

HEALEY HAPPENINGS



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Healey Happenings is the official publication of the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club and is published January through November. General membership, dinner meetings and tech sessions are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (for dinner, arrive around 5:30-6:00).

Membership in the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club is open to all owners of Austin and Jensen Healeys and to all others who have an interest in the car or the purpose of the club. Ownership of a Healey is not required for membership, nor is driving a Healey required to participate in events.

COMING EVENTS

- Jun 6 XXXIII Southeastern
- Jun 17 Club Meeting
- Aug 2 22nd Mountain Trip

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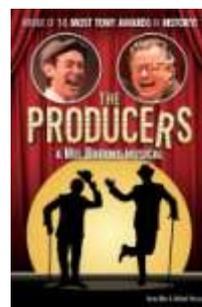
SAVE THE DATE

The 22nd annual Austin Healey mountain trip is planned for August 2-4. The host motel will again be the Oak Park Inn, Waynesville, NC. Make plans now by calling The Oak Park Inn (828) 456-5328 or, if you were there last year, emailing them @ oakparkinn@aol.com If you have never attended one



of Chuck Reeves' mountain trips, you have missed one of the club's premier events. Make this your first trip and you will never miss another one. Let's fill the Oak Park Inn.

ABINGDON IS BACK—OCTOBER 18-19



After a three year absence from our club calendar, Dick Lunney is planning another road trip to attend a wonderful performance at the historic Barter Theater in Abingdon, VA, one of the quaintest towns in the Virginia mountains. Needless to say that mid to late October is a great time to be in the mountains surrounded by such colorful splendor. Also you cannot beat the \$69.00 rate at the classic Alpine Motel. Call Dick at 704-578-4616 to reserve theater tickets and room reservations.

TECH TIP FOR DUMMIES

For more than a year I have had a correct style passenger side mirror for my MGC/GT. The only thing I was lacking was the confidence to drill a 5/16" hole in the top of a rounded fender. I could just imagine the bit walking all the way down to the headlight ring. Recently a friend of mine ask if I had ever used a Unibit. Probably 75% or more of you know what one is and have probably used one. For the rest of us dummies, it is a cone shaped drill bit that can drill multiple size holes starting with the smallest and going to the largest on the particular bit purchased. They can be found in many big box stores like Lowes and even come packaged in sets of three different size configurations. Find the size hole that you want and start drilling down until you get to that size. Zip, zip, zip and it's done. Great for sheet metal and makes the cleanest hole you can imagine. I would still recommend putting some painter's tape over the location before you start. Ed.

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Newsletter

Submissions to the newsletter can be sent at any time: Ed Farnell. Deadline is the 5th of each month with the newsletter going out the week before the monthly meeting.

Classified "For Sale" ads: Advertising British cars for sale are FREE to members. Ads selling Healey parts, or Healey related items are FREE to all. Non-member "Cars for Sale" are \$10.00 per issue. Send information (photos should be jpg format) to eafarnell@gmail.com

All Commercial Ads: Advertise your business in the Healey Happenings! Annual display ad rates are as follows:

Half Page 5" X 8" \$ 150.00 per year

Quarter Page \$ 100.00 per year

EDITOR'S NOTES

This will be my first attempt at resurrecting our club newsletter. My hope is with lots of help I will be able to offer the club a

quality newsletter that will keep our members informed of current, past and future

events. I have some pretty big shoes to fill so be patient while I grow into the job. Immediately I will endeavor to provide the most important information regarding club events, activities and other news worthy items. As time goes on I will learn how to add some of the nice interesting what I might term "fluff"



I have always believed that a newsletter is the life blood of most clubs and have witnessed the decline of participation in a couple of clubs that have abandoned their publications. I am not young enough or smart enough to be a newsletter writer so please help me be your editor by sending me your articles, pictures, tech tips, event accounts etc. Also if you have suggestions for improving the newsletter please let me know. I look forward to this journey.

MONTHLY MEETING OF CAROLINAS AHC

General membership, dinner meetings and tech sessions are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (for dinner, arrive around 5:30-6:00) at John's Family Restaurant and Pizzeria, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273, 704-588-6613, www.JohnsFamilyRestaurant.com.

The restaurant is on Westinghouse Blvd., approximately 1.3 miles west of I-77 (Exit 1A).

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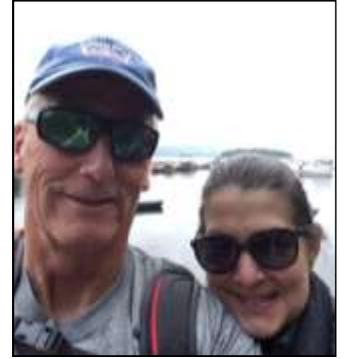
Priscilla Dabney, fdabney2@att.net, membership chairman, is the person to contact if you know of anyone who has not renewed, please remind them to contact her. Also, give her the name and contact info for any potential new members.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to everyone. I hope your summer is going well. With the recent temperatures it is absolute proof that summer is here. This month we received great news that Ed Farnell has agreed to fire up the newsletter again. We are so happy about that turn of events. Beth and Bill and others are serving as tutors and mentors to help Ed get his feet on the ground. When you see him be sure to say thanks. If you sponsor an event send Ed a write-up so he can include it in the newsletter as his tasks don't include being a budding author and writer.

