

North Texas Austin Healey Club

Summer 2013

IN THIS ISSUE:

Team Healey Texas .	Pg.2
Londoner's	Pg.3
Presidents Corner	Pg.4
Round Up 2013	Pg.5
Tech Tip	Pg.7
AHCA Insurance	
Program	Pg. 8
Farina's	Pg.9
British Car Day	Pg.10
Marty Allen	Pg.11
Gary Brierton	Pg.13
Classifieds	_





NTAHC Website www.ntahc.org



Roundup 2013 Burnet, Texas





Designated Roundup 2013 Healey Parking.....



Team Healey Texas

Musings from the Paddock....

While showing the Little Red Racer at the Cooper Clinic "Cars on the Lawn" event June 9th Pat and Janet Yoas stopped by to visit a bit about the racing season for Team Healey Texas. Pat thought I might write a little column for the NTAHC about our racing adventures so with that in mind here we go....

Fred Crowley and I have been hard at it this year at Texas World Speedway, Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Eagles Canyon Raceway, and so on. Fred hasn't come to as many events this year as I have and I miss him out there. He and Jeanice have been busy with some other issue although I do think of Fred every time I take the track. He is my teacher and mentor. I Hope he'll get back to it very soon.

The season has been well fought thus far and everyone is running well. We still have an event at College Station in early September, and then up to Hallett, OK in early October, Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in late October (more on that one in a moment) then we finish the 2013 season at College Station in November. Still lots of good competition to come.

COTA....well let me see, how do I start? Most everyone in the club knows about the new F1 track at Austin. My intrepid racin' buddy Tom Taff and I went there along with Bret and Susan Blades last November for the inaugural F1 race. WOW!!! What a place.

Well there's this fella we know, Tony Parella who is president of SVRA. The premier Vintage Racing organization in North America who is putting on the SVRA finals at COTA in October. Now, since I race with him in Group 4, and he is active with the Corinthians, he offered that if Corinthian's wanted to join the event at COTA we'd be the first ones accepted. Now...how do you think we reacted to that??? Well, the little Red Racer is in, along with Tom Taff's mighty Porsche 914-6 as well as many more of the Corinthian bunch.

It's a 4 day event and the entry list is expected to be over 500 cars strong. It should be a fantastic event with wheel to wheel racing from some of the finest vintage race cars in the USA on the premier Formula One race track in North America. More on this event as we get closer.

Well, it's time to get back to the car....where did I put my Pit



TEAM HEALEY TEXAS

Newest Member: Chris Kellner



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

For more information:

http://www.teamhealeytexas.com/





www.healeysurgeons.com



Attendees:

frazier & barbara monroe *
don & joyce bundrant *
don & barbie bucy *
jerry, tammie & cloyce wall
brandon, jessica & harper minchew-wall guests

ted & bonnie glover
tim & sherry moran
chris & judy kellner
richard & kelly wright
dick & sue solomon
bret blades
bob & kris o'neil
pat & janet yoas
ed & hilary reiss
jim hockert

* drove a healey

July 20, 2013

for more information:

http://www.londoneraddison.com/







THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Patrick Yoas



If you didn't attend the Roundup you really missed a good one! Of all the Roundups I attended this one certainly had by far the BEST rally roads. They were not only smooth and scenic; it was the first one Janet and I didn't have to open the dreaded "envelope"! Burnet is not a big town but it certainly had everything a Healey group needs to have a great time and the drive there also had great Healey roads.

We have included a photo (below) of the sign made by the Hotel for designated Healey Parking...enjoy! Not all the Healeys attending parked in the designated parking (and certainly none of the attending Porsches did).

The Gulf Coast Club decided to go a day early and spend the day/night in Salado and we filled up two Inns which could be classified as Bed & Breakfasts. Dinner was at Adaline on Saturday evening and we had the whole restaurant reserved. The Gulf Coasts folks were also joined by several NTAHC members. Fortunately Janet and I were able to attend because until that time I had never ventured away from the Stage Coach Inn, except to get lost on a rally, and did not know about the other interesting places in Salado. We left the next day early afternoon with only a short enjoyable drive to Burnet for Roundup.

