



HEALEY NEWS SOUTH-WESTERN

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We're off and running....

Well it's mid April and the season is off and running. It was good to see some of you at Eastnor Castle, and luckily the weather was fine. 16 cars attended... 14 big Healeys, one Frog and an MGA! There were large crowds and lots of admirers for the cars... mainly the dads! Some new faces from Somerset, Wiltshire and South Wales as well as many of the regulars, including David and Jo Tofts, who drove all the way from Bournemouth to support us. 3 hours each way... that's what I call keen!

Sunday 25th is "drive-it day" so I hope everyone is able to do something, even if it's just a local run out. It's most important that we get the cars out on that day and support the National campaign. Several organised events are taking

place across the South-West and South Wales and details of many of them can be found at the FBHVC web-site <http://www.fbhvc.co.uk/drive-it-day/>. I and several of the usual suspects will be making our way to the FBHVC home event at Bishopstone near Swindon. We plan to meet at the Dobbies Garden Centre at Cirencester (GL7 6EU) for morning coffee on the way, so anyone interested in joining in, give me a ring. After a spot of lunch at Bishopstone we plan to drive to Bourton on the Water. Everyone is welcome for some or all of the day... just turn up.

Rob Hudson, Director SW Centre



CLUB REGALIA - I just want to remind you all that we will be at the Bristol Classic Car Show on STAND B51 on the 1st and 2nd May, and we'd like to see as many of you as possible there. Yvette Webb, our National Regalia Officer has provided me with several items, ranging from badges and key fobs to shirts and fleeces. If we have exactly what you want on site, we can sell it to you on the spot, but if not, we will be running a full ordering service on the stand, with items being delivered to your home a few days later. (Please note that we will not be able to accept credit/debit cards on stand... sorry)

TICKETS - If you missed the deadline of 31st March to get your discounted tickets as advertised in Rev Counter, don't despair... There is still an opportunity to get a £2:00 reduction on the full price by going to the event web-site at www.bccsl.co.uk and use promotional code "GW".



LE MANS CLASSIC EXPERIENCE

Just One Place Left! - DON'T MISS OUT

WEDNESDAY 7TH TO TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2010

An opportunity has arisen for three **ONE** more Healey to join our group at Classic Le Mans this year. Take part in an exclusive tour prepared for members of the South Western Centre, which takes in the spectacle of 24 hours of Historic Sports Car racing on the famous Circuit de la Sarthe, combined with a chance to meander through the tranquil Loire Valley.



The itinerary includes...

- 7 nights B&B at a Classic French Bourgeois House at Poncé sur le Loire, 5 km. from La Chatre sur le Loire, where the Aston Martin Team were based at the Hotel de France. Our base is 36 miles from the circuit on quiet rural roads, ideal for Healeys.
- Exclusive "Club" parking within the circuit as guests of the "Club Healey France".
- General admission tickets for two, including paddock access for the three days of the event.
- Supplementary grandstand tickets for two for the weekend.
- "Tour de piste"... The rare chance for you to drive your Healey around the famous 24 hour circuit on closed roads, in the company of other classics... usually at least 2 laps of the 14 km. circuit.
- Picnic Lunch Hamper for 2 on Saturday.

And you get all of this for the basic cost, for the week, of £ 660.00

For more information, contact Rodney Manners on 0033 243 44 1859, or email mjdupuy@wanadoo.fr

PARTS WANTED - BN4 Wooden seat base to use as a pattern.

Dave Crinson would like to either purchase a wooden seat base (Must be a wooden one from BN4... later bases are metal!) or ideally borrow one to use as a pattern, from which he intends to fabricate two for his restoration project. If you can help Dave please contact him on 02476 472560 or 07836 328790.

East Devon Noggin & Natter

Ian Harkness writes... Now that it is officially British Summer Time, I thought that I would look forward to the possibility of some sunny days and good open-top driving.

Our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at The Globe in Sampford Peverall have been seriously disrupted by the worst winter weather for years. However, we have had a few dry days recently...

So, we can re-instate our monthly meetings at The Globe for local Healey owners, as long as you are still interested in doing so. I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it, from 8:00pm.

A New Adventure!

The first joint TR and AH Club drive
and BBQ
Sunday 6th June

Day begins with bacon roll, coffee and
route brief at The Aviator Café,
Staverton (Gloucs airport) @ 10:00

100 mile drive through the 'Three
Counties' – Gloucestershire,
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Finish at RetroMarques workshop for a
complimentary BBQ funded by the 2
Clubs!

Prior registration essential (for catering numbers!)

Glavon: verdon.j@btinternet.com or 07740 402200

AHC Mark@mknight.force9.co.uk or 07791 417256

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REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE USA!

