

North Texas Austin Healey Club

November 2013

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The "Unofficial" Ladies Auxilliary: Jean Larkin, Hilary Cooper, Lady Waddell, Sue Solomon, Joyce Bunderant

Team Healey Texas Musings from the Paddock....by Chris Kellner

Since I last wrote our racing season has progressed even further with a lot of good racing at several venues in Texas and Oklahoma. The big race for me of the 2013 season is now upon us at Circuit of the Americas (CoTA) in Austin TX at the purpose built F1 Track running October 22-27. The registration list now appears to be a little over 550 cars in 11 run groups. It's going to be one of, if not, the premier Vintage Race events in North America this year.

NTAHC members Tom Taff with his Porsche 914-6; Larry Reyburn with his Formula Ford; and me with the little Red racer will all be driving in our various run groups. It certainly looks to be one heck of an event all the way round.....In my next column I'll provide all of the details on this one. And give you a wrap up on the 2013 racin' season too.

Earlier this year, March to be exact, Ms. Judy and I met up with some of our racing buddies at the Amelia Island Concours de Elegance. Now, I wouldn't just catch a plane to go walk around on an impeccable golf course to look at absolutely incredible automobiles unless there were some racers there too now, would I?

Well there were a gaggle of Formula Junior cars from the 50's that I get to see race all the time. Then there was the Terrascini open wheeled model from 57' owned by JC Kilburn and he was there to talk about...very cool. There was also a celebration of Miller racing cars, one of my perennial favorites and there were a lot of them on the field. Front and rear wheel drives, those beautiful engines, and oh what a sound....They also has several symposiums covering Porsche, Corvette, and the GT40 Fords. I decided I'd go to the GT40 event cause' those cars are simply fantastic. In the process, I got to meet David Hobbs, Dan Gurney, Brian Redman, Edsel Ford, Jr., and a few others instrumental in the development of that racing carmy gosh the stories those guys told, I was laughing so hard I had tears running down my cheeks.

Then my favorite story of the entire event....Judy and I were walking around the field looking at fantastic Bentleys, Rolls Royce, Mercedes Benz, Porsche and so many more when Judy spotted a car that she thought was beautiful. A 1934 Mercedes SSK, Kompressor, Short Wheel Base, drop head. It had a dark blue body, beautiful contrasting lighter blue top and red leather upholstery. Judy said gee that would be nice to own, how much you think it would cost. Now, since I'd just seen its recent auction price in one of the car magazines I take I casually told her I thought \$10 Million would take it home...the look on her face was priceless.

Got to get back to the car, hope I can find my pit passes.....



TEAM HEALEY TEXAS Chris Kellner



L-R: Jimmy Johnson, Fred Crowley Jeanice Crowley, Bobby Ward

For more information :

http://www.teamhealeytexas.com/





www.healeysurgeons.com

Upcoming "Over The Hump Night"..... Wednesday 11/20/2013

The food and the friends make this a great way to spend a Wednesday evening each month. Recent venues have included Mexican, clay-oven pizza, a western chili place, a taco joint and a winery cafe.

The size of the group varies from month to month, and the conversation always includes cars (duh) but may range as far afield as travel and current events. You just never know!

The November "Over the Hump "event is Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at Abbey Inn in Denton. This pub and eatery is right on the square and serves traditional English and Irish fare including shepherd's pie and fish and chips. Beer on tap is always a favorite.

Please join us at the Abbey Inn <u>- let us know that you plan to attend by Tuesday</u> November 19th so we can make sure to save you a seat!





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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Patrick Yoas



Our new E-Newsletter format was well received and we received many compliments on the Newsletter so we will be continuing to produce our Newsletters in the Electronic format. Our goal is to do 5 Newsletters per year which is up from the past 3 Newsletters per year we were previously doing. Our new style of Newsletter with "links" that will take you to interesting Events, racing venues, Parts and Service suppliers, etc. and will include both big Healeys as well as Sprites and other Healeys that we hope you will find interesting.

Newsletters take a considerable amount of time and dedication to produce and we couldn't do it without dedicated volunteers. I would like to thank both John Katz, (Editor) and Frazier Monroe, (Publisher) for their many years of service to our club on getting the Healey Trails produced. A job well done!! Thanks guys!!

Note: I have listed the tentative dates for our Newsletters as well as the dates for receiving member's classifieds for publishing in the Classified section.

Many Healey clubs have gone to an E-Newsletter format and we are probably one of the last clubs to do so and with continued rising costs to produce one it's a non-brainer to go to the new format especially when you consider the cost savings. Going from memory(which is not always accurate), when the club was formed in 1979 the Dues was \$25.00 per year and right now it's \$20.00 per year so Dues is actually less and considering the club is more than 30 years old that's not a bad Dues bottom line.

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A Good Laugh...... Commedians in Cars Getting Coffee..... "Mad Man in a Death Machine"

Episode Synopsis:

Jerry Seinfeld (Seinfeld) and his special guest, Ricky Gervais (The Office), drive a 1967 Austin-Healey 3000 to City Island Diner in City Island, NY for some coffee.