We have included the Roundup results for the winners of the awards for you to see who the winners were. The downtown square was nicely laid out for the car show and there was coffee (necessity) and food within a short walk which makes these shows even more enjoyable.

(continued on Pg. 6)

A Good Laugh......



I found this on You Tube a while back...humorous! Watch this and Enjoy the finish...Good humor! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNK2fYTltsw

Blast from the past.....



ELECTED OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President - Patrick Yoas 469-401-3801 pyoas@yahoo.com

Vice President - Ed Reiss 214-794-5808 ed.reiss@hotmail.com

Activities Director - Hillary Cooper 817-480-5491 Hillary.cooper01@gmail.com

Historian - Norby Lettenmaier 972-298-0097 chester3dog@gmail.com

Secretary/Coorespondence - Barbara Bucy 972-986-5458 stuckonbarbie@gmail.com

- •Web Site Tim Moran 972-492-4452
- •timoran@verizon.net
- •Technical Director Dick Solomon
- •972-986-5458
- •richsolom@tx.rr.com

Treasurer and Delegate - Ed Reiss 214-794-5808 ed.reiss@hotmail.com

Regalia - Patrick Yoas 469-401-3801 pyoas@yahoo.com





The great number of really good looking Healeys from all over Texas plus Oklahoma and as far away as Chicago, Illinois made voting in popularity very difficult. Nevertheless, certain cars appealed to the voters more than others. And here are the winners.

BIG HEALEYS

CAR#	OWNERS	-
12	Jeff & Susan Osborne	(Most Popular)
28	Bill & Anne Elliot	
21	Michael & Pat Vecellio	
26	Bob & Stella Gilleland	
33	Terry & Debbie Swonke	
24	Bill Johnson	
31	Charlie & Ressie O'Connors	

SPRITES

		_
CAR#	OWNERS	-
113	Terry & Debbie Swonke	(Most Popular)
13	Roger & Edie Lowrey	
8	Al & Jeanette Amato	
39	Frazier Monroe	

RALLY

PLACE	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR
1st	Roger Lowery	Mike Johnson
2nd	Bret Blades	Perry Lundin
3rd	Bill Elliot	Ann Elliot
4th	Bob Lindsey	Linda Lindsey
5th	Bob Adkins	Tina Adkins











www.mossmotors.com

Austin H	lealey Registries		
Randy Hicks	ahca100register@gmail.com	The Hundred Registry	(508)-252-9295
Jim Lesher	bn4_2porthead@hotmail.com	Longbridge Bn4 -2porthead Registry	(215)- 340-1767
Steve Byers	sbyers@ec.rr.com	BJ8 Registry	(252) 447-8812
Tom Blaskovic	s tomkayb@comcast.net	BJ7 Registry	(304) 599-0586
Lyle Cope	turtle@nb.net	Healey Travelers Network	(814) 269-3324
Leroy Joppa	wierdwilly@centurytel.net	Modified Austin Healey Registry	(715) 674-2614
Geoff Rossi	(please call)	Original Owners Registry	(612) -822-7069 (612) 822-6970
Rick Moses	dr.moses@verizon.net	Global Austin Healey Sprite Registry	(717)-534-2222
Jeff Hefron	jheff123@msn.com	Golden Beige Metallic Registry	(609) 429-4386
Bill Bolton	(please call)	Tri-Carb Registry	(541) 895-5576
Bob Haskell	jheff123@msn.com	3000 MKI Registry	(317) 873-0841
Rudy Streng	caws52803@aol.com	100-Six Registry	(828) 754-0600 (828) 757-3224
Ken Freese	ken.freese@serojet.com	100S Registry	(530) 626-9283
Bill Meade	billmeade@100mregistry.com	Worldwide 100M Le Mans Registry	(831) 722-3253

Healey Trails - NTAHC Summer 2013 Page 6

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER By: Patrick Yoas

(continued from page 1)

'We are one of the very few Healey clubs to not to have a E-Newsletter and we will be starting with production of this Newsletter and hopefully it will provide a cost saving AND a feature filled publication. Our paper Newsletter cost us over \$1,400.00 last year including postage for a few Newsletters and we hope to be able to improve our bottom line and possibly even do more Newsletters than we can do now.

