



# WingNotes



## At the Geneva, Illinois Concours D'Elegance/ Midwest Region Ice Cream Social

The cars of Denny Juul, Jeff and Mary Kelly, Gale And Nancy Fabisch and Dwain and Jenny Plymale in the club parking lot. No award winners among the Healeys (again) but some very nice examples of the marque.

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

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**AT THE LAKE MILLS, WISCONSIN CARS and COFFEE CAR SHOW**, the sunday before Labor Day. Marty and Pete Thomas showed their red over black big Healey, Bill and Marie Naeretta won their class with their black over red big Healey. Dwain and Jenny Plymale came in second in their class with their Ford Model A, and Barb Olendzki came in second in class with her Panoz Esperante



**DATE; SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011, GREETINGS TO ALL ALS WALK OF LIFE**

**CONTRIBUTORS.** As I write this, many of you are participating in the ALS Walk4Life at Montrose Harbor in Chicago. Many others have contributed money and time and still others have contributed their talent. In our church community, and probably yours too, we call these contributions of time, talent and treasure. When Mary first approached me with the ALS Walk4Life last year, I thought it would be a great way for our close friends and family to show support during our journey with this disease, but I had no idea that it would develop into what it became this year. Due to Mary's organizing efforts and your generous contributions the fund raising has far exceeded everyone's expectations. I understand that fund raising is an important function in curing disease but I feel uncomfortable engaging in fund raising activities when I would be a potential recipient of the proceeds raised.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of your time, talent and treasure contributions. Much more important to me than the money raised, has been the blessings of love, support and prayers that you have showered on me, Mary, Dan, Anna, Nathan and my entire family. I am totally overwhelmed with gratitude and humility at your outpouring. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and please continue to pray for my family.

Thank you again, Pat McDonald

*The attendees at the recent HealeyFest voted to donate the proceeds from the baggie raffle to the ALS Walk4Life fund. Well done, guys.*

**Delegate Meetings & Concept  
Mike Schneider & Bob Brown**

Every year the AHCA has two delegate's meetings. One is held in the summer during the conclave and the other is traditionally held on the second weekend of November. For about 25 years the fall delegates meeting was held in Arlington Heights, Illinois where Chuck and Edie Anderson lived. Once they decided to move to Monroe, North Carolina the fall delegates meetings started rotating amongst a group of local clubs. This year it is the Bluegrass AHC's turn to host the fall delegates meeting. It will be held November 12 and 13th at the Breckenridge Inn, in Louisville. The meetings are open to any AHCA member that would like to attend. Typically two thirds to three fourths of the delegates and all of the national officers will participate.

If you are not familiar with the concept of the delegate structure for the AHCA and how it works then some explanation is in order. There are national elected and appointed officers in the AHCA. There is also a body of delegates. Each club appoints or elects a delegate to represent that club in the proceedings of the AHCA. The body of delegates works as a board of directors would for a typical corporation. The delegates make and pass by-laws that will govern how the club is run. It is the duty of the appointed and elected AHCA officers to carry out those by-laws. If you have an issue that you want the AHCA to consider then please let me know as soon as possible so I can get it placed on the agenda for the meeting.



Each of the local/regional clubs is an autonomous entity or corporation. When that club chooses to affiliate with the AHCA they sign an affiliation agreement that indicates that club will abide by the by-laws that the delegates will pass or have passed. For the most part the by-laws that will affect the local clubs do not deal with what the club does locally but how the local club interacts with the AHCA, such as the local club agrees to have a delegate attend the delegates meetings. If you would like to know more about this process just ask.



At the club's summer picnic at the Szczney's in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Beautiful weather, great food, a perfect day thanks to our hosts Colette and Randy.

