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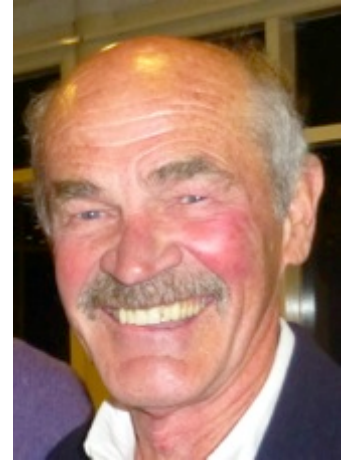
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## President's Chatter

Spring has sprung and grass has risen and so have the Healeys out of their winter slumber. Certainly one of the coldest, damp and darkest winters that I can remember. I thought I was back living in Sweden and just wanted to stay indoors.

Thank you to Jock Osborne and his team (11 in all) who carried out the club duties as flag marshals at Mallala back in August.

A good night was had by all at the dinner meeting in September at La Vita Café Kidman Park, with John Read standing in for Jenny who had organized the evening and was unable to attend as she was unwell.



October was a busy month starting with a well attended general meeting at the Air Force Association clubrooms. This was followed by Festival of Motor Sports at Victoria Park organized by Geoff Bennett and we had 10 Healeys on display on Sunday. The reports were of it being a good day had by all, with Sprints to watch and a lot of vehicles on show. Then we had the Border Run to Robe with 22 Healeys in attendance and an approximate 50-50 split between SA and VIC. Thanks to Bob and Robyn Upton the organizers for what I have been told was a very enjoyable run. A good time was had by all in attendance.

After a very cordial and productive meeting with the Sprite Club back in October, an invitation for our club members to attend their display day at Wigley Reserve on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of November was forthcoming. My thanks to our 8 club members who attended and were warmly acknowledged on the day. It is hoped that in the not too distant future we can organize another joint get together.

The Climb to the Eagle on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of November saw 6 Healeys starting from Victoria Park travelling up to the Eagle then on to Belair Country Club for morning tea. From there it was down to Victor Harbor and return to the Victory Hotel on Sellick's Hill for lunch. Despite the cool damp start a good day was had by all.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November we had our first Club Memorial run. It replaced the Peter Norris run which had been held for the last 10 years. We hope that you can all take a moment, to think about all of our club members who have passed on. Thank you to Jenny Read and to Rod Bishop for organizing and leading the run. Special thanks to club members Kevin and Helen O'Brien for providing morning tea at their Kangarilla Road Vineyard on the run down to the Read's and Bishop's house at Encounter Bay for lunch.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in December and the Christmas Party on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Happy Healeying

David Woollard

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# The Healey Reimagined

Earlier this year, AutoCar UK asked a number of car designers for their views as to what a range of classic cars might look like if they were produced today.

Here's what Shiro Nakamura, Chief Creative Officer at Nissan thought about the Austin Healey 100.



Named for its ton-plus top speed, the 100 was a Donald Healey-designed two-seater roadster powered and manufactured by Austin. Launched in 1953 at a price of £1063, it made 90bhp from its 2.6-litre four-cylinder engine and reached 60mph in 10.3sec. In 1956 it was replaced by the 2.6-litre, six-cylinder 100 Six, which then fathered the more famous Austin-Healey 3000.

"I chose an Austin-Healey because of its British heritage and because the brand isn't used by anyone today," says Nakamura. "The 100 is interesting: I like the proportions, the folding windscreen and the grille, which looks like a Japanese fan. The car's shape is very British, though.

"In the 1950s, aerodynamics were not a priority, which was nice for designers; today's cars have so many constraints with drag and lift. My version is much more aggressive and has some aero treatment – I added carbonfibre ground-effect technology underneath, but kept the top faithful to the original.

"I kept the two-tone design and the integrated windscreen. The point is to respect the original design in today's environment. I added new things such as the headrests and LED lights, using minimal modifications. My car is lower and wider but perhaps not longer. Cars were so narrow in the 1950s – you can't do that today.

"The two-tone design – and the character line it brings – is iconic on this car. It gives a kind of casual, romantic feel, not too serious. It reflects the mindset of post-War society, when cars became democratized. These were cars for normal people and had a lot of soul.

"I spent lots of time modifying the proportions and the lines. It produced a very interesting dialogue with a younger designer who I worked with on the project. I taught him a lot, he studied a lot. It was a very good process.

"Even after 50 or 100 years, the 1950s will still be one of the greatest eras of car design. Designers and engineers were free to express themselves. This changed in the 1970s, and now we are always balancing emotion with social responsibility. In the 1950s, they were just having fun."

