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MEETINGS:
The Austin-Healey Owners Association of B.C. meets once a month. The location varies and is often combined with an event. See the Events Section of our web site www.healeys.ca for exact location for each month. EVERYONE WELCOME! Hope to see you there.

Cover Details

Don Manning and Brian Drab in a Healey 4000 at the Healey Museum in Holland
Our President, King Adrian, is currently in the UK visiting various car functions with some well known people in the Vintage car circles so I’ll fill in for him here.

We have just returned from a trip to Europe, where, with two other club members and spouses, we attended the Goodwood Revival, visited a friend who held a 600+ vintage car show on his farm, saw Cornwall and Donald Healey’s hometown and the Church that displays a leaded glass window donated by the Healey Clubs of America including the AHOABC, toured WW1 and WW2 battle sights and memorials in France Belgium and Holland and finally, visited the Healey Museum in Holland. It was a busy 3 ½ weeks but very enlightening. Once back in God’s country things have to return to normal.

We had a great breakfast at the Boundary Bay Airport on Saturday then an excellent tour of RMW & Co and saw what a true Craftsman can do with metal. He had several cars in the build state what he could do with metal was unbelievable.

The date for the Christmas party has been finalized as December 17th at the Accent Inn. They put on an outstanding meal in a great venue. Make sure to mark that date on your calendars.

I understand that the North West Meet was a great success in an outstanding venue and the weather cooperated. I feel bad missing it because I know the location and think it was an outstanding choice to hold the meet.

Fall has definitely arrived so I guess we can begin to count down the days before we have to put away our cars for the winter, so enjoy the sunshine while it is here.

Brian Drab
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Monthly Meeting – Sept. 24/16  
Boundary Bay Airport  
Skyhawk Restaurant &  
RWM & Co  
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Chair : Adrian Percival  
Attendance: 16  
Number of Healey’s: 6  
Previous Minutes: Published in Wings & accepted as such.

The meeting was going to be held at the Skyhawk Restaurant at Boundary Bay Airport, but the ambient noise led us to move it to the Shop Crawl location: Robert Maynard’s RWM Classic & Thoroughbred Restoration Services. During our walk through we got to see a 1931 Standard, Maserati Thompson?, Alpha’s, a Tiger, Bristol & a TR3... not to mention 3 or Porsche & BMW & Renault R5... all in various states of restoration or service.

President: Adrian Percival  
The President welcomed everyone to the shop & introduced Rob.  
Rob has the skills of an old panel beater starting life in the UK. His present shop can do all the mechanical, electrical & body work you could ever want.

See www.rwmandco.com  
Thank you very much Rob, it was a most interesting morning tour.  
Club Elections are all open! All positions are open and available for nominations.  
In particular, Brian Drab will not be standing for the position of Vice-President so we definitely need someone to add his or her name to the Nominee List. The meeting was open for discussions.

Vice President: Brian Drab  
Reported on meeting Healey friends in the UK this past month as well as adventures to the Goodwood Festival of Speed & the Healey Museum across the channel in Belgium?

Don Manning, on behalf of the AHOABC, presented a club badge, crest and pin to Hans van de Kerkhof of the museum. Brian and Don also got to see the very rare semi restored BN3 Healey discovered in the mid 80’s in Ontario by Rick Regan.

Treasurer: Lawrence Robertson – not available  
Membership: Chris Poole — reports 94 memberships with 2 more pending.  
Wings Newsletter – Website: Brian Drab  
Nothing to report, all is well.

Regalia: Adrian Percival – Mike Long  
No report but; more interest has been shown for the A-H Club “100/6 60th Anniversary Golf Shirt & Club Shirt. Check out the web-site for colours & pricing.

FaceBook: Don Manning – Not available  
Events: Michael De Wilde – Not available

September 8-10: The North West Meet in Leavenworth Washington was a huge success. After a cloudy start from Vancouver, the temperatures were found to reaching 85F.

