



# WingNotes

*Holiday Party 2008, the biggest ever!*



*If it gets any bigger; next year we may have to rent a hall!*

The Monthly meeting is held on the second Friday of the month at Russell's BBQ, 2885 Algonquin Road (Rt. 62), Rolling Meadows, IL. (1 mile East of Rt. 53), Telephone 847-259-5710. Social meeting starts at 7:30 pm and the business meeting starts at 8 pm. Ample lighted parking at rear of building.



The newsletter *WingNotes* is published one week before the monthly meeting date.

## KEN'S CHATTER

Well, I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. Did Santa bring you all your Healey desires? I have found that leaving cookies and milk for my wife works far better than leaving them for Santa. Thanks to the leftovers from the cookie exchange at our club holiday party. I was able to leave Barb a lot of cookies and I did get a nice collection of car items under the tree.

Speaking of the holiday party, what a crowd we had. My loose count was 45 members, making it one of our best attended events in the last few years. Thanks to all that helped Barb and I out during the evening, especially Pat Brown. See more about the gift exchange in Jim's article.

Our January meeting will kick off our commitment to make our monthly meetings "can't miss" entertainment and more than just a social event. Each meeting this year will begin with an ice breaker to allow us to get to know each other a little better. The January meeting topic will be "Why did I acquire an Austin-Healey?" Come out and tell us the short story of how you came to the Austin-Healey hobby.



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We will have two, count 'em, two competitions which will allow you to win valuable prizes at the January meeting. Over the last few meetings we have had a written exam challenging members knowledge of things Healey. This month we will be highlighting cross-pollinations of Healey's with MG's. We will also introduce out monthly "luck of the draw" attendance raffle for a few Healey car related and/or ladies choice prizes. Each person that attends the meeting the meeting will be given a raffle ticket, and you can double your chances of winning by purchasing one and only one more ticket for \$1.00.

The highlight of the meeting will be our tech presentation of the year. Our resident expert, John Schroeder, has volunteered to lead a presentation on carburetor tuning and battery maintenance. John does not plan to do all the presentations at our meetings in 2009, and while he has several ideas for good topics, we need your input to fill-out the schedule (or even volunteer to be a presenter.)

We also plan to review a draft full year calendar of events for 2009. We could use your input on activities and timing. We hope to publish the full year Calendar of Events in the February newsletter to put our foot out there first when it comes to summer planning.

If you have any ideas for meetings or for events in 2009 please drop me a note at [oilonfloor@aol.com](mailto:oilonfloor@aol.com) or give me a call at 847-394-9215 *Ken Olelndzki*

**Membership Renewals**

As of this writing almost 50% of the 2008 Midwest membership has sent their renewal payment to the club. Probably many more have renewed via the AHCA internet site, which have not filtered down to the local club yet. Keep up the good work. Renewals are due by early February to keep *Healey Marque* delivered properly.

*AHCA is planning to deliver Renewal invoices via email for 2010. If you prefer to continue to receive your renewal via the Postal Service, you must check the box on this years renewal form. I have seen very few of these boxes checked on forms returned to me. Hopefully, every-one has seen this on their form and acted accordingly.*

**Conclave 2010**

*AHCA Heritage 1975-2010*

We are 18 months away from hosting Conclave 2010 at Eagle Ridge. We have established a committee structure, filing the various sub-committees with chairpersons will be the next critical step. Volunteers for some sub-committees have already stepped forward. Sub-committee positions that remain to be filled are listed below with the responsible committee chairmen

**Chairman-** Bob Brown

Sponsors

**Treasurer-** Bill Kowalski

Publicity

**Registration-** Price Lindsay

**Driving Events-** Bill Cantrall

Gymkhana

Funkhana

**Facilities-** Neil Anderson

Car Wash

Trailer Parking

Tech Sessions

Hospitality

Meals

**Purchasing-** Ken Olendzki

Regalia

Auction/Raffle



TSD Rally  
Gimmick Rally

**Non-Driving Events-** Gale Fabish  
Popularity Show  
Arts & Craft

Please look carefully at the above list and if there is a sub-committee that you would be comfortable leading PLEASE contact the listed chairman or Bob Brown 630-393-1413. or [conclave2010@aol.com](mailto:conclave2010@aol.com)