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# Southerly to River and Sea

The Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc. conducts a Motorfest Classic each year over a two week period. The major event is the Bay to Birdwood Classic. In addition individual car clubs which are members of the Federation arrange events for interstate, country and local enthusiasts. This year there were ten events held over the week prior and the week after the Bay to Birdwood. Some members of the AHOC of SA participate in some of the events.

The final event this year was the Southerly to River and Sea hosted by the Historic Motor Vehicles Club in Victor Harbor.

All the events commence at the Combined Car Clubs clubrooms at Glandore where participants register, collect their event bag and have a tea/coffee before a briefing on the day's event. There is the opportunity to chat with other participants and admire the many interesting cars assembled. There were 74 people attending this final event.

Our tour headed down the Southern Expressway to Sellicks Hill and on towards Myponga. Just before Myponga we turned left and then on to Hindmarsh Tiers Road to Victor Harbor for morning tea at the Historic Motor Vehicles Club clubrooms. Some more of their members and their cars joined us at the clubrooms for delicious scones and tea/coffee.

After morning tea we departed for Goolwa and across to Hindmarsh Island to visit the island's International Airfield. This is a privately owned airfield and is home to several Tiger Moth airplanes which were on display. As well as a talk on the history of Tiger Moths and a close up inspection we were given a flying demonstration by one of the planes.

At the end of the visit we proceeded to the Middleton Tavern for lunch and more socialising before heading home.

The Motorfest is held every year with many events of interest to car enthusiasts. It is a good opportunity to get your old cars out and join in the fun.

Rod Bishop



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# September Dinner Meeting

Our **September Dinner Meeting** was held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at La Vita Café – 342 Grange Road Kidman Park.

It was well organized by Jenny Read, who unfortunately wasn't well enough to attend. John did a wonderful job of 'greeter' and information provider, in Jenny's absence.

The meeting was very well attended and people expressed their pleasure with the extensive menu options, the quality of the food and portion size.

A great choice Jenny ... Thank you!

Those of us who are Crows supporters were thrilled to see Eddie Betts (up close) as he dined there too.

It was one of the scheduled Log Book opportunities, so we got to see members we don't often see at other meetings. Peter worked tirelessly on ensuring that members' Log Books were authorized for the coming year.



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# Climb to the Eagle

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual “John Blanden’s Climb to the Eagle and Southern GP” was held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Even though the Grand Prix now takes place in Melbourne, a most popular GP ‘fringe’ event – the Climb to the Eagle (traditionally held on the Friday morning preceding the GP) – continues here in SA.

The event commenced in 1985 and celebrates the 11 years of GP racing in Adelaide. It was re-named “John Blanden’s Climb to the Eagle” in 2004, in recognition of John’s work in establishing the event.

Starting on Victoria Park’s ‘pit straight’, cars headed along Glen Osmond Road, to Eagle on the Hill, on to Belair (for morning tea) and then Victor Harbor (for lunch).

All cars are welcome, however, the emphasis is on sporting heritage, including MG, Jaguar, Austin Healey, Porsche, Ferrari, Holden Monaro, Falcon GT, vintage and veteran cars.

In attendance this year were: Jock Osborne, Kent Farminer, Bruce Dawson, Ian Hay, Peter Jamieson and Geoff Bennett.



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# Sprite Display Day



The Annual **Sprite Display Day** was held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Wrigley Reserve, Glenelg.

Members of our AHOC (SA) attended, displayed their cars and were warmly welcomed. In attendance were: Jock Osborne, Kent Farminer, Peter Barreau, Ian Hay, Mike Manfield, Mal Herbert, Geoff Bennett and Paul Bradley.

There were 51 cars on display – including 24 Sprites and Midgets and 8 big Healeys.

People's Choice Awards:

Sprite – Don Cardone – deep red Bugeye Sprite

non-Sprite - Warren Scarman – British racing green MGB GT

Paul Bradley



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# Adelaide Motorsport Festival



The **Adelaide Motorsport Festival** - a 2 day event that celebrates Adelaide's rich motoring heritage - took place at Victoria Park during October and comprised the Classic Adelaide Rally (16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Oct) and the Victoria Park Sprint (17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct).

Organizers called it a 'museum-in-motion' as it draws upon motorsport history and re-enacts motorsport competition of a by-gone era. The Classic Adelaide Rally used Vic Park as their base before competing in the Hills and Fleurieu, but on Saturday and Sunday a section of the original Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix Circuit was used for support car racing.