Coming up:  

Adrian mentioned that a driving tour to the Othello Tunnels Hope B.C. this October is being looked at.

*Something New*  
Something to put on your 2017 calendars, the Onalaska Austin Healey Owners Association are hosting a Potlatch/Meet in mid to later September after Rendezvous 2017. This will be in Kennewick Washington. Watch for event notices.

Competition: John Elliott/Ivan Lessner  
Not available

New Business:  
The Future of North West Meets. At this year’s N.W. Meet, the future of having a N.W. Meet & a Rendezvous was being questioned. The B.C. Club said it would present to the Washington & Oregon Clubs an outline on how, when, why & where future meets can be put together &
what guidelines can be followed to keep this meet going and keeping it a simple get together.

Michael De Wilde, Michele Karatnyk & Andy Jones took on this task & completed same.

A Vision & Objective Statement was sent out to all clubs in question. As well as a checklist to help with qualifying venues.

At Sarah’s request, our President will be making contact with L.A.M.B. & the Jaguar Club of North America for combined entertainment options.

Christmas Party date was finalized as December 17th, the Accent Inn banquet room.

Meeting was adjourned at about 12 pm. Thank you Rob for hosting our Shop Crawl.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, October 12th
Ricky’s Restaurant at Boundary & Lougheed Hwy.

Don Manning and I and, of course our spouses, recently toured through France Belgium and Holland. One of our objectives was the Healey Museum in Holland. Don had made prior arrangements with the curator/chairman Hans van de Kerkhof for a visit.

We were welcomed by Hans and his wife Ria and given an excellent tour of the facility.

Don presented Hans with a badge of the AHOABC as well as a lapel pin. Hans maintains a collection of Healey club badges.

It is really a Healey devotees Mecca with examples of pretty well every model of Austin Healey made as well as some Healeys that predate the Austin Healey.

Some models were very notable. The Austin Healey coupe that used to be Donald’s personal driver was there in it’s restored glory and I can now say with authority that the Healey 4000 (Rolls Royce powered) does exist.

I saw a car that was the absolute twin of my first Healey. A Pacific Green BN6. I did a double take on that one. It was a left hand drive version and I made a couple of checks to ensure that it wasn’t my old one. It wasn’t.

Hans has a huge amount of records from the days of the creation of the Healey, all safely stored in fireproof, lockable file cabinets. It seemed almost eerie
to look at correspondence from the early 50’s all relating to the development of the car. Even more interesting were the development drawings of various cars. They were done on the day before Computer Generated designing. They were all hand drawn and coloured and some were downright beautiful. Every detail of a car was done in this fashion.

On display was the BN3 – the very early 6 cylinder conversion of a 100. This car was discovered by Rick Regan in the mid 80’s somewhere in Ontario. It was in the final throes of total rust out. Today that car sits on display in a restored but not painted or final assembled state. On the wall behind it are posted drawings of what it was envisioned to look like. It was originally intended to be a true 4 seater, a bit longer than it finally turned out to be and actually not doable as drawn. When the photos of it in it’s discovered state and it’s current condition are seen together, it is very hard to believe they are the same car.

This car is the identical twin to my first Healey

The BN3 discovered by Rick Regan in the 80’s

Donald Healey’s trophy case with the awards he and his cars had won over the years.
He has a myriad of Healey related items included a downsized, what one would think was a child pedal car, car - finished in serious detail including under the hood.

We were entertained by both Hans and Ria for several hours. Hans is very knowledgeable on the Healey and its history and development as well as the personalities involved. He made the tour truly well worth the trip.

On display is a Healey 4000 powered by Rolls Royce. I never, in my wildest dreams, thought I would ever see let alone sit in one, but both Don and I did.

It would recommend a stop at the museum to anyone who is planning a European holiday, you won’t be disappointed.