We had a lot of great events last month including the 21st Annual Brits at the Battleship, the Second Spring Tune-up and the Great Scot British Car show down in Greenville, SC. We also had a club meeting where we pretty much filled the room with club members. I have noted that the addition of the technical sessions led by Stuart Shepherd and supported by others in the club seems to have really brought the attendance up. The topics are so interesting and always presented in a light hearted manner. The upcoming Southeastern Classic will be held June 6-9 at Little Switzerland in the North Carolina Mountains. I hope you can join my wife and I as well as many of our clubs members for that event. I look forward to driving on Highway 221 in the Healey. A trip like this reminds me of my time in the seventies when I attended Appalachian State. I used to drive US 221 often in my

1965 Healey on the way home. That was one tolerant car as I knew absolutely nothing about how to keep it running. During the winter in Boone I couldn't ever get it to start - mainly because I did not understand how the choke worked - so I would hook up a nylon strap to the front and get friends to drag the car until it fired up. To the cars credit it never broke down on the road and stranded me.



See you soon,
Rick Lee

Club Technical Staff *(Call these guys. If they do not know the answer, they will know who does.)*

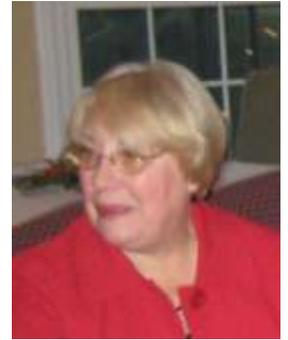
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CAROLINAS AHC MINUTES

May 20, 2019

MINUTES - CAHC - MAY 20, 2019 The Carolina Austin Healey Club met on Monday, May 20th with 34 members in attendance. Rick started the meeting by asking if the minutes and amendment to the minutes were accepted as written, a motion was made to accept and the minutes were approved. Stuart then asked if a date for the tech session at Charlie Grobusky's was determined. Charlie said it would be July 20th. Rick then told us that Charlie would be conducting the June and July meetings since Rick will be in Europe on a motorcycle trip. Priscilla Dabney gave the Membership Report with 108 members now registered. In Ted Sjolander's absence, Rick gave a full Treasurer's Report if anyone would like a copy contact Ted. Carl Brown gave a Web-Master Report stating that we now have 52 members signed into our Face book site. Stuart Shepherd told us that Hagerty Insurance will give a discount to Austin Healey Club members if we mention it to them. Rick said that the name tags for our new members came in and are available for pick up. Dick Lunney gave us a report on the tech session he co-hosted on the 25th. He said there were about 25 people in attendance. Some were from the Lake Norman MG club. There was a good turnout and a good time had by all. After the tech session some members went to Don Hemphill's garage to reload the club trailer and discard what we did not need. Rick thanked Don for overseeing the work that was done on the trailer. Bill Walton, our club Delegate, handed out some Join The Family post cards for all members to distribute when we are at shows or whenever someone approaches us. He said post cards talk. June 6-9 Southeastern Classic XXXIII will be held in Little Switzerland, hosted by the Triad Club. There will be a Margarita recipe contest. Get ready to judge. Debbie White will be our club's captain. Dick Lunney told us he is working on a trip to Abingdon on October 18th. He is looking into the Barter Theater for the play tickets. Further information will follow. Rick then told us he had some

really big news with a special announcement that Ed Farnell will take on the big job as Newsletter Editor. He will have the help and support from Beth Lunney and Bill Walton until he feels well established. Ed would like all events and completed articles to be sent to



him, as well as the minutes, so that he will be able to put the Newsletter together. Treasure Teague then gave a report on how the Broad River Classic Car show went. There was a very good Healey turnout and as usual a good time was had by all. Jerry Price told us about the British Car Festival held in Raleigh with about 130 to 140 cars. 8 Healeys were present and he had a great time. Charlie had a great adventure when he and Peggy went to dinner at a fish camp and a 50's Cruisers car show was being held there. They parked the Healey and unbeknown to them their car was judged and they won an award. They received a nice plaque and a big surprise. Stuart then ended the meeting with a tech session on the 3 break light installation. Meeting Adjourned. Phyllis Allen, Secretary

WE WON!

Full story
in July



BROAD RIVER EUROPEAN CLASSIC

On April 27, 2019 the Broad River European Motor Club held the Broad River European Classic in downtown Shelby, NC. We had 85 European Cars registered. Carolinas Austin Healey Club was well represented not only in the Healey classes. Glenda Sjolander brought her 1972 MGB-GT and won 2nd in her class. Jack Porter won 1st in his class with a Triumph TR3 A, Allan Witt won 1st in the Other European Class with his Jensen Interceptor.

