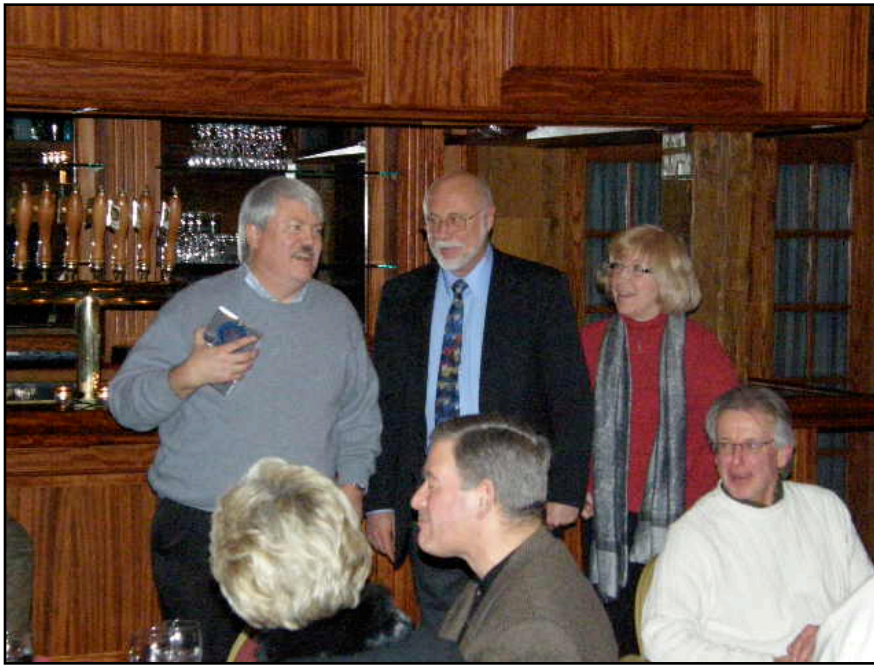




# WingNotes

## Congratulations to Pat & Bob Brown

*Pat & Bob Brown receiving the Co-Drivers of the Year Award, at the Winter Dinner, from Bill*



*Cantrall, Driving Events Coordinator.*

### KEN'S CHATTER...

March is here! March means spring! March means it's time to get the Healey running. First off this month, on Saturday the 7th we are holding our Spring Tune-Up Clinic at the Brown's garage in Warrenville. Drive it over or tow it over. Everyone will be given the chance to put their car up on the lift for a full inspection by your Healey brethren. Fluid-changes and lubrications can be done as long as you bring your own fluids and you must dispose of your old fluids. The bad weather alternate date is April 4th.

The March meeting will be held at Russell's BBQ in Rolling Meadows on Friday the 13th. Don't be superstitious, come on out. The meeting will feature John Schroeder leading a discussion on carburetor tuning and battery maintenance. We will have a 20 questions quiz on famous Healey owners, and we will

have our new meeting attendance raffle where you can win valuable prizes for just showing up. Bring a pen to the meeting because Price Lindsay will be handing out a sample Conclave 2010 registration form. We want everyone to fill out a form as a test.

On a snowy night in February, we had another fabulous turnout with over 40 members coming to our annual dinner at the Mill Rose Restaurant in Barrington. We enjoyed a private room and bar, with a roaring fireplace and were able to enjoy Healey videos on the overhead system. We had several highlights at the dinner, so let me cover a few. Our driving events coordinator and vice regional director, Bill Cantrall handed out our first "Co Drivers of the Year" award to Pat and Bob Brown for their consis-

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 6:30 pm and the business meeting starts at 7:15 pm. Ample lighted parking at rear of building.



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tent participation in Healey driving events and of course their winning results. We had a great turnout from afar. The McKinneys and Uhr's ventured in from the Quad Cities. The Rockford contingent was there in full force and club co-founder Chuck Anderson came in from North Carolina. Thanks Chuck for leading us in a prayer before dinner.

The club subsidized part of the cost of dinner by picking up the tax and tip for everyone. Hearing that, the members in attendance became concerned that the Treasury needed a stimulus. Enter the Bowersock Baggie Raffle followed by a live auction. Where did the items come, from you ask. Most everyone that came to the dinner brought a donation for the mayhem. The Baggie Raffle had two full tables of items that generated \$250 in ticket sales at 25 cents each. We had two bottles of Baileys, car parts, toy cars, Christmas items, books, candles, and much much more. An unplanned live auction was also held for many items that just seemed like they should not go home for 25 cents. We had an original art piece from Jim Gruber, two beautiful jewelry sets created by Silvia Benisek, several bottles of wine from Bernie Bowersock a 25 year old print of Donald Healey from Bob Benisek, old Conclave posters from Warren Gallinger, and more and more.

Remember we have changed the monthly meeting starting times. All meetings will start for socializing and dinner at 6:30 and the business meeting will begin promptly at 7:15 pm. This will allow us enough time to deal with Friday night traffic before the business meeting, and it will also allow us time to head out and enjoy the cars while there is still summer-time sunlight after the meeting.