I have been very busy updating the NTAHC Member Contact Database and even though good progress has been made I feel I'm a few weeks away from it being completely up-to-date. For an E-Newsletter to be effective we have to have an email for everyone. We have discovered many email "errors" and also "no emails" and I have been busy calling and sending out snail mail Letters to members that fall under this category. If you do not have an email you need not worry about receiving the Newsletter. A printed E-Newsletter will be printed and mailed to you!

One nice feature of an E-Newsletter is being able to insert a link that you'll be able to click on and it will take you to a good Healey story or even a race in Europe where you'll be able to sit behind the wheel of a Healey on a race track. There's a few of these that have great sound so you'll want to turn up the volume on your computer!! Another great link feature is being able to go to websites for great technical articles and/or parts sources (and we all need those). Speaking of racing Healeys, *Team Healey Texas* will begin contributing to our new format so we can look forward to some really good racing stories as well as featuring *musings from the Paddock*!

Til next time...

Pat



August is HOT!



This customer had done this with a trouble light that was too hot You set it down and forget about it and come back to a mess.

If you replace your old incandescent bulb with a cool fluorescent this will NEVER happen to you!



I ONLY use these in my shop.

This helps me from doing stuff I regret.



Stop burning your skin and interior!

Til next month...

STAY COOL!

R Allen Hendrix

www.hendrixwirewheel.com



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

NEW INSURANCE PROGRAM Patrick Yoas

In my column in the March-April Healey Trails I mentioned that we had Insurance changes from the Austin Healey Club of America and I would be sending you details of the changes to answer any questions you may have. Well, to make a long story short I received permission from GGAHC President Marty Allen to use his column for use in our Newsletter which explains the Insurance changes and he also talks about the two National Clubs and their possible merger without taking sides with just stating the facts and not expressing opinions. Marty's column (Pg. 11) is so well written I thought it would be best to share with all our members and particularly the "Local only" members. The "Local Only" members do not belong to either of the National clubs and otherwise would not know what's happening in the Healey world.

Note: If you only belong to the NTAHC and not either of the National clubs you are classified as a "Local Only" member of the NTAHC and will not receive the AHCA's Healey Marque magazine even though we are affiliated with the AHCA.

I have also included AHCA Presidents, Gary Brierton's May 2013 President's Byline for you to read as well. Those members of the AHCA who receive the Healey Marque magazine will have already seen this article. Gary's column (Pg. 11 in this issue) also goes into the new Insurance and Club mergers, of three clubs, in the USA. Both articles from Gary and Marty are very informative and I hope they will leave you will have a good perspective of what is happening in the Healey world.



MONTHLY TECH SESSIONS

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

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!

1523 Irvin Road, Irving, TX



www.britishcarspecialists.com







Marty Allen
GGAH President

ON AUSTIN HEALEY CLUBS AND INSURANCE

The purpose of this message is to educate you on the club structure that exists for owners of Austin Healey sports cars. Geographically, the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club covers Northern California from about Big Sur in the south to the Oregon border. We have about 160 members in our Club, and there are quite a few Healey owners who reside within our area who are not members. Nationally there are 47 more clubs just like ours. Not all states have a club, and some states like California have several.

These clubs belong to a national association which binds us together—the Austin Healey Club of America, known to most as AHCA. AHCA produces a magazine named *The Marque*. It is published once a month with the exception of December, when a calendar is distributed instead. The AHCA has a formal structure, and once a year each club

sends a delegate to an annual meeting to discuss many business issues. AHCA also sponsors a national event called Conclave. Conclave is hosted by one of the 47 car clubs and therefore could be anywhere in the United States or Canada.