Austin Healey – Roadster

- 1-Wilbur Wright # 4 1962 3000 MK 2
- 2-John Burton #37 1954 100-4
- 3-Bob Bove #80 1959 Sprite

Austin Healey- Convertible

- 1-Clark Moore #55 1966 MK III BJ8
- 2-Charlie Grobusky #84 1966 MK III BJ8
- Tie for 3rd- Fred Dabney #23 1967 MK III BJ8
- Mike Bond #64 1963 BJ7

We had great weather, a great location and we look forward to a great show next year, Saturday, April 25, 2020 in downtown Shelby.

Treasure Teague



Brits at the Battleship May 3-4, 2019

The Carolinas Austin-Healey Club had 15 members in attendance at the May 3 & 4 Brits at the Battleship event in Wilmington, NC. Club members Bill & Gail Massey and Chuck Reeves & Monique Dale did a great job of hosting our club in Wilmington. They both opened up their historic homes (built in 1843 & 1892) to us for the weekend. In addition to our pre event get together Friday evening at an oyster bar in downtown Wilmington and the Saturday car show along the Cape Fear River at the NC Battleship, with live music by The Rusty Bumpers and shade, we had a Kentucky Derby party. There was a little bit of discussion on who actually selected the winning horse but after that was resolved, Carl Brown was the big winner with Debbie White in 2nd and George Hege 3rd. Linda Brown just missed the big payout after her horse was disqualified.



ON THE RACK TECH SESSION

We had a great turnout for the joint "On-the-Rack" technical session with the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club and the Lake Norman Classic Sports Car Club. Seth Lehman and his son, John, plus their crew of mechanics did a thorough job of evaluating Fred Dabney's and Charlie Grabowski's Healeys while the rest of us downed Dunkin Donuts and coffee and checked out the impressive array of cars filling the Elite Vehicle Restoration garage.

Then a smaller crew of Carolinas members headed up to Don Hemphill's "Man Cave" to transfer all the stuff back into our refurbished club trailer and then enjoy lunch at Stacy's restaurant in Denver.

Beth Lunney



2019 “Almost Annual” Abingdon Road Trip

After a three year absence from our Carolinas Austin-Healey Club calendar, the “Almost Annual” Abingdon, Virginia, October road trip is back! Beth and I have spend a few days checking out the scenic routes through the North Carolina and Virginia Mountains that should be spectacular during our October 18, 19 and 20 weekend with tremendous fall colors and mild temperatures. We stopped by the “classic” Alpine Motel and found it to be virtually unchanged from previous years with Danny Sr. back in charge and all long term guests gone. The rate at this classic 50s style motel have gone up to \$69.00, but so have the more upscale and modern motels in the area. We’ve booked 15 non-smoking rooms for our weekend and three more alternate accommodations at the nearby Quality Inn at \$99.00 (The Holiday Inn Express is gone!)

The centerpiece of the weekend is always a wonderful performance at the famous Barter Theater and this year we will be seeing Mel Brooks’ classic *The Producers*. One change is the Trolley we have used each year on Saturday evening to shuttle our group to various dinner locations and to and from the theater is retired. I am investigating alternatives, but we may need to use our cars on Saturday evening. Friday we’ll plan a lunch in nearby Bristol, Tennessee, and a visit to the very cool “Bristol Sounds” Country Music Museum before arriving at our destination for afternoon snacks and drinks outside our rooms overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. Friday evening we have booked the party room at the Old Mill Inn and Pub in nearby Damascus, Virginia. Saturday morning we have traditionally had a number of our group venture out on rented bikes for the 15+ mile Virginia Creeper Trail ride, a beautiful downhill bike ride from White Top Mountain down into Damascus. Some will visit the Abingdon Farmers Market, the Heartwood Mountain Craft Museum or just chill out walking around historic Abingdon.

Our special \$69 rate at the classic Alpine Motel does come with a few caveats, including a very limited free continental breakfast, but several options are available nearby including Cracker Barrel, Waffle House and MacDonalds. They also want me to control the room list reservations, you’ll still pay individually, but your reservation will be made by me when you send us the money for the theater tickets which are \$44 per person for Orchestra Center seating in the beautiful Barter Theater.

I’ve reserved only 36 seats for the play and just 18 rooms in Abingdon since it is Homecoming at the nearby college, so if you are interested in joining us for this amazingly fun fall weekend in the mountains, send me a check for the Barter Theater performance of *The Producers* and let me know which accommodation option you desire (Alpine Motel or Quality Inn).

Dick Lunney (8702 Taybrook Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078, 704-578-4616 or Dick@Lunney.us)





Happy Birthday, CAHC Members!!

Are you a new member or not sure if I have your birthday? Send an email to eafarnell@gmail.com.

- June 2 - Lundy Wright
- June 6 - Jack Porter
- June 19 - Carem Seidle
- June 18 - Clark Moore
- June 23 - Treasure Teague
- June 24 - Chip Seidle
- June 27 - Carl Brown
- June 27 - Pat Bagby

Austin Healey BJ7 in cake pictured below

