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President's Message



Groundhogs and other thoughts

I sure hope that Puxatawny Phil was right this year when he saw his shadow. I know I am looking forward to the coming driving season. I'm not sure if it's the weather or that I'm just not in the mood to do the usual winter maintenance to the Hundred, but I know that I need to do it soon. So far all I have done is the end of season oil change. Still on the list is the valve adjust, brake adjust, points, condenser, rotor, plus the other checks to minimize having problems on the road. To that I still need the state safety inspection and to get the registration sent in.

One consolation to my procrastination is that the March event will be to a venue that I probably wouldn't drive the Healey anyway. The last map I looked at there was a stretch of unpaved road leading to the Golden Spike Monument. The trip there should be both informative and fun. Hope to see you there. The April drive to the Gateway Auto Museum is set and sounds like it will be a great trip. For the faint of heart, remember that you don't need to drive the Healey to enjoy the club events.

The February Tech Session saw the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club looking over the boxes of parts for Chris Miller's BN-4. Chris' Dad started a frame up restoration on the car several years ago, and now Chris would like to finish it. The highlight of the day was when we started the engine. First we ran the starter with the ignition disconnected to confirm that there was oil pressure. We then hooked up the coil and on the first push of the starter button we had the engine purring. I'm always impressed with the sound of a Healey engine. Good luck, Chris, on getting the car together. Having done it myself I know how it will feel when you bring it out to "IT'S" first event.

Happy Healeying,

Dave

March Activity



Golden Spike National Historic Site

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Saturday, March 24th, will be the first run of the year in our Healeys for most of us. We're hoping for great driving weather. As you all know, the site marks the connecting of the railroads to form the first transcontinental rail line (1869). They have a visitor center, museum exhibits, ranger and audio-visual programs. There is an entrance fee of \$5 per car.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 24th at Conveyers & Equipment's front parking lot, 3580 South 300 West. After visiting the site, we'll go into Brigham City (Perry) and have a late lunch at Maddox Ranch House Restaurant and then head for home. If your Healey isn't running, bring any car you'd like, just be sure to join us!

Ann Lewis



Bonneville Austin Healey Club
Minutes for February 13, 2007

Sweetheart Dinner at The Cinegrill, 6:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Ernie and Vickie Reno	Jim & Susan Revel
Joe and Lora Morley	Doug & Ann Lewis
Dave & Sandy Maxwell	Jim & Virginia Pearce
Craig & Carol Mossberg	Jim & Cheryl Thornton
John & Gloria Morrison	Don & Marian Colman
Bob & Fran Riemenschneider	Allen Brown

Our traditional Sweetheart Dinner was held at the Cinegrill and those who attended not only enjoyed good food but also good company. The Cinegrill is one of those places that, other than location, is the same as when some of us went there almost 50 years ago. Except for prices, the menu is basically the same as it was then. It's nice to have some places that don't change and bring back memories and nostalgia.



Photos by Jim Thornton

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club
Proposed 2007 Activities Schedule

- Mar 13** – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Marie Callender,s 1109 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City
- Mar. 17** – Tech Session, noon, place TBA
- Mar. 24** – Drive to Golden Spike National Historic Site and Museum (See article on P. 1)
- Apr. 10** – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale
- Apr. 16** – For anyone who might be interested, the Copper State 100 will go through Kanab.
- Apr. 20-22** – Drive to Gateway, CO. (See article on P.3)
- Apr. 21** – Tech Session, noon, place TBA
- May.** – Overnight tour to Vernal, Flaming Gorge and Manila, May 19-20
- Jun.** – British Field Day
- Jul.** – Potluck Pool Party, probably on Tech Session Sat. Jul. 21st
- Aug.** – Healey Days at Brighton, Aug. 11-12
- Sep.** – Alpine Loop with lunch at the Homestead Sep. 15th or a drive to Wendover for Speed Week
- Oct.** – To be announced

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Technical Alert - Buyer Beware!

