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AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB OF WA (INC)



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The club exists for the preservation and enjoyment of Austin-Healeys and all vehicles associated with Donald Healey, and to encourage their use within Western Australia. To achieve this, we hold meetings and events at which members may participate to become more familiar with these vehicles and to use them in the way for which they were created. The enthusiasm generated is used to promote, foster and conduct motor sport generally and to encourage a closer relationship with other clubs of similar interests. The club is authorised to confirm eligibility to obtain concessional licences for members' classic vehicles for use on the road during authorised events, which provides for substantially reduced registration and insurance costs.

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Paul Markillie posted this shot of a tastefully modified 100 on the Austin-Healey Owners & Enthusiasts Facebook page.



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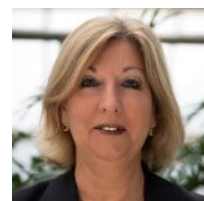
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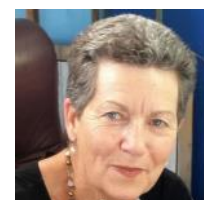
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President's Prattle

November has proven to be another busy month with some reasonable weather for open top motoring.

Thanks to Paul Robertson for putting together his "Munch & Motoring Muse" event, a good start for the month.

Luckily for us all, Hazel & Rod Lloyd agreed to once again host a wonderful Champagne Pancake Breakfast in their outstanding Helena Valley garden. The garden was spectacular and had been open to the public as part of the Open Garden Scheme the weekend before. Their family members did a great job with the pancakes and hospitality.

The event made a small profit which has been passed on to Hazel & Rod to be added to their donation to the Cancer Council. My thanks to you both for putting on this successful event.

Around a dozen members enjoyed the Classic Run on 11 November, followed by lunch at the Mundaring Hotel. Due to the hotter months ahead, this was the last of our lunch runs until cooler weather in 2022.

There will be a breakfast run organised by the MGCC in early December for those who are interested. My thanks to Sandra & Arthur Wallis for the work they put into these events, where we get to meet fellow enthusiasts driving a wide variety of classic sports cars.

Wednesday the 17th was beautiful weather for a Cobweb Run. We all enjoyed the interesting route to the Left Bank for a lovely relaxed evening drink or two, thanks to Sandra & George Pickering.

It was pleasing to see a good turn-up at the November General Meeting where we all enjoyed wine & cheese prior to heading home. Thanks go to Greg Boothey who brought along one of his rare vintage motorcycles. Greg gave a talk on both that and the history of motorcycle manufacture in Australia. A very enlightening presentation and entertaining description of the starting procedure and the methods involved in riding the bike, with no gears, up a steep hill.

Coming Up

Your Christmas Party is coming up on Sunday 11 December commencing at 6:30 pm at the Cottesloe Golf Club, a perfect venue for an evening of fun.

You can be sure that with Edd Black's organisational skills, this will be an event not to be missed. Start looking for a Santa to bring, one per couple, with a variety of prizes for the classiest, most interesting and smallest Santas.

Keep in mind that there is no December General Meeting.

On Sun 9 January there will be an opportunity to get the Healey on the road to the BBQ area at Saw Avenue in Kings Park for a very casual BYO everything breakfast commencing at 8am.

Monday 24th is our traditional January BBQ gathering. It is a BYO event, but if you can bring something to share pre-BBQ or post-BBQ that would be good. Not too much, as there is usually plenty left over.

We will repeat last year's *Bring and Buy* theme where you can dispose of stuff and replace it with someone else's unwanted stuff. The idea being that we all hang on to things we do not need and then, in many cases, they end up as land fill.

Someone else might give that unwanted item a new home. Items are limited to a motoring theme, parts, books etc.

Season's Greetings

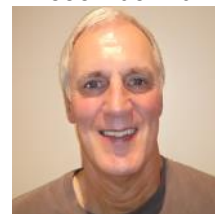
If Judy and I don't catch up with you at the 11 December Christmas Party, we wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.

Bill Richards



Above: This factory 100M was delivered new in Japan and is now for sale at Scottish sports-car dealer, Border Reivers Porsche.

Editorial



This month's issue of your favourite Austin-Healey magazine has a great selection of content reflecting the vibrant club life we're enjoying.