There is another national club named the Austin Healey Club USA. It is much different than the America club; it is more loosely structured, and it started on the west coast for west coast owners. Consequently, it is supported by only seven clubs in the west, but including Texas. This club publishes a magazine named the *Austin Healey Magazine*, with six issues annually. USA sponsors Rendezvous, which is like Conclave only it is hosted by one of the seven clubs that are affiliated with USA. This is why Rendezvous is generally a West Coast event.

As to why there are two clubs goes way back in the history book, and it would take a couple of glasses of wine to explain. And a few more to find the logic. You might ask, why not combine the clubs? You might have heard rumors about a merger over the years. An effort was made to do this last year, but it has stalled for now. Can you say "Washington?" Need I say more?

As a Healey owner each of you has elected to join your local club, the GGAHC. Our dues are \$25 a year and have not increased in ten years. For that you get our newsletter, plus the fun of attending events and staying in touch with other Healey owners. We underwrite some events with the dues and pay a variety of assorted expenses that arise in keeping the club together, such as our website. The few of us who volunteer to guide the club for a few years receive no compensation, and in fact we incur unreimbursed expenses to do our jobs.

Now here is the more pointed part of this message. I don't want to take sides or get caught in the middle of two national clubs, so what I say is just fact with no opinion. Most of us belong to one or both of the national clubs but some of you belong to neither. Not being a member of either probably does not serve you well; there is just too much information that will pass you by and both magazines are very well done.

America (AHCA), the more formal organization and the larger of the two, provides a very important service to the 47 local clubs; they provide us insurance. This coverage is not a trivial matter. Anyone can inadvertently cause a suit to come against the national club, the officers and all members, "AHCA" and "local only clubs", individually and collectively. We do not even have to be driving; that is not a required part of the equation. One can say or do something that causes other people to sue us. For example, an invited speaker who falls and breaks an arm, or a grandchild who gets sick from a club barbecue. This insurance finances our defense against such legal actions and, if necessary, pays all costs incurred to the limits of our liability. So, hav-

IT'S NO FUN IF IT DOESN'T RUN

FREE Parts & Accessories Catalogs for:

100-4, 100-6, 3000, Sprite

VictoriaBritish.com | "KEEP 'EM ON THE ROAD" | 1-800-255-0088

SUNBEAM

SUNBEAM

This is one of the advantages of all the local clubs being part of a strong national organization. A local club could never afford the insurance and therefore would be at huge risk in the event that something goes

ing club insurance is very important.

Continued on Page 12

www.victoriabritish.com

Austin Healey Clubs and Insurance (Continued)

wrong. Now, here is where the rub starts. Suppose you are a member of the Golden Gate Club, but are not a member of America, are you still covered? The answer is yes, you are getting insurance coverage but you are getting a free ride.

Insurance costs are going up everywhere, and AHCA has decided to help pay the cost by charging each local club \$5 per member who is not a member of the national club. Sadly, we just got hit with a pretty big bill, and a little unexpectedly.

In the ideal world, we would like everyone to be a member of our club (Golden Gate) <u>and</u> America (AHCA) <u>and</u> USA (AHCUSA). Some of you will say two national clubs is silly, and I could not agree more with you. I finally joined USA this year. I have been a AHCA member for many years. Hopefully, one day America and USA merge, making life easier for us members.

If you are a member of our club and not the national club (AHCA), we now owe them \$5 for your insurance coverage. We need the support of AHCA and, most importantly, the insurance. So, if you are not a member of AHCA we strongly suggest and hope you will join. We are one of the very few clubs that allow a member to join our club without being a member of AHCA. We might have to change our policy next year if we cannot get voluntary compliance.



