



North Texas Austin Healey Club

November 2017

HOMECOMING QUEEN HEALEY



From left side of photo to right; Alene Basmadjian, Maddie Eden, and Aubrey Ferguson

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North Texas Austin Healey Club member Patrick Welborne had the pleasure of driving his 1967 Austin-Healey in a parade with three High School Homecoming Queen nominees. The school was the Prince of Peace Christian school sr. Homecoming Queen nominees parade. Oct 6th.

He said that the Parade organizers only wanted convertibles with one car for each class girls and one for each year boys, 9th, 10th, etc. Being in an area where most of the cars are new Mercedes or BMW type there was lots to choose from but an old Corvette went to junior girls and one old truck went to senior boys. Patrick says they wanted the best car for the 12th grade senior ladies only, Homecoming Queen nominees. Patrick says that his Healey was the oldest car in the parade! It certainly looks like they picked the best!



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PRESIDENTS COLUMN



It's been a busy year with Conclave 2017 and other Healey events around the country. It's time to catch your breath and start marking your calendars for 2018 because it looks like it's shaping up to be another great Healey year. Please check our 2018 Events calendar for events that we know of so far and keep in mind that websites, etc will be added as soon as we know them.

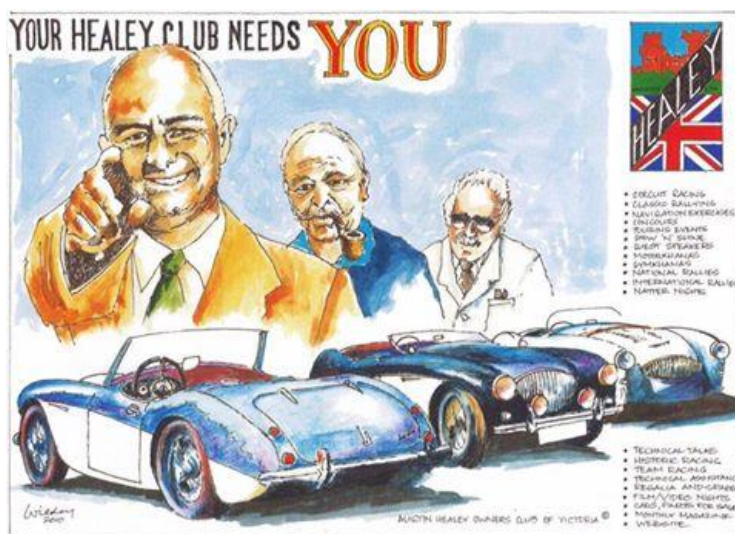
Chris Kellner did a great column on his newly acquired Devin Healey and I gotta tell you when I looked at the photos of the car when it was unloaded I never expected it needed so much work. Chris has taken the Healey down to the frame and then some! Chris hops to have it done sometime late next year and we'll be following his progress in the Healey Trails.

The Southeastern Classic was a real success with Ed Reiss, Hilary Cooper and Jim & Synthia Hockert attending it. Ed & Hilary both placed 1st in their Gymkhana 100-6 Class and Jim Hockert grabbed 1st in the Modified Class. Congratulations , Job well done!!!

Hilary is organizing a North Texas Horse Country Drive and that will happen this month, November 18. More details to follow!

This years Christmas Party to be held at Ed and Lisa Canadas on Saturday, December 9th. For those of you who didn't make a Tech Session there in the past you really need to make this Party. Lot's of cars and memorability on display. We'll be sending out a flyer with more details soon!