The AHOC (SA) had 8 cars on display and in attendance were: Jock Osborne, Kent Farminer, Geoff Bennett, Bruce Dawson, Mal Herbert, Tom Roesler, Michael Lock, Paul Bradley, Tony Parkinson, Peter Jamieson, David and Meg Woods, and Don Hall (the previous owner of David's 100).



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# Border run to Robe



For our **Border Run** Experience, the S.A. Contingent left Adelaide with 11 cars for old historic Robe, on the Limestone Coast. Robe is unique in geography and history and its picturesque setting is along the shipwrecked coast of Guichen Bay. Our first stop was Meningie on Lake Alexandrina for our morning coffee. **Friday** was a good travelling day for Healeys, most with tops down.

We continued our trek down the Coorong to make our lunch stop at Kingston SE by the Big Lobster. An uneventful trip except for one car which ran out of petrol, 20 miles short of Kingston. Fortunately, we had some spare fuel on board, so all was resolved. It appears the Healey petrol dipping stick gauge cannot always be trusted!!

After lunch, we headed for Robe arriving around 2-30pm and all departed to their lodgings.

With our Victorian friends, we all met at heritage listed *Grey Masts* B&B, our boardings with the Bishops and Trotters and everyone collected their rally packs. *Grey Masts* was built in 1853 by a shipping entrepreneur George Ormerod. At one time, it accommodated 80 young women sent from Adelaide as domestic staff for the surrounding stations. We were then treated to welcome drinks of sparkling wine, hosted by Karatta Wines under the wisteria pergola. Peta Baverstock, the winemaker gave us an informative talk on how she makes the wine. We also met up with Jaimie Aitkin, the Event Manager for Robe.

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# Robe Border Run



The following day, **Saturday**, we all assembled on the foreshore for our run to Beachport for lunch. We parked our cars on the lawn outside Bompas Hotel and all had a relaxing lunch. A refreshing walk along the long Beachport jetty was enjoyed by some. The sea was a glorious blue. A few of us took a scenic coastline route out of Beachport before rejoining the road to Robe.

Our evening meal was at the Robe Hotel and another great country meal was enjoyed by all.

**Sunday** Once again, we assembled in our cars on the foreshore for our drive to Karatta Wines. Here we were divided into 2 groups after sampling many of the wines, including a sparkling red. Half did a barrel room tour and wine talk, whilst the other visited the vineyards with the vineyard manager to learn about his important task of producing the best quality grapes. This was followed with a light lunch.

On returning to Robe, we all met and lined up behind the Robe Country Fire Service vehicles. With flashing lights, we made our parade down the main street to park our cars on the foreshore lawns by the sea. Jaimie had thoughtfully organized with the Council to build a ramp for easy access for the Healeys.

That evening, many made their own dinner arrangements. Some lucky ones, even indulged in some local crayfish. The following morning, we returned home after a great Healey week-end. Thank you to Jaimie Aitkin for his support.

Robyn and Bob Upton

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# Memorial Run

The South Australian AHOC scored a wonderful day for their Annual **Memorial Run** (formerly the Peter Norris Run) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Rod Bishop skillfully organized the run again this year, and in true fashion, had us driving along roads many of us had never travelled before.

We gathered in the car park of the Victoria Hotel at the top of South Rd for a 9.15am start, were given our instructions, and headed through the back roads of Happy Valley, Hackham and McLaren Flat to reach our morning tea stop at Kevin O'Brien's Kangarilla Rd Winery. Not only were we treated to a truly delicious morning tea in a scenic location, Kevin spoke about his wines, and provided generous tastings.

We then made our way through the southern vales, Willunga Hill, Hindmarsh Tiers and on to Encounter Bay to have our picnic lunch at the holiday home of Jenny & John Read and Helen & Rod Bishop.

32 members and 16 cars (including Kevin's) +2 tin tops, took part.

BJ8 x 6; BJ8 III x 1; BJ7 x 1; 1004 x 3; 1006 x 1; BT7 x 2; BN4 x 1; 3000MKII x 1.

The run celebrated the memory of good times shared with past members.

Thanks to Rod for his fine organizational skills, Jenny & John Read and Helen & Rod Bishop for their hospitality, and Jenny, Marg, Helen and Bronwyn for their delicious slices.

Megan and David Woods



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# Members on Holiday (1)

## The Barreaus in Canada/USA

### ALASKA, CANADA & PEBBLE BEACH

In July, Cheryl and I flew to Vancouver via Los Angeles.