You can join very easily on their website and the national dues are \$50. Their web address is :

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 taseful (no naughty bits showing) even your wife may approve. \$10.00 each. 2 for the amazing bargain of \$19.95

Name Badge

2 Color HTAHC logo, with your name. \$6.50 each

Sports Wrist Watch

Gold plated case and hands, black dial, white "Healey Wings" and numerals, with red "Austin healey" script. Like the front badge on early cars. 1 year warranty. Satisfaction grudgingly given. \$34.95 post paid USA.

www.healeyclub.org

The North Texas Austin Healey Club is affiliated with the





Healey Trails is the publication of the North Texas Austin Healey Club, and is published for the benefit of it's members. Material which appears in Healey Trails represents the opinions of the authors and does not express the opinions of the North Texas Austin Healey Club unless specifically noted. We do our best to insure accuracy, but cannot be held responsible for ommissions or errors.

PRESIDENT'S BYLINE

Gary Brierton Club President

Insurance, Merger, and Driving Healeys

Recently there has been a lot of discussion, action and reaction among your AHCA National Officers, local club Officers and local club Delegates regarding our insurance coverage. Fred Dabney, our AHCA Insurance Coordinator, has explained the constantly changing nature of the required insurance coverage and I have summarized this information below. I am also including some ideas from the April Golden Gate newsletter as written by their president, Marty Allen (but as summarized by me), which reflect conversations he and Gary Feldman, our VP of Club Support, and I have had regarding the insurance coverage and its impact on all AHCA club members. Please note that our insurance covers the actions of every club member, national or local, including those who pay "local only" dues to one of our local clubs. Fewer than half of our local clubs even allow this status, but it still results in hundreds of individuals who belong to a chapter without belonging to the national AHCA.

The Austin-Healey Club of America provides insurance coverage for all AHCA clubs across the United States and Canada. This program provides Commercial Property, General Liability, Directors and Officers, and Umbrella coverage, plus a Fidelity Bond on its National Treasurer, and is effective January 1 of each year. This coverage is not a trivial matter. Anyone can inadvertently cause a suit to come against the national club, the officers and all members, whether they are "AHCA" or "local-only", individually and collectively. One does not even have to be driving; that is not a required part of the equation. One can say or do something that causes other people to sue us. For example, an invited speaker who falls and breaks an arm, or a grandchild who gets sick from a club barbecue can sue. This insurance finances our defense against such legal actions and, if necessary, pays all costs incurred to the limits of our liability. So, having club insurance is very important. This is one of the advantages of all the local clubs being part of a strong national organization like AHCA. A local club could never afford the insurance and therefore would be at huge risk in the event that something

A portion of each AHCA dues-paying member's \$50 annual payment goes toward paying the annual premium for all of the insurance described above. However, suppose you are a member of a local AHCA-affiliated club, but not a member of AHCA; are we still potentially liable for your actions, and do we have to carry protection due to your local membership? The answer is yes, but you are currently not paying for your insurance coverage. Insurance costs are going up everywhere, and AHCA has decided to help pay the cost by charging each local club \$5 per member who is not a member of the



national club. In the ideal world, we would like everyone to be a member of your local club and AHCA. Several local clubs have amended their by-laws to eliminate "local-only" membership, but that remains a decision left up to each local club.

Gary Feldman has done most of the massive task of contacting each AHCA local club's membership director and/or president to complete the collection of these premiums and the documenting of who are these "local only" members. We hope that this column answers most of your questions. If not, and as always, please feel free to contact me for further information.

Another issue that has occupied our minds and time is the concept of one North American Austin-Healey Club. This has come up repeatedly over the last 30 years and has received some intensive efforts in the last three. Currently, the three major "national" A-H clubs are our AHCA, the Austin-Healey Club USA (AHCUSA) and the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club (AHS&TC). Although all three clubs have members located all over the US, Canada and the world, it would be fair to say that the majority of AHS&TC members reside in the Northeastern area of North America and the majority of AHCUSA members reside in the Western half of the continent. Many, many Austin-Healey enthusiasts belong to more than one of these clubs; some to all three. Conversations about merger have been carried on mainly by the AHCUSA President and me. Although our AHCA Delegates, at last November's meeting, unanimously voted to support the pursuit of a new, merged Austin-Healey Club of North America, the details have not yet been worked out. All participants agree that we want to preserve the history of each Austin-Healey club and retain the "flavor" and strengths of each, but exactly how this is to be accomplished is not settled. Please discuss this among your fellow A-H enthusiasts and let us know what you think. One annual dues payment, one enlarged monthly magazine, a coordinated schedule of events and activities... what's not to like?

