



North Texas Austin Healey Club

November - December 2014

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

October East Texas Road Trip by Hilary Cooper



On the road with the Trail Ride Chuck wagon at
Winnsboro *cont. on pg 5*

Team Healey Texas

**Musings From The Paddock....
by Chris Kellner**



Chris Kellner

“The racing season for Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) finished on a high note at Texas World Speedway (TWS) this last weekend November 14 through 16. One of the largest turnouts at TWS in CVAR history. The consensus was that everyone wants to get their last laps in before the tracks closes for the last time after February 2015.

The weather was cold yet the track was very sticky, that is until Sunday morning when the heavens opened up. Not too many racers ventured out on the wet track. Saturday saw some really good racing. The Little Red Racer was making some awesome power due to the colder air, it caught me off a guard a bit as I was preparing to pass a slower car. Geeze did I close quickly. Fortunately, I got a wave by and everything was grand. Tom Taff was his ever intrepid self dicing with the 911's and giving a good go of it. Jim Collier also ran well in his 911 staying right at the front of the Group 7 pack always good fun to see those guys run. Fast, very fast indeed. There is another long time member of the NTAHC, Larry Reyburn, who runs a Formula Ford open wheel racer in Group 6. I'll tell you what, he's darned quick in the little car. He stayed right up at the front in his group too. The awards for the various classes were given out at the dinner party on Saturday evening. Tom Taff took a 4th place in a VERY competitive class-congrats Tom. Larry Reyburn also took an award in his group. “Annie” the Little Red Racer took First Place in Group 4-VA so she was a happy girl when she went back into the trailer Saturday evening. Oh, and did I mention the Bar B Q dinner-it was simply the best.

Many of you may know that our club Healey mechanic, Bret Blades has owned a BJ 8 (he calls her Lu Ann) for many years. He decided to restore Lu Ann and found the original chassis in severe need of work. Bret has been a big supporter of Jule Enterprises, Martin the Frame Man, and has gone off to Canada to get a new frame under his car. I'm very excited to see the finished project when he returns. I had mentioned in my last musings that I had applied to show the Little Red Racer at Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance in 2015. Unfortunately, she was not accepted for this year's event. They did ask to keep all of the photos and application information so, maybe 2016. We'll see.

As I look back on the activities Judy and I have participated in, racing, club events, shows this year of 2014 I sometimes am in awe of how blessed we are. So, as the year winds down and the holidays approach we want to take this opportunity to thank all of our NTAHC friends for the camaraderie, thirsty Thursdays, help with race preparations, and laughter.

Now, I've got 75 days before the new racing season starts....where is that sparkplug wrench”



It's Showdown Time: Paddy Power

I found this on the internet. Very nicely done video of Paddy Hopkirk and a young challenger. Excellent script and very well acted. Be sure to check out the Kidston website for other videos and information. PY

To the untrained eye he's just an older patron of a quaint British pub, minding his own business at his usual table. But the mysterious visitor knows his past, and has come with a challenge. Will our hero accept, and does he still have what it takes?

Let's find out.

<http://tinyurl.com/oetkdca>



Paddy Hopkirk



ON LOCATION FILMING



The Presidents Corner

By Patrick Yoas

Looking Back 2014

We made changes to the way we do Newsletters starting in 2013 and the savings has certainly been worth it. The added money to our Treasury has allowed us to make purchases for our club to enhance our presentation of events that we wouldn't have had otherwise. As an example, we purchased a "canopy tent" structure that gives our club participants the much needed shade from rain and heat in the summer events. Good use of it was made at the BRITISH/EUROPEAN CAR SHOW at White Rock Lake and also at our newest venue "AUTOS IN THE PARK" at the Cooper Clinic. It also gets out the "Austin Healey" name for the public to see. The many compliments from our members tell us the change was appreciated.



Events Changes

We pulled out of the AUTORAMA after attending that event for several years and added the AUTOS IN THE PARK which was a big success. Everyone liked the Healey display area and the shade trees really helped and the food and beverages were a big hit too. The one day car show was a very upscale show and we had an excellent attendance by club members who displayed their Healeys as well as those who dropped by our display area to say "Hi". The only disappointment was there were no "Sprites" in attendance!! I would like to see that changed for next year's events! We had lots of spectator traffic stopping by to see our Healeys and tons of compliments and questions and that can best be defined as a very successful event. Some changes will probably be made for next year's car show but those will be only to enhance our display and food and beverages for club attendees'. Any volunteers out there??