In addition to the traditional events such as the monthly Classic and Cobweb Runs and the Lloyds' now famous Champagne and Pancake Breakfast, we have a story on a new event format devised by Paul Robertson - the "Motoring Muse and Munch".

Bill Richards has shared some interesting photographs he took of a Welsh classic rally, while living in the UK in the 1980s.

There's also some important information for members with Concessional Licences - that's more than half of our member families - and we also welcome another new member in Lou Toncich with his 3000.

Be sure to take note of the variety of social events coming up, as most require you to RSVP beforehand.

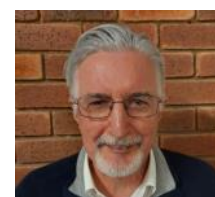
In particular, if you haven't booked your tickets for the Christmas bash, you need to get in quickly as ticket sales close in the next day or so - see page 9.

As always, I thank the members who have contributed content to make the magazine informative and interesting. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge two of our newer members Edd Black and Fred Singleton, who have been consistently active in recent months by submitting material.

May this continue.

David Moir

The Social Life



I went on my first Classic Run - Mundaring to Mundaring. A very tidy day with a couple of articles in this edition. Arthur informed us at the end of the run that the Wallis (Classic) Runs will continue in 2022, which is reassuring news for all involved.

Cobwebs

Cobweb Runs roll forward as dedicated members volunteer with neat ideas. The most recent is Diane stepping up in volunteering to do the December run. We also have the January one covered as a potential dinner run. We had a pleasant night on the recent Cobweb Run to Fremantle...most exciting for me after they told me I had no rear lights! Thanks for the shadowing from Graeme Shearer and then George Noble to get home safely. A very pleasant evening out, thanks to Sandra Pickering's sound organisation.

Xmas is Coming!

Our Christmas Do has 43 participants so far and room for more. You need to get your spot secured by 1 December.

Couples are asked to bring a Santa. We have

prizes for most interesting, stylish and smallest Santa – yes you can bring entries for all three categories. Posh dress standard and dancing is virtually compulsory.

Next Year

The January Barbie Breakfast is in hand under the President's guidance and hard work. Our thanks also go to Judy and Bill for organising the stunning cheese boards to round off the final General Meeting of 2021.

The 19 March British Car Event in Busselton looks interesting, hosted by the Rover Club... check your diary.

At The Bar

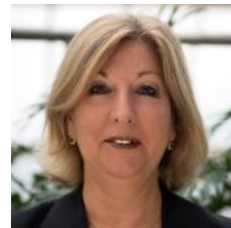
Back at the Bar, we have added dry bubbles and gone up a notch in the quality of the reds - all those three dollars make a difference. We'll keep the same steady standard in the whites and beers. We'll have a proper raffle prize and a second prize to round off the year of raffles... which will continue next year.

Edd Black

Social Secretary

Events Calendar

| Date | Event | Meeting Point | Time | Organiser |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------|---|
| December 2021 | | | | |
| Thurs 2 | Classic Breakfast Run | Mundaring Hotel Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring | 8:30 am | RSVP by 30 November to sillawa@iinet.net.au or phone Sandra 0407 905 440 |
| Sat 4 Sun 5 | Vintage Stampede & Jack's Hillclimb | Wanneroo Raceway | 9:00 am | Vintage Sports Car Club vintagesportscarclubof-wainc.wildapricot.org |
| Sat 11 | Christmas Party (see page 9) | Cottesloe Golf Club, 173 Alfred Rd, Swanbourne | 6:30 pm | RSVP by 1 December to Edd.Black@westnet.com.au |
| Wed 15 | Christmas Cobweb Run (see page 10) | Charles Paterson Park, Resort Drive, Burswood | 6:30 pm | RSVP by 12 December to dcooper@iinet.net.au |
| Note: No General Meeting in December | | | | |
| Sun 27 | Classic Cars & Coffee | University of WA Business School carpark, Hackett Drive, Crawley | 8:30 am | Paul Blank paulb@classicrally.com.au |
| January 2022 | | | | |
| Sun 9 | Barbeque Breakfast | Kings Park | TBA | Bill Richards wsrichards@bigpond.com |
| Wed 19 | Cobweb Run | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Mon 24 | Barbeque Meeting | WA Veteran Car Club 265 Hale Rd (cnr Tonkin Hwy) Wattle Grove | 6:30 pm | Bill Richards wsrichards@bigpond.com |
| February 2022 | | | | |
| Sun 6 | Classic Cars & Coffee | University of WA Business School carpark, Hackett Drive, Crawley | 8:30 am | |
| Wed 16 | Cobweb Run – Wallis's Sausage Sizzle | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Mon 28 | General Meeting | WA Veteran Car Club 265 Hale Rd (cnr Tonkin Hwy) Wattle Grove | 8:00 pm | Bill Richards wsrichards@bigpond.com |