Brian Drab

The Healey Museum
Bergseweg 28Q
3633 AK Vreeland
The Netherlands
Donald Healeys hometown was Perranporth, in Cornwall, UK. After his passing in 1988, the Austin Healey Club of America, with the AHOABC contributing, commissioned a stain glass window for his family church, at the head of the alter. It is an impressive window and still sits proudly in its original place.
North West Meet 2016
Leavenworth, Washington
Andy Jones

It was cool and cloudy to start the drive south from Vancouver to Leavenworth Wa., the N.W. Meet hosted by the Cascade A-H Club. We wanted to get to the border crossing before the morning rush & crowd began.

Mike Long, Melanie Long (sister) and Michele & I were heading to this lovely little replica Bavarian style village that came to be after the local mining & forest industries fell upon tougher times.

We got to the Peace Arch border crossing by 7am on the Thursday before the meet weekend but had to wonder if the border was closed, no one was in sight. With two booths & one Nexus lane open, and no one waiting except for a US Border Guard that seemed more than happy to have someone drive by and say good morning. Hmmm.

We met Michael De Wilde on the other side to complete our convoy & then happily motored down the I-5 to Marysville for a top-up of premium & breakfast. From there headed east to Hwy 9, then south to Hwy 2 & east to Leavenworth, covering 213 mi. & about 4 hrs of driving time.

Once over Stephen’s Pass, coming down through the beautiful mountain scenery & some lingering misty clouds, the sun broke open & from there on in, the temps got warmer & warmer. Finishing off with 80 to 85 degrees by Sunday.

We arrived at our hotel, Der Ritterhoff by 12:30 pm. Although early the staff happily checked us so we could shed some clothing (Healey driving gear) & then set out for a walk-about through town in search of lunch & refreshments... and not necessarily in that order.

Not surprisingly we found an abundance of Bavarian style food & beer & plenty of wine tasting rooms, all very good. Gift shops, art galleries and other tourist oriented activities including scenic tours & of course a Kris Kringle Christmas shop, made the...
afternoon lots of fun.

Later on we began to see an influx of Austin-Healey's driving through town. So we wondered back to the hotel & began to meet up & chat with new & old friends from Washington, Oregon, Australia & the balance of the BC Club members who made this trip down. I believe we had 22 in attendance. Thanks to all who made this another successfully B.C. Club turn-out.

Our most excellent hosts, the Wash., Cascade A-H Club and the “Steve & Laurie Day Clan” had recommended & or organized social outing at a few local eateries like Gustav’s and the Red Tail Canyon Farm. Plus driving self-guided scenic tours of the area & points of interest.

Every afternoon, a few enjoyed the pool & the 80 degree temps, a few lawn games of skill plus the social evening gatherings outside a few of the attendee’s hotel rooms (Mike, Melanie, Dennis, Gary, Donna & Bob’s). Thanks guys if we kept you up.

Unfortunately for them, after a breakfast at the Kristal or the hotel continental breakfast, we were back again in the morning for light hearted coffee chats in the sun.

All in all, how could you not want to enjoy an easy going event like this? Healey members, this should be on your list of fun friendly events & drives.

Cheers to all & thank you to the Cascade Austin-Healey Club.

Why is this beer only $2 here and it’s 5 bucks in Canada?

Photos by Beckie Daniels and Andy Jones

A couple of hanger oners!
You may not be aware but the Oregon Club, who will hosting the North West Meet in 2017, will be changing the traditional date from September to May of 2017. The California clubs will be hosting an international meet in early September 2017. Phil Daniels, of the Onalaska Austin Healey Club has put together a very basic meet for later September of 2017. This is in keeping with a recent philosophy to get “back to basics” in regards to these meets. The simpler, the better. For those who will not be travelling to California for the International meet this fills that void.

