spiro locks), thin rings, tuff coat on skirt and thermal barrier coating on the crown. The crown undercut. Paid almost \$1200 delivered. Will sell at discount and take small loss. Have pictures and invoice for serious inquiry.

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Healey Girl Picture

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