Finances

Club Treasurer Ed Reiss has been keeping a tight watch on our finances and has everything down to the penny. Not an easy job to do but he has taken on the responsibility and we can predict our yearly expenditures which aids us in planning events and purchasing assets (signs, canopy tents, flag stands, etc. It's a good feeling to show up at an event with something that says "Austin Healey" and it makes a really good impression to the public and other car clubs.

Our Newsletter is now generating revenue for our club treasury with paid for advertising from vendors. We should see a significant increase in 2015 which will allow us to explore other venues we might participate in. Please make suggestions!

Looking Forward

All Healey clubs are facing problems getting good attendance at their events and our club is no exception! We need more input from you with suggestions as what you'd like to see us do as a club. Some Healey clubs are getting smaller but after talking this over with other Healey club reps I suspect that it is due to people dropping out of their clubs maybe because the clubs are doing the same thing over and over and no new events are being found to get people excited enough to participate. While attending the BRITISH/EUROPEAN CAR SHOW at White Rock Lake I was able to talk with some folks that did not now belong to our club but had at one time. I passed out our club business cards in hopes that we might be able to get them back into our club again. There were several beautiful Sprites at the show so why aren't the owners' members? The nucleus of our attendance at events is usually by the big Healeys car owners but we need to get the Sprites owners into or back into the Club. Contact our Activities Director, Hilary Cooper, if you'd like to help her out with event planning or have some event ideas.

See you on the trail...

Pat



OCTOBER ROAD TRIP

What beautiful weather for a drive in a Healey or a Porsche. The sun is shining and the temperature is only 70 and the roads beckon. We meet at the QT and the Whataburger and are on the way. Don and Joyce Bundrant, Bob and Lady Waddell and Ed and Hilary Reiss are a small but enthusiastic crew. There is a windy road through Scurry and on through Seven Points to end at the Cherry Laurel Diner in Athens for a light lunch and a piece of luscious cake.

Then it is on to Lindale for a stop at The Pink Pistol. This is Miranda Lambert's shop and wine bar for the winery run by her parents. The wine was very nice and the clothes were interesting if you REALLY like pink.

Down some more back roads to Winnsboro and the night at a 50's park-in-front-of-the-room Trails Country Motel. Dinner on the patio of Liefie Li Vine was interesting with the South African items on the menu. The entrance is like walking into someone's home, the decor was mixed African and ethnic and the food was very tasty. Then on to the local live theatre for a rendition of Bonnie and Clyde that had some humorous moments of stealing a car.

After a restful night, we were on our way and chance took us to the route of the chuck wagon and outriders for the trail ride event of Winnsboro's annual Autumn Trails. We found some more back roads across lakes and by dairy farms and at least one exotic game ranch. Was that a kangaroo?

Last stop was in Emory, Rains county seat, for lunch at Sidekick's. My thanks to the city secretary for the recommendation. The smothered steak, country fried steak catfish and homemade country green beans were delish.

Then it was off for home and a thank you to the cars for a no roadside tech session trip.

This is the first of a series of overnight trips planned. Hope you can join us for back roads and good food. H.C.



The tour group at the restaurant in Athens



The Group after a great Lunch at the Cherry Laurel Diner in Athens

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

November

Thirsty Thursdays

November 20

December

Christmas Party

Richard Wright
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December 14
(2pm to 5pm)

Tech Session

Bob Gilleland's

Info to follow with directions.

December 13

2015

January

Planning Session for 2015
Info to follow

January 11

April

Texas Healey Roundup
Kerrville, TX

April 10-12

July

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www.enclave2015.com

July 19-24



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Posters commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the BJ8 model.