See you on the trail.
Patrick Yoas



Team Healey Texas

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Annie, the little red racer, ran her last race of the 2017 season at MSR-Houston September 29th through October 1st. She made a good accounting, running very well the entire weekend. Judy and some of the other gals set up some fantastic dinners. We shared some good eats and told all manner of racin' lies....er, stories to many a chuckle or outright laughter. My racin' buddy Tom Taff and his wife Marti, came down for the event, sans 914-6, more on that in a minute, cheering us on and catching up on all of the latest stuff going on within CVAR. As you may recall, Toms 914-6 was involved in a bit of shunt there at MSR-Houston last year which took him out of racing commission for now just a bit over a year. I'm pleased to tell you that the, "Tangerine", as his car is called is in the final stages of the rebuild and the plan is to take her up to Eagles Canyon for her trials before turning a wheel in anger once again. If any NTAHC members want to visit Eagles Canyon in Decatur, TX for this event the dates are December 8-10, 2017. As many of you may remember the original owners of Eagles Canyon came into some financial troubles and the track had been on the market for some time. A group of racers bought the facility and are in the process of redoing the track surfaces as well as paddock areas. With the financial backing these folks are purported to have, Eagles Canyon might finally become the racing facility it was originally intended to be. I certainly hope so.

The Devin-Healey project is underway full throttle. Tom Taff, Bret Blades, and some of the CVAR members who know a thing or two about race car fabrication have been working at my shop almost daily now for several months. As you might imagine parts are arriving from all over the world. Safety equipment like a collapsible steering column, a custom fabricated roll cage-being designed now-suspension components, and all manner of



Tom Taff sitting with what's left of the original frame and the new front clip from Kilmartin in Melbourne, Australia.

other odd bits. The real work right now is in repairing the frame of the car which was severely damaged over the years with the installation of a V8, different transmissions and so on. Little by little we're getting the frame back into shape so that we can fabricate the proper mounting points for the Devin fiberglass body. Tom and Bret are extremely valuable to the project. There's another fella I'd like to mention. Many of you remember when I had that awful crash at Eagles Canyon with Annie. The firm I was referred to for help with the roll cage work has become a friend to many of us who race with CVAR. His name is John Bulba and he's been coordinating all of the set up stuff with me to keep everything (continued on Pg 5)

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aligned and he's doing all of the structural welding, and his welding is beyond perfect, in my humble opinion. When he's done with it, it will be something to behold. I have an aggressive goal to race the Devin by fall of 2018. We'll just keep pushing.

On another note. I attended the funeral service for the wife of one of the founders of CVAR a couple of weeks back. It was quite sudden and totally unexpected. Anyway, sometimes when you attend these events you meet the most interesting folks. I had the chance to sit with and later talk with a gentleman, Dr. Mark Brinker, a surgeon of

some renown, who specializes in the repair of extreme bone fractures at MD Anderson in Houston. Mark has a very eclectic collection of cars, has raced with CVAR, races at Bonneville-with some small displacement cars-holding a record or two, and just this year at Pebble Beach won a first in class award with a one-off 1965 Pontiac Vivant by Herb Adams.

Well, Mark and I were talking about the Devin, it turns out that he knew Bill Devin and had some fascinating insights into the man and his work. He and a partner bought all of Mr. Devin's body bucks, left over bodies, the whole thing. As you might imagine I had to ask if they had this or that for my Devin. Alas, they sold all of it a couple of years ago-phooey!! Anyway, Mark writes a column for the magazine Race Car/Road Car which I've subscribed to for years. He's asked me to provide everything I have on my Devin for an article in that magazine later this year. So, as you might imagine I'm really digging for anything I can find on the car for the article. A really exciting opportunity.

With Annie up for maintenance now, until spring, and work on the Devin progressing at a frantic pace

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

Chris



Using a laser level to set up and clamp the frame into the fixture to insure a finished product that is level and square.



NTAHC Membership

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Membership

It's cold outside! Well folks we have almost traveled another year of existence as NTAHC always seems to do. That being said, **We Need Your "Participation, Please!"** First, **The Christmas Party** is going to be on **Saturday, December 9th**. A Big Thank You to our Members Ed and Lisa Canada for allowing us to have it at their place! Details to come and you **WILL NEED TO RSVP Please!** If you heard that there are going to be more raffle prizes, that's just a rumor!

Next, Hilary and I have talked a few times about an **Afternoon Drive thru the Horse Country**, she has had this planned for a while, this is Austin Healey driving at its best! Enjoying the sights with a stop to stretch your legs and a lovely place to eat. What it takes is NTAHC Participation so she and I are not the only ones out for an afternoon drive! Looking at the Calendar, **2018 Dues Time starts now!** There are several options on how to pay your dues, just read thru the form.