This is a critical time in our Conclave planning, as it is our first opportunity to seek wider club activity. Your support is necessary for the success of Conclave 2010... *Bob Brown*

### **ANNUAL DINNER FEBRUARY 21, 2009**

Mark your calendars now for the club's annual winter Dinner. It will be held in a private room at the Millrose Restaurant/Brewery in Barrington, Illinois on Saturday, February 21, with cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. As in prior year's we will hold a baggie raffle fund raiser, so look through your garage, basement and closet for spare parts, white elephants, or other items that you think a fellow club member might enjoy.

The Millrose Restaurant and Brewery is at 45 South Barrington Road, South Barrington, IL 60010, Telephone 847-382-ROSE (7673)

Website for directions: HYPERLINK <http://www.milroserestaurant.com>.

### **BAGGIE RAFFLE INSTRUCTIONS**

For those who may not remember, this is how a "Baggie Raffle" works;

Items are donated by all attending the dinner. Tickets to win the items are sold at .25 cents each. All proceeds go to the club. Upon arriving we set up the various donated gifts for display, and a small brown bag is set up next to each item. Each guest may buy as many tickets as they wish for .25 cents each. As you are having cocktails prior to dinner, you place tickets in any of the baggies that are with the donated gifts *that you want to win*. After dinner, we hold a drawing on each one of the donated gifts, and will draw a winning number from the each bag.

Popular items can be Healey or car oriented, but can also be things like jewelry, computer accessories, glassware, gift items, (perhaps re-gifting from the past holiday season), gourmet food or drink (wine, spirits, etc) candles and related items, fine chocolates, luxury pampering items for our ladies, just to name a few categories. It really is a great fun seeing the item you donate is something that everyone wants. Remember, bring a great item you would like to win.

### **AUSTIN-HEALEYS RETURN TO BONNEVILLE**

Most Austin-Healey owners would be well aware of the heritage that our cars enjoy. We have read about the successes of the marque in such iconic events as Le Mans, Sebring and the Liege-Rome-Liege. Many of us would also know of the successes that Donald Healey himself had on the salt flats of Bonneville from 1953 to 1956.

In what will no doubt be the most exciting event in modern Austin-Healey history, two very special Austin-Healey 100s reconstructed in Australia, are set to return to the Bonneville Salt Flats in 2009.



In 1953 the Donald Healey Motor Company built a special Austin-Healey 100 with the aim of setting both high speed as well as endurance records. This car, looking not too dissimilar to a standard 100 was driven by Donald Healey himself, George Eyston, Carroll Shelby, Mort Goodall and Roy Jackson Moore.

The following year they went back, more ambitious than before. Not only did they return with the more developed Endurance car from the year before, but also a special Streamliner that was based on a standard chassis, but with its body fitted with an extended nose and tail plus a stabilizing fin.

The endurance car went on to bag a whole raft of long-distance records from 200km to 5,000km and 1 to 24 hours, while the Streamliner, with Donald Healey at the wheel achieved a high of 192.74 mph.

While the two cars were brought back to England, the Streamliner returned to Bonneville in 1956 with further modifications and 100-Six power where it was even more successful.

Both eventually succumbed to the ravages of the salt; however bits and pieces were known to survive. Decade's later Dutch Austin-Healey enthusiast Wiet Huidekoper in a worldwide search located many of these actual parts. Wiet formed a plan together with well-known Australian Austin-Healey expert Steve Pike of reconstructing the cars and reliving the events of 1954 on the Bonneville salt.

Steve is a long term Austin-Healey enthusiast and along with his team at Marsh Classic Restorations has been restoring cars of the marque since the 1970s and enjoys a worldwide reputation as the expert on the 100S.