The poster depicts a late model BJ8 in the foreground with the Warwick Theatre used by Donald Healey as a showroom in the background. The poster measures 11" by 14" with a 1/4" border all around and is suitable for framing. We have received a limited number of the posters, 10 in total, all numbered and signed For Sale to club members at \$20.00 plus shipping. **Contact Pat Yoas for info.**

NTAHC STUFF FOR SALE

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Healey Girl Picture

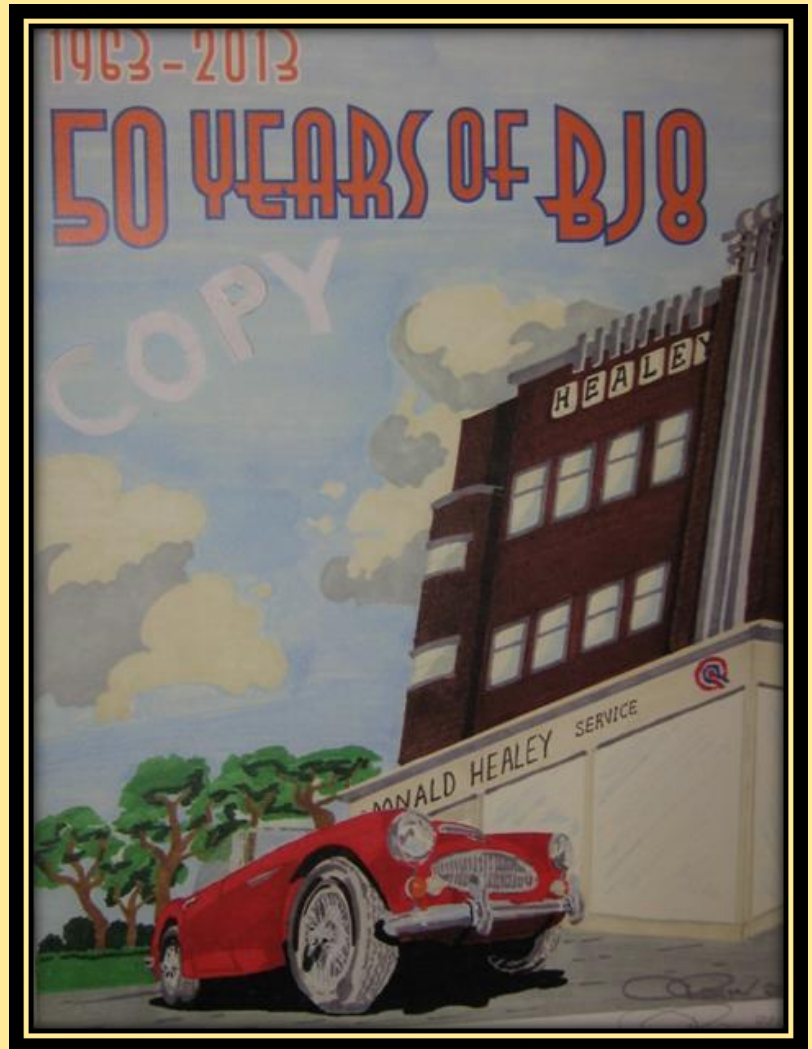
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location please check website!*





**International Healey Club
News from Australia**
(I found this on Facebook. Pat Yoas)

[PatrickandCaroline
Quinn](#)

Greetings.

I am pleased to say that after some 18 months of negotiation the five separate Australian Austin-Healey clubs agreed to form the Association of Australian Austin-Healey Clubs. The express purpose of the Association is to underpin the publishing a new national magazine called the Australian Austin-Healey. The magazine is a full colour 64 page hard copy quarterly publication that is posted to all members of the five clubs. The Association is registered in the Australian state of New South Wales where its banking is also done, its president is in Melbourne, Victoria while the secretary is in South Australia. I am the editor and please to show the cover of the first edition published on behalf of the Association.

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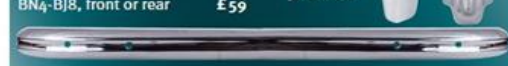
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You just never know where you're going to see a Healey

My wife Lynn and I were lucky enough to earn a company trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina back in mid-January. I thought that you might find interesting what we saw as part of an advertisement in a window in a downtown Buenos Aires store. It looks like they are famous everywhere! The men's clothing store next to this one had a real Jaguar XK120 sitting on floor amid the racks of clothes.

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