Again, everyone should be getting **NTAHC Email news blast** as they come along, this for us has been the best way to reach everyone the fastest and easiest. **Please make sure we have good email addresses for you!** Whatever happened to good old telephones, oh that's right they are all on craigslist being sold for \$5.00 as antiques! What color was your phone? Harvest Gold, Avocado Green, Burnt Orange, Office Beige or Batman Red!

Last, please put on the calendar. **Texas Healey Roundup 38**, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Healey Club is the weekend of **April 6-8th, 2018** in Nacogdoches. Please if you know that you are going now, today! When the Registration form is mailed/emailed please fill it out and send it back ASAP, so that 2018 THR HAPPENS! Lack of Participation is what keeps events from happening

If you need me, I'm at stuckonbarbie@gmail.com

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Southeastern Classic XXXI Lake Gunterville, AL

It was another wonderful weekend for driving a Healey, sun out, temp cool and roads winding. We arrived a day early to enjoy the views from the cabin porch looking west over Lake Gunterville, AL.

The hospitality room Thursday night featured lots of my donated wine and great goodies from the host club, Atlanta.

Friday was the poker rally with stops at local 'hot' spots to pick up cards in envelopes to discourage swapping. The winning combination was two pair. Stops included a bait shop, liquor store and a general store. The rallye ended at Cathedral Caverns with an optional tour for some exercise after the drive and a picnic lunch. This mile and a half deep cavern is worth a visit for the beautiful stalagmites forming the cathedral in a central chamber.

The guests for the event were 7 original owners who gave a nice tech session on their experiences. Friday night was a banquet featuring HeeHaw jokes and the rallye winners.

Saturday started with the car show by the lake. The weather cooperated with cool temps and high clouds. The gymkhana and funkhana were at the local high school and were fun and challenging as usual. Ed Reiss placed first for men's 100-6, Hilary Cooper placed first for women's 100-6 and Jim Hockert placed first for modified. Always a lot of squealing tires and cheers all around.

Hilary Cooper



Hilary or Ed making their gymkhana run. Hilary wasn't sure who was the driver in this photo, but see below for the results.



L-R Ed Reiss, Hilary Cooper, Jim Hockert, Synthia Hockert
Ed-1st Place "men's 100-6. Hilary-1st Place women's 100-6.
Jim Hockert-1st Place "modified".



Unusual Sugar cookie "giveaway" from the County and they tasted good!



POPULARITY CAR SHOW BY THE LAKE



2017

November 18

Still planning on a **North Texas Horse Country** drive, though the heater may come in handy at this time of year. What a difference a couple of days make.

We should see some fall colors on **November 18**. I will send out an email with the meeting time and place. Remember to save some room for old fashioned burgers and homemade root beer.

See you soon.
Hilary Cooper

2018

TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 2018

April 6-8, 2018, Nacogdoches, Texas

Next year the Gulf Coast Healey Club is the host club for Texas Healey Roundup 2018. Anne and I have volunteered to be the Roundup coordinators and planning has begun starting with securing the host city and host hotel. In our GCHC breakfast meeting on October 14, 2017, we made a presentation to the club and received approval to proceed with planning, so we are moving ahead and wanted to send this message to the club members to alert everyone as soon as possible to **Hold-the-Date!**

More detail will be coming soon but here are the immediate particulars. Roundup 2018 will be held in Nacogdoches on the first weekend of April 6-8, 2018 at the newly renovated downtown Fredonia Hotel.

We have held successful Roundups in Nacogdoches in the past in 1997 and 2003. Last month, Anne and I held a meeting in Nacogdoches with the Fredonia Hotel sales director and settled on a favorable weekend for next year and came away with a draft contract. We also met with the director of the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau to make arrangements to hold Popularity around the courthouse square which is within walking distance from the hotel.

Stay tuned, we will send more details soon to all three Texas Healey clubs.

Mike and Anne Johnson
Gulf Coast Healey Club

2018

SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC XXXII

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