Membership

The month of November has been a quiet month. The club's membership and car facts are outlined below:

Membership Statistics

The table below outlines the club's membership numbers as at the end of 25 November 2021:

| Membership Type | Membership Numbers | Total Members |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Single Honorary/Life | 6 | 6 |
| Double Honorary/Life | 4 | 8 |
| Single Members | 38 | 38 |
| Double Members | 52 | 104 |
| Country Single | 0 | 0 |
| Country Double | 16 | 32 |
| International | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 116 | 188 |

New Members

No new members.

The Journal of the Association of Australian Austin-Healey Clubs

We have 76 members subscribe to the *Australian Austin-Healey* magazine. I have submitted this week to the editor, Patrick Quinn our members' details for Issue 29, July-September 2021. So watch this space.

Austin-Healeys

The table below provides statistics on the number of Austin-Healeys in the club:

| Model | Series and Year of Production | No of Cars |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 100 | BN1 (1953-55) | 34 |
| 100 | BN2 (1955-56) | 4 |
| 100-6 | BN4 (1956-59) | 11 |
| 100-6 | BN6 (1958-59) | 1 |
| 3000 Mkl | BT7 (1959-61) | 8 |
| 3000 Mkl | BN7 (1959-61) | 0 |
| 3000 MkII | BT7 (1961-62) | 2 |
| 3000 MkII | BJ7 (1962-64) | 9 |
| 3000 MkIII | BJ8 (1964-67) | 20 |
| Sprite Mkl | (1958-61) | 17 |
| Sprite MkII | (1961-63) | 3 |
| Sprite MkIIA | (1962-64) | 9 |
| Sprite MkIII | (1964-65) | 2 |
| Sprite MkIIIA | (1965-67) | 1 |
| Jensen-Healey Mkl | (1972-1973) | 0 |
| Jensen-Healey MkII | (1973-1974) | 1 |
| Total number of cars | | 122 |

Concessional Licence

We have 63 of our members who have one or more of their vehicles on Concessional Licence. Consequently we have on the club's *Concessional Licences Register* a total of 77 vehicles held on a Code 404 concessional licences and 12 vehicles held on the new code C4C concessional licence.

Impromptu Runs - Recent changes to code 404 licences

Following the CMC Information Session held on Monday 15 November, the participation and recording requirements for Impromptu Runs were clarified.

Consequently, you must now provide more detailed information to the Austin-Healey Club's Concessional Licensing Registrar **before undertaking** an Impromptu Run - see page 18 for more details.

This information is also available on the Austin Healey Club's website on the [Concessional Licensing](#) webpage.

Movement of Austin Healeys

No movement this month.

Diane Cooper

Membership Secretary and Webmaster

October Classic Run

At long last we had a perfect day weather-wise for the October run.

Over the past ten years we've only had to cancel around three runs, but this year we have already had three wash-outs. Living in the hills, we like the rain we just wish it wouldn't rain on the second Thursday of the month.

Normally we have anywhere between 28 - 38 cars but this run had a record number with 46 cars. We had a few extra E-types and nine Healeys plus Don Sutherland in his Jensen with three other Jensen club members and Dave Currell in his Westfield; eight Triumphs and with a wide variety of MGs from the MGCC and MGOA.

Others from the Healey club were: our new member Alan Legge, who just purchased his BJ8 and was co-driver in Ian Maitland's E-Type, it was good to see Peter Coleman who was able to break away from the shackles of work and come along, Mike Griffiths made his

second appearance, Ian Wookey & Jan in his Sprite after extended trips around our state, Bill & Judy Richards, Will Loader & Lydia, Alan Richards & Lorrie Wallis, Paul Pendrill plus Sandra and myself.