I found this on You Tube and it's quite funny....Enjoy!

Pat

http://comediansincarsgettingcoffee.com/ricky-gervais-mad-man-in-a-death-machine

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Cooper Clinic Car Show - 2012 and 2013

Autos in the Park Car Show

By Pat Yoas

We've had members of our club attend the Cooper Clinic Show these past years but as individuals and not as a club event. The first time I went to the show was this year and I was very impressed with the quality of the cars as well as the event grounds.

The grounds are covered with large trees which provide shade and the cars are mostly parked under the trees. It was not uncommon to see many attendees's sitting in chairs next to their cars and enjoying refreshments (a perfect way to do a show!). A few of the Clubs had their own area as well as shade canopies/tents for their group to use for protection from the weather and tables underneath with food and refreshments. Many clubs also had their marquee names on the canopies and flags from the cars country of origin displayed around their area of their space.

I have included some photos that I took this year and a link to a website that has photos from the 2012 year taken by Rich Lauver. <u>http://www.richlauver.com/aip2012.htm</u>

Rich's photo's are really great and you might want to also check out the "music" part of his website for some really good music. He has samples of music available for your listening and you can order the ones you like.

This is a one day event in June every year and a very high quality event at that. We should consider participating as a club.



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INSURANCE COSTS FOR 2014

The Board of Directors (Club Officers) decided not to raise Dues for the 2013 year and will not do so again for the 2014 year for the insurance cost sharing for the "Local Only" club members which would have increased their annual dues by \$5.00 per year for a total of \$25.00 and instead the NTAHC Treasurery will pay their Insurance cost share.



DONUT KING

After several years of faithfully making sure the Tech Session had Donuts Jerry Wall has decided to relinquish the Donut King job. This is a much prized job and we need a volunteer to be the new Donut King, (Ladies it's your chance to be a Donut Queen or "Princess"). I can't begin to emphasize the importance of this job considering the morale of the Tech Session attendees rely on the Donuts and that this is a job not to be taken lightly. We would like to thank Jerry for his many years of service as Donut King!! **Thanks Jerry!!**

TECH SESSIONS AND TOOLS

The Tech Sessions are probably our most consistently attended event we have and whether we actually work on projects or just sit around and shoot the breeze drinking coffee and eating donuts we have fun doing them. Many of you do not know the special tools and equipment the Club owns so we will focus on that in this Newsletter too.

See you down the Healey trail... Pat



This Halloween we have sooo many sources out there telling us to be afraid. The goblins come at us disguised as politicians, bankers and scary news reports. If we choose to listen to them we can be fooled into being more afraid than any old witch can scare us.

But..... there in-lies the secret... "I CHOOSE"

I Choose....not to be intimidated by current affairs!

I Choose....to enjoy my life and my family!

I Choose....to work on MY car !

There is nothing scary in our cars. The cool thing is that you can fix the problems in your car. We have the power to remove those demons....

And the best part **ITS FUN !!!!** So here is a fun tip just for you

TECH TIP

Front shock mount bolts. Have you got one that will not tighten? Here is a quick fix Buy you a 10mm 1.25 pitch tap. It must be a flat bottom tap.

Remove the old bolt . Now tap the hole with the shock in place. Buy you a grade 8 10mm 1.25 pitch bolt and lock washer.

Install your new bolt and tighten.

The 10 mm bolt is just a little larger than the 3/8 bolt you took out.

If the nut under the shock mount plate has not broken away.... You are good to go. While you are there.. tighten all the others and top up your shocks with shock fluid. If you have the Armstrong lever shocks this trick works and saves a lot of time.

You did it !!!!! One less demon in your car..

Now that was not scary at all..... Happy Halloween !!!!!!

Call me if you have any questions.... R.Allen Hendrix

http://www.hendrixwirewheel.com/

"Show the World Your Difference" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSflekzJTuw

NTAHC CHRISTMAS PARTY!

When: Sunday, Dec . 8th 2013, 2pm - 6pm

Where : Bob & Kris O'Neil's House 3609 Sarah Springs Trail Flower Mound, TX 75022

Questions or more info: 817-430-0396

Map on the NTAHC Website http://www.ntahc.org/



REMEMBER! Always check the website: <u>http://www.ntahc.org/</u> for the latest updates & corrections, ommisions or mistakes I made 'cause I wasn't paying 'nough attention!



www.britishcarspecialists.com

MONTHLY TECH SESSIONS

Tech sessions are normally held at Dick Solomon's home on the second Saturday of each month.

Show up about 9:30 am for a morning of good company, coffee and Donuts and lots of Healey tech stuff.

If you have tech stuff to share or to be worked on , bring it!



Tech Sessions 2013





With plenty of supervision, Super Mechanic Floyd O'Rear(under the hood), is turning the wrench under the watchful eyes of support crew!



"David Freed priming engine prior to start-up" Below: " David Freed checking engine to be sure oil is getting to critical parts before starting."