As always, if you have any ideas for meetings or events in 2009 please drop me a line at [oilonfloor@aol.com](mailto:oilonfloor@aol.com) or give me a call at 847-394-9215...*Ken Olendzki*

### CONCLAVE 2009 TRAVEL ADVISORY

If you are planning to attend Conclave 2009 in Kingston, Ontario Canada this June, you need to plan ahead. Canada is not our 51st state! It is a separate country and you are required to have a valid passport, ahy. Not only that, but you must contact your insurance company and get a Canadian endorsement card, or you run the risk of not having any coverage up there. Don't forget to include not

only your Healey but tow car and trailer if you are towing. Lastly, bring your prescriptions to be filled, hockey sticks, French/English dictionary and get ready to take off for the great (Old English White) north.

### CHICAGOLAND MG CAR CLUB SWAP MEET RECAP

It was cold outside, and the parts were old inside. The Midwest Region tented table space this year at the MG club's swap meet, and many members used the opportunity to bring out some of their excess inventory in hopes of stimulating the economy. It worked, kind of. Gross sales in the booth totaled \$428.00 with \$56.00 contributed by the sellers to the club treasury. Some of that revenue actually came in from non Midwest Region buyers. (there was a little interplay between club sellers) All the sellers agreed to contribute 10% of their revenue to the club to help offset the cost of the booth and to pad the treasury a little. Gordon Giloman actually donated 100% of his revenue to the club. Rumor has it that he felt a little guilty about winning so many baggie raffle item at the club dinner the night before.

Jim Gruber sold some original artwork, Bob Brown unloaded some wheels and a radiator, Jeff Kelly sold many little bits and pieces and the Olendzki's learned that selling little toy cars at the show was a fine road to getting some dinner money. We did get lucky at the end of the show and unload a Sprite bonnet and driver's side door. Thanks to those buyers who helped lighten our load returning home.

We had a nice club turnout, many of which volunteered by working the booth for a while. At the risk of missing a few people, in attendance were John Schroeder, Price Lindsay, Neil Anderson, Bill Kowalski, Pat & Bob Brown, Ken & Barb Olendzki, Pat McDonald, Pagt & Carl Uhr, Bill Cantrall, Gordon Giloman, Ray Navarro, Sam Hockberg, Milt & Gloria McKinney, Bob Benisek, Norb Bries, Jim Gruber, Jeff Kelly, Jack Feldman and Bob Wilson....*Ken Olendzki*



### HEALEYFEST 2009 IN GALENA

Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, Illinois will again be our gathering place for HealeyFest 2009. As this is also the site of Conclave 2010, and we are the host club, our AHC chapter intends to take advantage of the opportunity to become more familiar with the beautiful Galena Territory. So to those of you who attended last year - please return for a fun filled weekend and the opportunity to help plan for 2010. A special invitation is extended to all new members and to those who were not able to attend HealeyFest 2008 last year.

HealeyFest 2009 will begin on Friday July 31st and end on Sunday August 2nd. Twenty (20) rooms are reserved for these two nights and rates remain the same as last year - \$120 per night. Reservation information will be sent in the future.

Our tentative schedule includes, Friday registration, a Saturday rallye from 9 - 11 am, for an

informal car show, Saturday evening drinks and dinner and time for discussion/planning for next years' big event. Bill Cantrall has agreed to set the rallye course and Ken Olendzki will be our master of ceremonies. We will probably have time for a baggie raffle too, if I know Ken. Special parking lot space will be reserved for our cars, as well as facilities for washing and cleaning cars after the drives. Just as the event last year, HealeyFest 2009 will be a wonderful time to see old friends and to meet new ones, and enjoy the beautiful cars.

Our drives together were wonderful, as was the rest-stop at Galena Cellars Winery. Plan to join your fellow Austin-Healey enthusiasts this year for HealeyFest 2009! Any Questions can be addressed to Ed & Chris Keuer at [HYPERLINK "mailto:edwjkeuer@comcast.net"](mailto:edwjkeuer@comcast.net)  
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*Photos from HealeyFest 2008, held at Eagle Ridge, Galellna, Illinois*





## Calendar

### **MARCH 13**

Monthly Meeting, Russell's BBQ, 2885 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL

### **APRIL 4**

Saturday Tech Session, Brown's Garage, 28W577 Forestview Dr. S, Warrenville, IL, 8am-noon 630-393-1413

### **APRIL 10**

Monthly Meeting, Russell's BBQ, 2885 Algonquin Rd, Rolling Meadows, IL

### **APRIL 26**

Spring day-drive from Barrington and ending at Raceway Woods (old Meadowdale Raceway) for a picnic lunch



Walt & Jeanette Blanck at the recent winter dinner at the Mill Rose Restaurant in Barrington, Illinois.

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