A couple of cars had problems and had to limp home and believe it or not, our Ian Wookey ran out of petrol again!

Tony Ford from the MGCC organised the run which took us through the Jarrahdale hills down to North Dandelup. As it turned out, there was roadworks on the second part of the "course" so we shortened the run and got back to Olde Narrogin Inne at 12:30 for lunch.

Except for a hold up at the bar, the staff at the Inne certainly looked after us again and our meals were served very quickly. They were also open in the morning before we left to allow us to get coffee and use their toilets.

Arthur Wallis

Santa's Naughty 'n' Nice Christmas Party



Saturday 11 December
Cottesloe Golf Club, 173 Alfred Road, Swanbourne

Drinks & Mingle from 6:30pm with the *Strike a Chord Ensemble*
Three Course Dinner on the balcony from 7:00pm
Dancing to the sounds of *Bling* from 8:00 till latish

Members \$60 per person
Non-Members \$70 per person.

Includes welcome drink and canapes, three course dinner,
with entertainment before and after dinner, plus stunning views.

Dress: Posh Party (Yes, gents no thongs!)

Bring: A Santa!

Prizes for Most Interesting Santa, Classy Santa
and Smallest Santa (in this case, size will matter!)

Bar: Range of drinks available to purchase from the bar.

RSVP: Edd.Black@westnet.com.au by 1 December

Payment: Into Austin-Healey Club account by 1 December:

BSB 036 065 Account 130 601

include: your surname & Xmas Party

Christmas Cobweb Run

This is your last chance to get those cobwebs out of your Healey
as this will be the last Cobweb Run for the year.



Get your car out and come along, as we get into the Christmas Spirit.

Date: Wednesday 15 December
Start time: 6:00 pm
Start from: Charles Paterson Park, Resort Drive, Burswood
Dinner at: 7:00 pm Dome (Private Room) Deepwater Point, Mt Pleasant
Organiser: Keith Cooper
RSVP: dcooper@iinet.net.au by 12 December, as numbers are required by the Dome.



Wongan Hills Run



On the last weekend in October, a small group of members ventured north to Wongan Hills to join Wongan locals Chris & Janice Wilding for the Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival.

The Sunday saw a Vintage & Classic Car, Truck and Tractor Show, in which our members' cars took a significant part.

Left: Arthur & Sandra Wallis enjoy the shade.

Below: Wild & mild - Ian Wookey's racing 3000 with Fred Singleton's 3000, showing off its freshly renovated paintwork. (photos: Fred Singleton)





Early in November, a total of 11 people turned up at the Bentley Hotel on a perfect Spring Day for a noon lunch. Attendees included Dale C, Peter C, Charlie M, Brian J, Nigel E, Dave C, Sue and Daz, Graeme and Leslie R, yours truly and Sox, the "Service Dog". Lunch was great – most had a generous \$15 Seniors' dish which left little room for any desserts. Service was very good and the drinks were cool.

We then adjourned to several nearby specialist car dealers to "kick the tyres" of some of their offerings.

Paul Robertson



Above: A happy gathering for lunch.

Left: Leslie and Sue discussing a possible car purchase. Darrel checking the credit card is safe. This view is about a ¼ of the cars in stock at the Westside Auto Warehouse.

Below: Sox the service dog.

photos: Paul Robertson



Photo: Fred Singleton



Champagne and Pancake Breakfast

The club's annual Champagne & Pancake Breakfast was held early in November in the stunning gardens of club stalwarts Rod and Hazel Lloyd.

Able assisted by daughter Sophie and grandchildren Ebony, Silvia and Joshua, the Lloyds managed to feed some 60 members with freshly cooked crepes, a yummy array of fresh fruit with lashings of whipped cream, all washed down with some bubbly and orange

juice.

They also managed to provide an awesome sunny day so everyone could relax in the shady spots of their fabulous garden and have a natter. This day is one of the highlights of the club calendar and, as usual, the Lloyds did not fail to deliver a fabulous morning.

Our thanks to Rod and Hazel for their efforts.