NORTHWEST POTLATCH

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You are invited to a 2017 yearend social event providing the venue for your entertainment. This 3 day, two or more night affair will be at the Kennewick Clover Island Inn, located on an Island in the middle of the Columbia River. This fun time will be September 29, 30 and October 1, 2017. Water View Queen Rooms are blocked out for three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. As this is not a standard NW "meet", but rather a NW Potlatch, things will be a little different. Restaurant and bar are located on the premises and also a Brewery Pub with restaurant across the street. Breakfast is included with your room. Other meals and drinks are on your own with friends. There will be space made available for us to meet and have BYOB social times at the pool or in case of rain, at the bar each evening. There will not be a registration for the event nor any event charges beyond what you take care of yourself. Therefore, it would be beneficial to the event if each person were to bring snacks to share for the evening socials. Events will include self-guided tours in and around the tri city area, Walla Walla and Pendleton. Jet Boat rides can be arranged and the brewery may provide a tour of its facilities on one day. We will work with the three other clubs in an attempt to set up a tour to the venue from each primary area. A reserved, lighted and monitored parking area away from the main entrance will be provided.

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Rooms are available, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

Please contact us to let us know you are attending.  Phil.DanielsBN7@yahoo.com
Leaking Steering Box solution

This series of Q&A is repeated here because it is an oft seen problem with our cars and there leaking steering boxes.

I've heard some people have used John Deere Corn Head grease in this application with success. Don't know if that is true. Just repeating what I've heard. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEwk_sYP6A8
Al Malin     Tricarb

I used John Deere Corn Head grease. No leaks
Patrick & Caroline Quinn

I am using the John Deere grease and it doesn’t leak anymore but there is a trace amount of seepage. I did not rebuild the box and seals.
Chris Scholz

How would you go about purging the old oil/Grease to replace it with the John Deere stuff?
Mike MacLean

Simon:
The steering box side can be drained by loosening the 4 bolts holding the bottom cover on enough to let the oil drain out over a couple of days into a container placed below, which is what I did.
Earl Kagna
Victoria, B.C.

I followed the Corn Grease(?) thread with interest and bought some. Now, I'm trying to loosen the 4 bolts on the steering box’s front face in order to permit the oil to ooze all over my workshop. I've loosened off the bolts until they’re just short of coming out and hey presto...not a drop! Who’d believe it? Plainly, I've prised the thing forward and still nothing oozes. Question: - if I remove the 4 bolts and ease the front plate off, will the whole thing fly apart like some demented Swiss watch? Or will it come off and just be a PITA to replace?? (Or both??!!)
Simon

Thanks to all that replied re my steering box. Getting the gloop into those things is usually the problem. However, in this instance, it was getting it out. I gathered from your collective wisdom that the thing would not fall into a thousand pieces and proceeded to prise the front plate a bit more and a bit more. Voila...not a flood, but a satisfactory trickle that ran all night. And it didn’t quite go everywhere. Front plate’s tightened up now and the Corn Grease is in. Took practically the whole tube, just a little left.
(397g / 14oz tube) Pumping it in with a grease gun is a joy compared to my previous efforts with a giant syringe and tube.
I’ll have to test it out and then see what’s going on inside the box. Maybe squirt a little more in.
Simon

Editors note:

Corn Head Grease was developed by John Deere, basically to prevent the leaking of bearing cases on some of their corn harvesting equipment that was under severe horizontal stress.
It is a Hybrid Lubricant between a Fluid Gear lube and a Lubricating grease.
1958 Bugeye Sprite

A fully restored 1958 Bugeye Sprite in superb condition. Vehicle purchased in 2002 by the current owner in essentially the condition it is in now. It was purchased from Doug Ingram a former AHOABC member. Originally bought for his wife, whose, it turns out, interests lie elsewhere.

It has won about 20+ 1st in shows when Doug Ingram owned the car, he also drove it south of the border and won a 2nd place in a big show out of about 50+ bugeyes.

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Please contact: John Irving at (604) 209-7306 or johnkirving@shaw.ca
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OCTOBER MEETING
Wednesday October 12th
Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm
Ricky’s Restaurant
2350 Boundary Road
Burnaby
Located on the east side of Boundary Road just South of Lougheed Highway

NEXT MEETING

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

Christmas Party
Saturday December 17th
Accent Inn—adjacent to Ricky’s

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