2011, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual DMH Memorial Rally

The annual DMH/BCU weekend rally was held on September 10, which turned out to be quite a beautiful mostly sunny day. Our rally master this year was Barney Gaylord (www.mgaguru.com) who put in 500 miles of driving in order to set up what turned out to be a directionally perfect, 73 mile, fun driving and mentally challenging competition. The rally started out at Tinseltown USA in North Aurora, and wandered through Industrial Parks and suburban roads toward Sugar Grove. From my observation, the questions started out nice and easy, inducing a very secure feeling of confidence in one's abilities. But as we progressed to Big Rock and Hinckley the questions became increasingly difficult. And then how can one really describe that sinking feeling of having driven the last 5 mile stretch and having missed completely the "big hill" and the "span between the gates?" Time to go back! As we "wind milled" and "plowed" through farm country in our "buggy" we "racked" our brains and "raked" through our memories to "pump" out information learned so long ago in grade school or from our days back on the farm. After more miles and hours of great roads, scenery, and concentration we finally arrived at the Blackberry Inn to enjoy some very good food, beer, and conversation. Barney has put up a complete description of the rally, including all of the questions and photos of the answers at http://mgaguru.com/guest/ahca/rally2011/. You can also reach that page through the BCU web page

| Place | Score | Driver/Navigator               | Car                | Distance - Time - Ave Speed |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st   | 191   | Bill Cantrall & Greg Baum      | 1959 AH Sprite     | 91mi - 4hr 9min - 21.9mph   |
| 2nd   | 184   | Todd & Ann Marie Nordby        | 2009 Mini Clubman  | 93mi - 4hr 29min - 20.7mph  |
| 3rd   | 173   | Ron & Janet Mau                | 1974 Jensen Healey | 104mi - 4hr 22min - 23.8mph |
| 4th   | 149   | Mell Whittaker & Bill Bradley  | 1969 MG MGB        | 74mi - 4hr 40min - 15.9mph  |
| 5th   | 122   | Frank Cartwright & Joni Gaddis | 1969 Triumph TR6   | 94mi - 5hr 33min - 16.9mph  |
| POR   | 99    | Bernard & Ryan Matlage         | 1976 MG Midget     | 85mi - 3hr 15min - 26.3mph  |
| DNF   | -     | Mariusz & Karowna Rogala       | 1955 Jaguar XK140  | DNF - (prior commitment)    |

Press On Regardless award goes to Bernard and Ryan Matlage for fastest tour, regardless of score.

Rally cars were one each, 1976 MG Midget, 1959 AH Sprite, 1969 TR6, 1974 Jensen Healey, 1969 MGB, 1955 Jaguar XK-140, 2009 Mini Cooper Clubman, and 1958 MGA driven by the rally master. Speaking for myself, the other participants, and the club, we are very happy with and grateful for the fine job Barney did for us on the rally.



## Road Trips

Neil Anderson  
Midwest - Regional Director

After taking a month off to catch our respective breaths, your "Road Trips" contributor, myself, and "Wing-Notes" editor, Jim Gruber, are back on the job with lots of events to report and publish for your reading enjoyment. It has been a busy time since the last report. As this is written, your kids and grandkids have been back in school for many weeks; the foliage of our area has begun the transformation to the colorful hues of reds, orange, and yellows. The days are growing shorter, and our top down driving season will slowly come to an end. Even though club driving events cease in the very late fall, our club



### *Rally Master, Barney Gaylord*

doesn't completely hibernate for the winter. A car club is more than just cars. If we hadn't become friends with the people we share Healey-time, it would not be possible to get thirty plus people to drive to Rockford on a cold, wintry day for a social dinner, as we did last December. We plan activities throughout the year to get together with long-time, and new Healey friends. The gatherings are never too large.

Our Ice Cream Social, in conjunction with the Geneva Concours, was held on a lovely, warm late August Sunday. What a great way to spend part of a day, walking around looking at the actual cars that we have ogled in magazines

and in coffee table books and also enjoy a cold flavorful treat from Graham's. A couple of show entries were familiar to us. Dan and Joan Anderson's lovely Healey Blue over white 100 graced the show for the second year in a row. David Hans' immaculate bright red Healey Silverstone was a great addition to the show this year. David's car has to be one of the finest examples of the marque' in the world. It was great to see it on display. Dan was wondering what it takes to win a prize at this venue, maybe 50's period dress or a song and dance routine may work. Just speculate for a moment. For me, it was great to finally meet Marty and Linda Davis in person at the show. They are new members from St. Charles. Marty and I talked extensively on the phone this spring when he was looking for a Healey to purchase. The club members have yet to see the "new" Davis silver 100 at a club event, but the photos I have seen promise to make it a great addition to our club. Marty and Linda, welcome to the Midwest Healey Club.

