

HealeyFest XXV

spring green

If you could plan a great get-a-way from all the hustle and bustle of home, what would it be? Each of us could probably think of many things to offer a weekend respite from our otherwise busy daily lives. One of the things that would be at the top of my list is packing for a road trip. After making sure my Austin-Healey is ready to go, I would get in my BT7 and head northwest from northern Illinois to the scenic byways of south central Wisconsin. This has been one of our favorite areas for club events for many years.

Plans are being finalized for our 25th version of the popular Midwest Austin-Healey Club annual event, *HealeyFest*. This year, during the fourth weekend of September, the hills, roads, and area around Spring Green, Wisconsin will be alive with the distinctive exhaust notes of Big Healeys and Sprites. Healeys are meant for driving and we will have ample opportunity to explore the Wisconsin River area on some of the best “Healey Roads” in this part of the Midwest. It will be time to shift down a gear, press the accelerator down a little further, and test the handling characteristics of our favorite British marque. Make sure your seat belts are securely fastened, but if your passenger has to get a hold of the grab handle, try to not let your smile show too much. It looks like there are lots of curves and hills ahead. We’re going to be having a fun drive!

The Spring Green area, which is about 50 miles west of Madison, is full of attractions, more than you can possibly experience in one short weekend. We have been here before, most recently during some of the self guided tours from last year’s Conclave. The Spring Green area was the farthest extent travelled in the 2010 Conclave tour guide, but we hope to show you new areas, stops or maybe ones you haven’t visited in quite a while.

You’ll be amongst friends, and what is lovelier than to see a line of different coloured (sic) gleaming Healeys on tour with the warm and hopefully, not too hot late summer sun putting a lovely glow on the countryside. With many unique shops, antique stores (do I hear a groan from the guys??), wineries, and natural and man-made wonders, there is much to see.

Between some great Healey driving, we will find some interesting stops for you to take a break, have lunch, and go to the loo. We will be in no rush. We have all weekend to get this “Healey fun-thing” going.

Our host motel is the Round Barn Lodge in Spring Green. Go to their website here: <http://www.theroundbarnlodge.com/Room.htm> Take a look at their website, their rooms, and their amenities, which includes a round heated pool and whirlpool housed under a large domed roof. The lodge annex was designed by an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright to compliment the barn’s original design. We have reserved a block of rooms under the **Austin-Healey Club** for the nights of 23 and 24 Sept. with a discount rate of \$90.20 inc. tax/night for a Standard room with 2 doubles or 2 Queen beds, and \$99.70 inc. tax/night for a Deluxe room with 1 King bed. Hospitality will be in the large suite next to the front desk area.

Call soon to book your room.

After a day of exploring this area of Wisconsin, with a tour set up by long-time auxiliary Midwest club member Mike Arndt, we have arranged a Saturday night dinner at Arthur’s Supper Club in their Waterfall Room. Arthur’s is located across the road and a block away from the host motel. They have live music on Friday night for those that want to walk across the road, have a drink and do some dancing. Here is Arthur’s website: <http://www.foodspot.com/Clients/WI/SpringGreen/ArthursSupperClub/default.aspx?accid=20615> We will have a popularity car show with walk-around cocktails in the parking lot before dinner. The categories for judging may be slightly different than what you traditionally experience.

We are considering a “highly competitive” low-key fun Funkhana for Sunday morning in the motel parking lot before you leave to enjoy more of this area’s roads or for further exploring of the area on your way back to Illinois and your homes.

There is a lot to see here. We hope you will join us for our *HealeyFest Silver Jubilee*. This will be one road trip you won’t want to miss.

A registration form accompanies these event description pages.

Your Co-hosts:
Neil Anderson
Mike Arndt

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SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2011

Name of Driver: _____
Name of Navigator, (Spouse or Guest(s)): _____
Type, model & year of car(s): _____
Your complete address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number with area code: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

\$40.00 – 2 Adults, 1 Car (includes children 17 & under) _____

Make Checks Payable To: "MIDWEST REGION AHCA"

HOST LODGING: Round Barn Lodge at Spring Green, Wisconsin 53588

Call for reservation: 608-588-2568

Mention "Austin Healey Club" for this room block and event rate

We have 20 rooms reserved for September 23 and 24, 2011.

Room choices include:

****Standard room with 2 doubles or 2 Queen beds for \$90.20 ---inc. tax / night*

****Deluxe room with 1 king size bed for \$99.70 ---inc. tax / night*

Children 17 and under stay free with parents.

<http://www.theroundbarnlodge.com>

HOSPITALITY will be held in the suite next to the front desk area

SATURDAY: After breakfast, "MIKE'S SUPER HEALEY BACKROADS OF WISCONSIN TOUR" with interesting stops and lunch along the way. Wollersheim Winery wine tasting included in registration

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: CAR SHOW PRECEDING DINNER

The dinner will be held in The Waterfall Room at Arthur's Supper Club – 7:00 PM

You will be able to order off of the regular menu to suit your palette and appetite.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN ENTIRE PAGE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

Return registration form and check to: Neil Anderson, P.O. Box 96, Malta, IL 60150.
For questions, etc., call Neil (D/N) at (815) 825-2233. Email: neilandcustom@gmail.com