Based on what is going on in the internet discussions, we all need to know that the new energy conserving oils are not good for OLD engines that have sliding solid valve lifters. It seems that the ZDDP that was in oil has been removed due to its detrimental effect on catalytic converters and higher friction values. Only a few oils still have this ingredient and as such do meet the current standards. John Morrison

Gateway, Colorado Trip

April 20-21, 2007

Lucas the Prince of Darkness

(Selected Humor, submitted by Craig Mossberg)



We plan on driving to Gateway, CO on Friday, April 20th. We will spend Friday and Saturday night at the Gateway Canyons Outpost Motor Inn. This resort is on scenic highway 141, 55 miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO and features beautiful accommodations, elegant and casual dining, fantastic views of the canyons, mesas and Delores River.

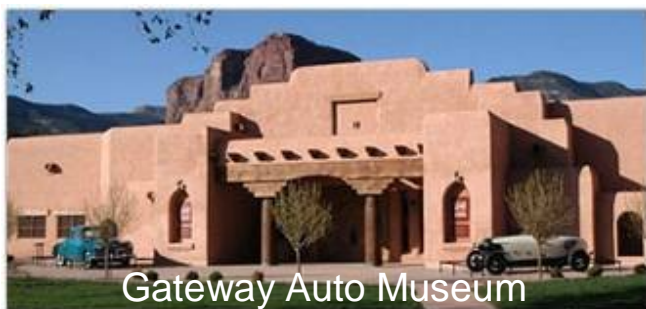
There several possibilities for short drives in and around the resort. We will visit the world renowned Gateway Auto Museum on Saturday. We will drive back to Salt Lake on Sunday, April 22nd.

A block of 6 deluxe queen rooms and 2 suites are being held under the BAHC name. A special rate for club members is \$90 per night for queen rooms and \$159 per night for suites. The group rate for the auto museum is \$9 and \$7 for seniors.

You must make your own reservations before March 14th, with Tricia at 970-245-6292.

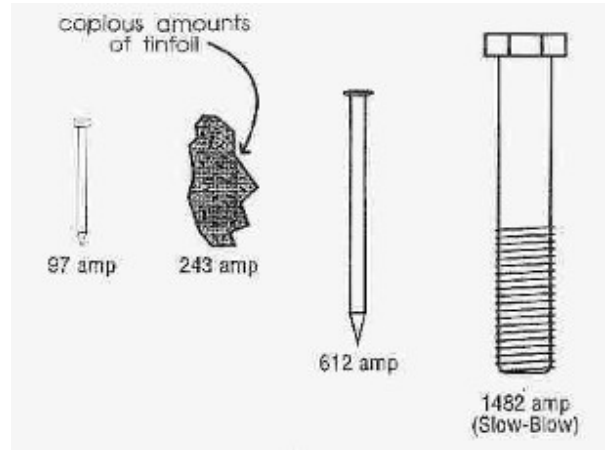
Please contact Don or Marian Colman, 942-5259 or oldnamloc@msn.com if you plan to join us or have questions regarding this trip. We expect good roads, great Healey weather, spectacular scenery and the fun fellowship that marks our outings.

Gateway is approximately 350 miles from Salt Lake City. Meeting time and place is to be announced. Don't delay, make your reservations ASAP and let us hear from you soon.



Gateway Auto Museum

Guide to Fuse Replacement



The Lucas Motto: “Get home before dark.”

Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

Lucas – Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas – Inventor of the self-dimming headlight.

The three position Lucas switch: Dim, Flicker and Off.

The original anti-theft device – Lucas Electrics

Lucas is an acronym for “Loose Unsoldered Connections and Splices”.

Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency.

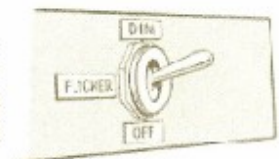
“I have had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never had any trou...”

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start.

Q: Why do the British drink warm beer?

A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerators.

The 3 position
LUCAS SWITCH



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BAHC Drive March 24th
(See article on Page 1 for details)



BAHC Healey Days 2006
A reminder of warmer days and good times to come