Max Williams



Photo: Max Williams



Photo: Fred Singleton



Photo: Max Williams



Photo: Max Williams



To arrive at the Mundaring Pub and see such a variety of cars was a bit of jolt, especially as this was my first Classic Run.

To ensure my journey would be effective on this new adventure, I packed a George Noble into my car. On arrival, George was instantly shanghaied by Sandra to assist with the lengthy list of registrations, as he knew the process and many of the punters.

After Arthur's instructions to drivers, we set off behind a rather weird V8 MG that proved to be able to roll along at real speed. After many pleasant twists and turns, we arrived at Toodyay, a pleasant looking hamlet that I had

not visited in decades.

We reached the rendezvous at the local park to have a police car pull in beside us with four imposing officers. I was relieved to discover the officers were only there to relieve themselves and were not on the trail of old cars and drivers, though I did warn one young officer they would be dealing with a rough lot of pensioners!

To our surprise, when Arthur called the masses to order, the second section of the run was less complicated than expected. We were all going back to the Mundaring Pub for lunch! Arthur had got us a beauty.

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As the wind was drying us out, to arrive at the pub and grasp two large cold beers was a life-saver. Lunch was very efficiently provided at a rapid pace and the meals were great. My co-pilot and I went for the lamb curry - beautiful - but were glad we were travelling with roof down as a post-curry precaution on the way home.

In all, one very pleasant day and especially for this first time Classic Run participant.

We were all pleased to hear at the end of lunch that the tradition will continue in 2022 with Arthur and Sandra devising more interesting days on the road for us all....even those MG people!

Edd Black

Above left: Arthur briefs the crew before departure.

Above right: George helps Sandra with the list of participants.

*Below: The Police join in at Toodyay.
photos: Edd Black*



This Trophy Could Be Yours For a Year



The Austin Healey Club of WA (Inc.) awards a perpetual championship trophy each year to the member who accrues the highest number of championship points.

The points are awarded for participation in events, contributions made to the running of events and to our monthly journal, *Healeys West*.

Points aren't awarded to committee members in the undertaking of their roles. e.g. no points are awarded for publishing club reports in *Healeys West*, the Social Secretary doesn't get points for organising and running social events.

Social events that are run by the club for members, attract points for the organiser and assisting member (excluding Social Secretary), providing the event is publicised well ahead of the date to allow members time to make arrangements to attend. The events would not normally involve an overnight stay (the exception being the Winter Woollies Weekend) as they limit attendance by some members.

Daytime events on weekdays do not attract points (e.g. Classic Runs, Ladies and Gents lunches) as they can not be attended by working members.

Allocation of points is as follows:

| Event | Attendance in a Healey | Attendance non-Healey | Other |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| General/AGM attendance | 2 | 1 | |
| Cobweb Run and completed the run | 2 | 1 | |
| Cobweb Run but went straight to venue | 1 | 1 | |
| Social event | 2 | 1 | |
| Organised an event (not awarded to Social Secretary) | | | 10 |
| Hosted an event (not awarded to SS) | | | 10 |
| Assist with an event | | | 4 |
| Contribution to <i>Healeys West</i> (not awarded for Committee reports) | | | 5 |

Concessional Licensing Up-date

Impromptu Runs

Following the CMC Information Session on 15 November, the participation and recording requirements for Impromptu Runs under Clause 8 of the Code 404 were clarified.

To ensure compliance with Department of Transport (DoT) requirements for Impromptu Runs by vehicles under a Code 404 Concession, the following information must be provided to the club's Concessional Licensing Registrar by a member who is the registered owner of that vehicle by sending an email to: concessions@austinhealeywa.org.au

Before undertaking an Impromptu Run, the following information must be provided by the member:

- 1 Date of the proposed run
- 2 Approximate start & finish times
- 3 Starting address, destination & finishing address
- 4 Member's name (+ driver's name, if not the member)
- 5 Number plate

Note: Impromptu Runs are a one-day event and may involve one or more vehicles.

This information will then be added to our club's Run Log, which will also ensure that you are afforded all the legal and insurance protections of a fully registered vehicle during a run.

Once you have submitted your run details to concessions@austinhealeywa.org.au, you will receive the following automated response shortly after:

If you are notifying of an Impromptu Run the details will be added to the Club Run Log. Please keep a copy of your email and this response with you during your Run. Otherwise, the Concessional Licensing Registrar will respond to your email in due course.