With access to Geoff Healey's personal records and design drawings as well as the historic parts both cars are nearing completion and the target is to debut the endurance car in March 2009 at the Historic races at Phillip Island, Australia. The body/chassis of the Streamliner has been completed and from the attached photos looks just stunning. As originally, both cars will have early versions of the 100S engines. The Endurance car's highly tuned engine will have an original "angle-faced head" and will be stopped by an early version of the smaller twin-piston brake calipers that were later developed for the 100S production racers. As originally the Streamliner will be supercharged and fitted with a variant of the original David Brown 5-speed gearbox. As the two cars have been reconstructed around the remains of what has been left, the souls of the 1954 cars have been brought back to life.

The team behind this most exciting Austin-Healey venture have set-up a website so that Austin-Healey enthusiasts around the world can keep abreast of the events as they occur.

The site address is:- <http://www.healeysreturntobonneville.com/>

## **MG CLUB SWAP MEET**

This is the Thirteenth Annual All-British Swap Meet and Auto Jumble, otherwise known as the MG Swap Meet. Since 1997 the swap meet has been held on the last Sunday in February at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. Both the content and the gate admission has been increasing yearly, and many members of our club have been attending this event from the beginning. In most years we have bought a table to promote our club and a couple of times we have made a table available to members to sell their own items.



For 2009, it has been recommended that we have a club sales table available for our members to sell their own items. A table only costs \$25 , but if you try to do it yourself, you need help or avoid drinking fluids for six hours so that you don't have to leave your item unattended while you are away (we have all heard stories about people and temptation haven't we??)

The suggestion for this year is as follows. The club pays the \$25 table fee, but we need volunteers to staff the table from 8am to 1 or 2pm. We would allow any member of our club to sell items at the table with a percentage of the gross proceeds going to the club. If a member does not man the booth for at least one hour, then 20% of their proceeds goes to the club, but if they do man the booth, the cut goes down to 10%. Members that cannot make it to the event would be allowed to drop off a reasonable volume of items at the February meeting, so long as the prices are clearly marked on each item.

We plan to discuss this idea at he January meeting and make a decision, so come on out and throw in your two cents or ask questions.

### THE ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE AND “SWAP-O-RAMA”

One of the traditional features of our annual holiday party is the gift exchange. It takes a firm hand to keep the event under control, and we have that man in Ken Olendzki. Upon further reflection, we may have to issue him a whip and chair for next years' event.

We had a record number of participants this year and they were in a mood to play hard and take no prisoners. I was the very temporary owner of, a bottle of scotch, a bottle of gin, a bottle of vodka, and a bottle of pinot noir. Then I fleetingly got possession of a cordless paint buffer (I hated to lose that one, but it went to a good home), a rosemary spice bush (my wife wept when I lost that one) and a box of HotWheels type cars. I finally ended the evening with a genuine Spode Santa Claus ornament. I know it is genuine Spode because the box said “made in Poland.” Possibly it is Spode-ski? ... *Jim Gruber*



## **2009 CHI-TOWN KRUZE CANCELLED**

The Chi-Town Kruze Steering Committee made the difficult decision to suspend the 2009 Kruze. The Kruze plans to come back stronger once economic conditions improve in future years.

The committee especially wishes to thank their sponsors, participants and enthusiasts for tremendous loyalty and support over the last 4 years. With your backing the Kruze became one of Chicago's largest Collector Car events. Last years Kruze was the largest in our history with over 800 vehicles at the show and thousands cruising the Grant Park area.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JANUARY 9 <sup>TH</sup>	MONTHLY MEETING, RUSSELL'S BBQ
FEBRUARY 7 <sup>TH</sup>	MONTHLY TECH SESSION, BROWN'S GARAGE WARRENVILLE, IL
FEBRUARY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	WINTER DINNER, MILLROSE INN, BARRINGTON, IL

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