Vancouver is a modern city of steel and glass buildings, where we did the tourist things, such as the hop on hop off bus, Stanley Park totem poles, tree tops walk at the Capilano suspension bridge, sky-ride gondola to Grouse mountain, a lunch cruise on Vancouver harbour, and a day trip to Whistler on the Rocky Mountaineer train service. At Whistler we rode on the peak to peak gondola. A coach and ferry trip took us to Victoria for one night, visiting the Butchart gardens, walking around the harbour and indulging in high tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. On leaving we came across a Healey parked on the hotel's front drive, this was the only one we saw in Canada.

We spent 9 days travelling to Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, Kelowna and back to Vancouver. Highlights included: a walk along Maligne canyon, from Jasper; the glass bottom glacier sky walk at the Columbia Icefield discovery centre; for a 15 minute walk on Athabasca glacier; a walk along Lake Louise and a walk along the Johnston canyon.

A 7 day cruise through the Inside Passage to Alaska was next. Ports of call included Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan. At Skagway we ventured on the White Pass summit scenic railway and a coach trip to a musher's camp for a dry land sled ride. At Ketchikan we flew on a float plane to see bears and were lucky to see two black bears catching salmon.



In San Francisco we toured Alcatraz Island, walked to Fisherman's wharf at Pier 39 for clam chowder and fish and chips, and a cable car ride. We walked across the Golden Gate Bridge and took great photos of the bridge both with sea fog around the pylons and in clear sunshine.

We drove down the coast to Monterey. Our holiday was based around this car week in Monterey and Carmel. We saw Concours on the Avenue at Carmel -Ferrari's from the early 60s, a couple of Healeys - no we did not see Clint Eastwood. We saw the Little Car Show on Lighthouse Avenue, and went to Automobilia Monterey for an exhibition of car parts, books, drivers manuals, clothing, posters, badges, neon signs, restored petrol pumps etc. We went to another exhibition - Pebble Beach RetroAuto. Back in Carmel we saw cars competing in the Tour d'Elegance. Baja Cantina Grill is a mecca for car enthusiasts during the car week, and was where we caught up with Sharyn and John Hindson and their friends. It's a place full of car memorabilia, a swinging bar and dining room full of people, and cars galore in the car park. In a car display and drive featuring cars owned by regular people (like us), there were four Healeys. Brian and Barb Meredith from the Victorian Healey Club were there ... what a small world! the Concours d'Lemons, displayed odd models, rust buckets, flop models. First prize went to the worst car. The Concorso Italiano was a huge display of Ferrari, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeo, Iso Grifo, anything Italian.

At Pebble Beach golf club, the 65th Concours d'Elegance was staged. The size of the event was breath taking. Thousands of people attended. There were 219 cars entered from 16 countries and 29 states. Featured marques included DuPont, antique Popes, post-war Cunninghams and Ferrari. The best of show winner was a 1924 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A Cabriolet.

We had a wonderful holiday, the sights and cars were magnificent.

Peter and Cheryl Barreau.



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# Members on holiday (2)

## The Uptons in Queensland

In August, we headed north to the warmer climes of Brisbane and Yeppoon. In Brisbane, we stayed with Healey friends, Howard and Carroll Prior.

Our first weekend was a real treat. Bob got to drive his old blue 1004 Healey on an overnight trip to Jimbourne Opera, staying at Dalby. We joined members of the Queensland Triumph Club.

Driving through Toowoomba, we noticed evidence of the 2011 floods. The weather was changeable, but the sun came out for the opera. On the return journey, we visited a motor museum which had incredible memorabilia.

We had lunch on the Gold Coast, with more Healey people. Three states were represented – Queensland, Victoria and SA. We went to Ernie & Mel Clark's home where Marg & Lyndon Rogers and Harvey & Val Lewis were staying. It was lovely to get together.

The remainder of our holiday was spent with family at Yeppoon on the Capricorn Coast. We loved the day's journey on the Tilt Train from Brisbane to Rockhampton, where we were met by Bob's daughter, Leanne and husband Michael.

A highlight was a day's trip to Great Keppel Island on the fast catamaran. Once at the island, we transferred to a glass bottom boat and viewed the different types of coral – plate, brain and staghorn.

We later clambered up an old disused goat track for a spectacular view. We also saw turtles from above, in the water on the other side of the island.

We enjoyed three weeks of sunshine.

Robyn and Bob Upton





## Events Calendar

<b>December</b>	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm General Mtg. Air Force Assoc Club room
	Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon Christmas Party at the Read's home 49A River Way, Kidman Park.
<b>January</b>	Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Vice President's Dinner - Clay'n'Coal Indian Rest. 482 Goodwood Rd Cumberland Park

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