Tech Sessions 2013



"Pat Yoas & David Freed hooking up Pat's newly rebuilt engine to pre-oil it prior to start-up."

Below: The Crew getting ready for engine start up on engine belonging to Pat Yoas on the Club's Engine Test Stand - available for use by any Club Member.





Pat Yoas hooking up engine priming equipment

Below: "George Albin, Bret Blades(w/coffee cup), David Freed and Bob Waddell getting ready for engine star." (Bret appears to be removing start-up demons from the engine.)





HORSIN' AROUND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

A beautiful day, some back roads and Healeys - ah yes....

The four Healeys and one Porsche met at the Whataburger for breakfast. Then north to drive by some horse farms where they raise race horses and polo horses and quarter horses in some really nice digs. We visited the square in Pilot Point and promised ourselves to revisit when the shops were open

Then on to Tioga, home of Gene Autry and Randy Travis. Attendees were Bob and Lady Waddell, Clarke and Barbara Hubbard, Ed and Hilary Reiss, David Freed and Jack & Lynn Pilversack .

Clarke's car hit a bump too hard and the impromptu road-side tech session showed a hole in the oil pan. We had a nice visit while waiting for the tow truck. Clarke says the car is already in the shop and on its way to getting well.

A drive across the Ray Roberts dam and down to Mr. Frosty's in Denton for burgers and homemade root beer completed a wonderful Healey day.



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The Carolina Austin-Healey Club announces that the 2014 Conclave will be held at THE HOMESTEAD in Hot Springs, Virginia June 15th - 10th, 2014

Registrations now being taken: <u>http://www.homesteadconclave2014.com/</u>



The Great Hall



The New Water Park



Ingles Airfield where the gymkhana and acceleration run will be held.

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10/24/14	10/10/14
12/26/14	1/16/14

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NTAHC STUFF FOR SALE

Contact Patrick Yoas (469)401-3801 or visit club website" WWW.NTAHC.COM for pictures. Send checks to NTAHC, 509 Mimosa, Denton, TX 76201

NTAHC Shirts For Sale

North Texas Logo Embroidered on a quality cotton shirt with open neck collar. Royal Blue (same as Blue Logo) \$20.00 Be sure to indicate size(s) Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large

Healey Girl Picture

Leggy Blonde peers into the engine bay of a Big Healey, 8x10 color. Suitable for framing. So tatseful (no naughty bits showing) even your wife may approve. \$10.00 each. 2 for the amazing bargain of \$19.95

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John Sims AKA "The Email Mechanic"

By Patrick Yoas

I am sure that many of our members have had occasion to visit some of the very fine Healey related web sites for information, tips and general information. One of the best is the site run by John Sims who styles himself *The E-Mail Mechanic*[©] based upon articles that he periodically writes under that by-line for the two national club magazines. John's site – <u>www.healey6.com</u> came about by accident and a fortunate accident it is.

As he explained to me, when he bought his BN6 in 1995 it was the culmination of a long desired wish to own a Healey. At that time, he had forgotten most of the skills working on cars that he had learned as a teenager in California during the '50s but since the BN6 was a 1958, the year he graduated from High School, he had to have it. Soon after this purchase, John joined the Healey List and was able to get quick and accurate information from the emails that he would receive from others on the List. The one drawback to this was the fact that if he asked the same question several months later, some on the List would not be gentle with their response. He started to print the responses and save them but this proved to be labor intensive and ultimately took up an entire book case. John had dedicated a page on his family web site to the Healey entitled "My Healey BN6" and he decided that since this page was growing in size, it might be a good idea to take that page down and build an entire site to retain information that he had gleaned from the Healey List. Portions of that initial page still exist on the "Background" page of his site.

The site has grown over the years to contain literally hundreds of Technical Tips, links to sites of Healey clubs and suppliers and photos of restorations under way. Somewhere in the site, you can find the answer to almost any problem. The site is continually evolving. There is an extensive photo album section and links to the Department of Motor Vehicles in all states and Canadian provinces to get information on specialized plates. This new section was added because of a several week long exchange on the Healey List. And, that is how the site continues to grow. If John finds something Healey related, even if it is not necessarily of general interest, it is put on the site even if he sees no personal use for that particular item. His attitude is that some one, some where might find the item interesting.

John has never asked for donations or assistance although he is continually asked to furnish a price list for inclusion of items on the site – particularly from vendors. John firmly feels that if there is a charge for placing items on the site, then the person paying the fee will be in the position to dictate placement, language and photos. He feels that it is his site – for the benefit of the Healey community - and he will have the final say as to what goes on it. As it stands, John will put anything on the site that is to the benefit of the continuance of what is arguably the finest Sports Car ever manufactured. At any given time there is a backlog of around 50 items to be edited and put on the site and that number seems to never decrease. The site is continually changing – 13 new articles (items were placed on the cite in October alone).

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Like our Healeys, the site is a labor of love and will stay around as long as John does. We hope that that is a long time.

Take some time off and look at <u>www.healey6.com</u> – you will enjoy it.

John Sims, the Email Mechanic



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Pat Yoas

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