The first weekend after Labor Day was a very busy one for club members. This is typically BCU weekend with the Donald M. Healey Rally held on Saturday. The rally has been organized for many years by our own Bill Cantrall. It precedes the massive British car show on Sunday, the show held again at Oakton Community College. This year, Bill was able to take a break and pass the rally master's torch to MGA club member Barney Gaylord. Barney looks for any opportunity to drive his MG and did a great job as substitute rally master using his well travelled "A" to set up the course and the questions to test the alertness of the participants. Bill also liked this new arrangement because that meant he could compete in the rally for the first time in many years. Rally experience pays off as Bill and his navigator, cousin, Greg Baum took home the first place trophies. Ron and Janet Mau, all the way from Davenport, IA, took third in their Jensen Healey. Congratulations to our Healey contenders. Go to Barney's link for winner's placings and visual answers to the questions, and to see where the rally traveled in the great Midwest.

<http://mgaguru.com/guest/ahca/rally2011/>

The weather gods again smiled on the 25<sup>th</sup> version of the BCU car show. Another bright, clear, warm Sunday greeted participants and visitors to one of the largest Anglophile motorcar events in the country. It was sort of strange for me to attend as a visitor rather than a participant, as my Healey was still on jack stands. We had about thirty or so Healeys even with some of our regular cars and members missing this year. It was real nice to see Mark Baker with the 100S tribute car that he built for Ron Varley, a car that would be on anyone's "I want to drive it home list". This venue al-



ways brings out some great looking cars, and the nice thing is they just about all drive to the show. The BCU has been doing this car show so long, they have the organization and operation down to a tea and crumpet. Great job, as always.

The award winners in the Healey classes are as follows: 100 Class, 1956 100M -Thomas and Kathryn Hacker, 1958 BN6 - Larry and Elaine Wysocki, 1955 100 - Mark Baker & Ron Varley, 3000 Class, 1966 BJ8 - Ed Keuer, 1961 BT7- Ken Kozelka, 1967 BJ8 - Bill and Donna Schwagerman, Sprite Class, 1960 Bugeye - George Pandaleon, 1958 Bugeye - Pat Kessler (all the way from Minnesota), 1968 Sprite MK IV - Roger Gibbs, Jensen Class, 1974 Jensen Healey - Ron and Janet Mau, and in Mixed Marques, 1950 Healey Silverstone - David Hans. Congratulations to all the winners.

One other important event was a part of the weekend. The Les Turner ALS Walk4Life assembled and started from Montrose Harbor in Chicago on Saturday morning,

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> for a two mile walk to support research to find a cure for this terrible disease. Healey club members Dan and Joan Anderson, Bob and Silvia Benisek, and Neil Anderson, (Pat Brown walked to support a different team in honor of a former co-worker) walked with club members and Mac's Pack team organizer Mary McDonald and her sons Dan and Nate and daughter-in-law Anna. Sixty other friends, neighbors, and McDonald family members joined Mac's Pack on the walk showing an unimaginable amount of support for Pat and Mary and their immediate family. Many other Healey club members signed up to be walkers, but unfortunately, other commitments prevented them from joining us that day. We know they walked with us in spirit.

Just weeks before the walk-a-thon, it was announced that the research team of Dr. Teepu Siddique at the Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory made a breakthrough discovery and found a common factor for the three types of ALS which will open the door to find a drug treatment therapy. Dr. Siddique was able to join the 2000 plus enthusiastic walkers to support the work to find a cure.

The walk is the culmination of a pledge drive to raise funds to support research to find a cure, but it is also used to help support those stricken with ALS and their families during the challenging times they face. The Les Turner Chicago chapter of the ALS Foundation has raised over \$750,000 this year. Mac's Pack, in their first year, was in the top ten of all fund raising teams, but the goal is not to see which team can raise the most money, but just to raise all the money they can to support ALS research, the foundation, and its work. I know that Mary is very grateful and wishes to thank individual Healey club members and the Midwest AHCA for their generous monetary support of Mac's Pack. If anyone still wishes to join the team, please go to <http://www.lesturnerals.org/events/als-walk-4-life/register-or-donate/> and search for Mac's Pack team page. The need doesn't end until a cure is found.

As this article is getting quite lengthy and is also late, I will submit my report for HealeyFest XXV next month.

All the best,*Neil*