Well, I'll report to you next month on our trip in the Bullet to the Southeastern Classic XXVII at Amelia Island, Florida. The Classic is hosted this year for the first time by the St. Johns Austin-Healey Club. The month of May includes Healey-driving trips to "SpringThing" near Louisville, Kentucky (about 900 miles) and the "British Car Week Meet" in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas (1800 miles), so I'd better start packing. I'm thinking of leaving the spare tire and wheel at home and just trusting my plug-in compressor. That will leave more boot space for me to bring home all those trophies!

ΗМ

MAY 2013 WWW.HEALEYCLUB.ORG

Healey Trails - NTAHC Summer 2013 Page 13

BARGAIN BIN

Prepare your ad and email it to pyoas@yahoo.com and hope for the best!

MEMBERS STUFF FOR SALE

For Sale; 1960 Bugeye Sprite.
White with black interior. 1098
engine with ribcase transmission.
\$10, 500.00.
Bob O'Neil 817-430-0396

For Sale; Air Condition your Healey.
Use this kit as the basis for installing an air conditioning system in your 6 cylinder Healey. Basic kit includes, bolts & belts.

Basic Kit \$250.00.
Used alternator \$55.00
New alternator \$110.00.
Contact Bret Blades-972-264-5400 razorblades@mindspring.com

100M "Le Mans" Registry

This is a world-wide Registry your cars, inviting all clubs and all owners of certified and later-converted 100 "LeMans" cars to join. You receive a specific Registry Certificate, brass Dash Plaque designed by Jerry Coker, plus tuning instructions, original sales flyer and periodic newsletters. Send your car's chassis, body and engine numbers, its history, photos, descriptions of "LeMans" modifications made, photo copy of Heritage Trust Cerificate(factory cars), along with \$20, payable to Bill Meade: 100M Registry, 206 Arryo Seco, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (408) 459-9636

HERITAGE TRACE

British Motor Heritage Museum in England the Production Trace Service where you can obtain production details of the cars manufactured by companies which eventually became Rover Cars G.A. Bardsley Archivist-BMHT Banbury Road Gaydon Warwick United Kingdom CV35 OBJ BMIHT

Wesite: http://www.heritage-motor-center.co.uk/archive/certificate

Austin-Healey 100-4-6-3000-Sprite Shock Absorbers

Front, Big Healey	\$102.00 ea.
Front, Sprite	\$102.00 ea.
Rear (All models)	\$70.00 ea.
Heavy Duty Upgrade	\$10.00 ea.
Shock Link (New or Rebuilt)	\$Call

Brakes Sleeved and rebuilt

Big Healey Master 100-4, 6, 3000	. \$95.00 - \$175.00
Big Healey Booster Servo	\$395.00
Big Healey Caliper	\$105.00
Sprite Master 1957-66 Twin	\$195.00
Sprite Master 1967-79	\$125.00
Sprite Caliper	\$85.00
Cylinders sleeved only, brass or SS	\$50.00
Kingpin Swivel Axle rebushed \$4	10.00 - \$80.00
Front end A-arm (Sprite)	\$95.00

Carburetors

COMPLETE REBUILDING

Disassembly, cleaning, bodies rebushed, new std. size throttle shafts, jets, needles, float valves, gaskets and FLOW BENCH TESTED......\$445.00/pair CARB BODIES REBUSHED and new throttle shafts...\$85.00 ea. Prices shown are for Exchange or Yours rebuilt. Core harges

receiving old units.
Free catalog. www.applehydraulics.com

apply if items are ordered prior to(and are refunded after) our

Apple Hydraulics, 1610 Middle Road, Calverton, NY 11933 (800) 882-7753