Mark Knight, The Club's Communications and Marketing Officer has passed me the following plea for help from one of our fellow enthusiasts across the pond. Mark has offered to be the contact point for this enquiry, so if you have any of these items that you would be willing to sell or donate, please contact Mark on 01684 274938...

Greetings,

I have a 1960 BN7, MKI, Series 2 which I have owned since April of 1963. In May of 2007, I began a ground up restoration of the car and had it concours judged at the Jackson Rendezvous in June of 2009. I am a member of the Cascade Club of Washington and AHCUSA, both of which are listed on your website. I just missed gold in concours and am in the process of correcting all of the areas where I received deductions so that I will score gold at Eugene, Oregon this coming June.

I have spent a lot of time looking for 3 items that I need but have come up empty. I would prefer NOS but would settle for used in good condition for these items. Perhaps some of your members would have these items and be willing to sell them to me. The parts that I need with the Healey Parts Manual #'s are:

1. part # 8G654—cap, filler—gas tank. There should be a 1/16th inch flat lip (shelf) around the domed top where it meets knurls on the outer rim
2. part #AHH5417—"Rainbow" wiper blade. I need 2 of these—must be "Rainbow"
3. part #2A5419—dual gauge—tappet and spark plug clearance. The gauge for BN1 & 2's is different from the one I need and has a different part # .

If I could purchase any of the above items from any of your members, I would be bloody grateful!! It would eliminate 2 ½ points in deductions at concours this year.

Hopefully, Ron Layton

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A couple of dates to be thinking about, and hopefully making arrangements to attend. Firstly the 2010 Austin Healey Club National Event takes place at MG Live at Silverstone on JUNE 4th, 5th and 6th. Check out the details in Rev Counter this month (centre page spread) and make sure you get in early for your tickets. Last year was amazing and the Healey Race was the best of the whole weekend. Act now – don't miss out.

Secondly the South-Western Centre is booking Prescott Hillclimb in 2011 for exclusive use by the club. Date to reserve is **SUNDAY MAY 24th 2011**. More details to follow so watch this space.

HOW TO LOWER PETROL PRICES

A subject that I'm sure is close to all our hearts.... Anyway I received this article a couple of weeks ago, and before any of you shareholders gets upset, let me point out that this approach is not condoned by the Austin Healey Club, nor do we have any opinion on it, one way or the other. I simply received this from a member, and its here for your perusal. If you wish to follow its advice, that's entirely up to you. Personally I use Shell V-Power and Tesco 99 Octane only, so it doesn't affect me. Anyway here it is.... Make your own minds up!

The price of oil is as low as it has been for a while, the oil companies have simply jacked their prices up and the government will not do anything as they rake in extra VAT for every increase.

See what you think and pass it on if you agree with it

We are hitting 114.9 a litre in some areas now, soon we will be faced with paying 1.50 a ltr. Philip Hollsworth offered this good idea:

This makes MUCH MORE SENSE than the 'don't buy petrol on a certain day campaign that was going around last April or May! The oil companies just laughed at that because they knew we wouldn't continue to hurt ourselves by refusing to buy petrol. It was more of an inconvenience to us than it was a problem for them. BUT, whoever thought of this idea, has come up with a plan that can really work.

Please read it and join in!

Now that the oil companies and the OPEC nations have conditioned us to think that the cost of a litre is CHEAP, we need to take aggressive action to teach them that BUYERS control the market place not sellers. With the price of petrol going up more each day, we consumers need to take action. The only way we are going to see the price of petrol come down is if we hit someone in the pocket by not purchasing their Petrol! And we can do that WITHOUT hurting ourselves. Here's the idea:

For the rest of this year DON'T purchase ANY petrol from the two biggest oil companies (which now are one), ESSO and BP.

If they are not selling any petrol, they will be inclined to reduce their prices. If they reduce their prices, the other companies will have to follow suit. But to have an impact we need to reach literally millions of Esso and BP petrol buyers. It's really simple to do!!

Now, don't wimp out at this point... keep reading and I'll explain how simple it is to reach millions of people!!

I am sending this note to a lot of people. If each of you send it to at least ten more ($30 \times 10 = 300$)... and those 300 send it to at least ten more ($300 \times 10 = 3,000$) ... and so on, by the time the message reaches the sixth generation of people, we will have reached over THREE MILLION consumers! If those three million get excited and pass this on to ten friends each, then 30 million people will have been contacted! If it goes one level further, you guessed it... ..

THREE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE!!!

PLEASE HOLD OUT UNTIL THEY LOWER THEIR PRICES TO THE 90p a LITRE RANGE – it won't take very long!

It's easy to make this happen. Just join this group and get all your FB friends to join or forward as an email to everyone in your address book, and buy your petrol at Shell, Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys, Morrisons Jet etc. **i.e.. boycott BP and Esso**

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