Please visit the Austin-Healey club's website on the [Concessional Licensing](#) webpage (Ctrl+Click to follow link) which details additional information on Impromptu Runs as

well as further particulars on the Code 404 and C4C Concessions.

Code 404 to Remain As-is

The Council of Motoring Clubs WA has been advised by the Department of Transport (DoT) that the changes proposed by the DoT to the Code 404 concessional vehicle licensing scheme have been dropped and *"at this stage consultation is not required and the policies for Code 404 will remain as is"*.

This outcome is good news as it reflects the views of most member clubs of the CMC and is a result of consultation by the CMC with the DoT.

While the DoT's audit of Code 404 did not identify widespread non-compliance with the Code 404 provisions by approved motoring clubs, nevertheless there remains a small minority of approved clubs and Code 404 vehicle owners that are not meeting their compliance obligations as identified in the Concessional Licence Code 404 Information Booklet. If this non-compliance is not addressed, it may lead the DoT to again consider amending Code 404.

Further, a key finding from the DoT's audit is that accurate recording by approved clubs of members' names, addresses and number plates on Code 404 vehicles, *as these details are recorded on the members' vehicle licence*, is essential.

Check Your Details

Many of the discrepancies identified by the audit arose simply because the details recorded in a club's membership register did not exactly align with the DoT's records.

Members are encouraged to check that the name, address and car make & model you have supplied to the club for your concessional licence, exactly matches those details on your car's DoT licence papers.

The best time to do this is when renewing your club membership.



80s Rally Action

When Bill Richards was living in the UK in the 1980s, he took these photographs at a classic car rally in Wales. Two of the cars are particularly notable.

The 3000 to the right was built and run by the well-known Austin-Healey enthusiast John Chatham.

The 100 (at lower right) with rego number OAC 1 has had a very interesting life, being built by Donald Healey as an early coupe prototype. The car's roof was removed in the 80s and it was run by former club member David Matthews. OAC 1 has since been reunited with its roof and runs as a coupe at Goodwood meetings.



Introducing New Member - Lou Toncich



Photos: Lou Toncich

By way of introduction to Austin Healey club members, my name is Luis Toncich, but I prefer to be called Lou.

After retiring from 41 years in the airline industry, I started looking around for a classic car to enjoy tinkering with and weekend drives. I found myself retracing old experiences with my late father and was being drawn to his previous car types as my focus. Long story short, I settled on trying for a Big Healey as that was going to be his "next baby".

Searching the usual classic car websites delivered some cars of interest within my budget, but unfortunately I was always just a little bit late and four times I was knocked back due to cars already sold.

The BN4 featured in the last *Healeys West* newsletter at the Shannons auction was my next target, the process very stressful in the last 10 minutes and the bidding blowing out way above my limit to finish at \$104k !

My lovely wife, Jo counselled me fearing I was depressed over missing out, but that's not my style and I simply jumped back onto the internet to see if anything else was new. To our complete surprise, there was a new listing for a BN4 that had only been posted the day before. There was only one photo and a very brief description and because it was past 10pm Geelong time, I held off calling the seller until the next morning.

What followed was a lightning fast negotiation with an absolute gentleman by the name of Kelvin Pettigrove in Queenscliff (Vic), with a

phone call to his mechanic confirming the condition of the car and the deal was done. The car is a 1957 model, dark blue over silver with grey trim and has 27,000 miles on the clock. It was restored by Rowland Restorations (now The Healey Factory) in 1986 and hasn't had and major work done since.

I was fortunate to have the services of Wilf Chambers as my "broker" coordinating an inspection and detailed report with test drive by his associate in Geelong, as well as arranging transport and preparation for licensing. The car was on the road in WA on 29 September 2021.

We always considered joining the Austin-Healey club as a source of information and camaraderie with like-minded enthusiasts, and I attended the Stirling Gardens show on 17 September with a view to make contact. President Bill was very busy talking to various people so we elected to enquire another time and departed for another destination, at which point Bill spotted our car, we swapped details and the following day I was invited to join.

Lou Toncich



Letters to the Editor

Old Codgers Drive MX-5s



I was thinking about the age demographics again of our club and I thought I would ask my friend who is the central coordinator of the MX-5 Owners Club North West Midlands England, what their age range was.

Jim's response was:

Our club age range isn't really that different to what your results show. We get a few youngsters turn up to our meets and when they see us old codgers they don't come again!

That's sad news, that even the modern MX-5 sports car isn't attracting young members in England.

Diane Cooper

Austin-Healey Book Donated



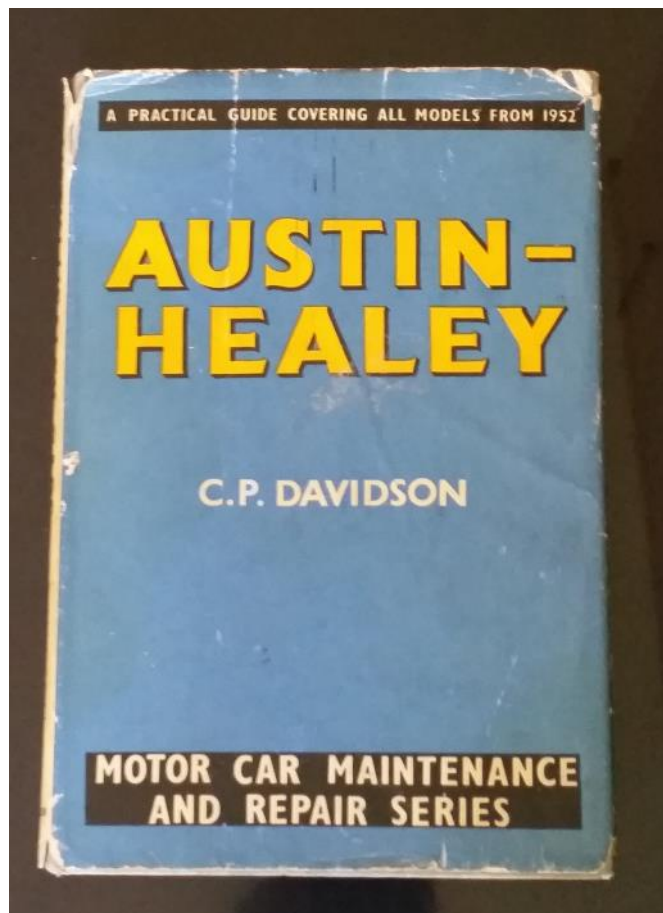
Whilst at the All Austin/Morris Day in Guilford on 17 October, a lady by the name of Wendy Astle visited our display.

She told me that her father Derek (deceased) had a Mk1 Sprite in 1962 and she gave me a copy of the attached photo showing him standing between his Sprite and a TR3A which looks like it's been prepared for a country run. She then gave me a book of his that she would

like to donate to our club in the hope that it would go to someone who would value it.

As it is quite rare and of a high value on the second-hand book market, we will decide what to do with it.

Bill Richards



Not actually a letter but some humour from our resident dog enthusiast, Paul Robertson:



'Ullo, 'ullo, 'ullo, what are you up to?

Well officer, I am off to the Austin-Healey Club Christmas Party!



Ok Santa, on your way. For a moment, thought you might be Nigel Egginton in disguise in that red Mark 1 Sprite.

Birthdays of the Month

| | | | |
|----|----------------|----|--------------------|
| 4 | Edd Black | 23 | Richard Ashton |
| 4 | Sue Manning | 26 | Maureen Poynton |
| 5 | Paul Pendrill | 27 | Christine Egginton |
| 9 | Bob Duddington | 28 | Christine Hayward |
| 13 | Derek Rowan | 28 | Greg Mahney |
| 16 | Gail Illig | 28 | Fred Singleton |
| 16 | Craig Jordan | 31 | Dave Currell |
| 20 | Will Loader | | |

The Month in Pictures



Above: A frog in the garden: Paul Robertson's Sprite strikes a cute pose at the Chicken Champagne Breakfast. (photo: Max Williams)

Right: The famous ex-John Chatham 3000, DD 300 chases down an Aston Martin DB4 at the recent 78th Members' Meeting at Goodwood. (photo: Sports Car Graphic)



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