

Austin-Healey

OWNERS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner.

Where has the year gone? Someone told me once, that when you're five years old, a single year seems to be a very long time - when you're fifty it goes in the blink of an eye, and when you're seventy it goes at the speed of light!

Spring seems to have taken forever to get here, and now its gone, and we really didn't get to enjoy our Healeys as often as we would have liked. We had great plans, and great runs scheduled, but seemed to be foiled by the weather. We will just have to make the most of them during the summer.

Since October, there have been a number of events in which members could have been involved. Our club was involved in the Sprite Club Display Day held at Glenelg (abandoned late morning due to the wild weather), the Climb to the Eagle (most people made it home before the hail storm hit) and the Adelaide Motorsport Festival - which was a long day in the hot sun!

A big thank you to Tony Parkinson and Kevin O'Brien for organizing the Club's Memorial Run, and John and Bronwyn Veale for the run to the Glen Ewin Estate. They were both great days - apart from the rain - but I think everyone enjoyed themselves - I know I did.

Don't forget the Christmas show on Sunday December 11th at the Birdwood Motor Museum, and the Vice President's Dinner on Tuesday January 10th at the Seven Stars Hotel in the city.

Best wishes to everyone for the Festive Season and I hope that you and your families have a wonderful and safe Christmas.

Memorial Run

On Sunday October 16th, members of the SA Austin Healey Owners Club met at Richmond's Prestige & Classic showroom, where we were welcomed by hosts - David Light and Andy Morgan. We saw some brilliant and unusual cars in great condition, the very impressive workshop, and storage facilities. There was nostalgic discussion about 1st cars, and cars of our dreams.

From Richmond's, we made our way through Clarendon, Kangarilla and through the back roads of McLaren Vale, to Penny's Hill Cellars where we enjoyed delicious wood oven pizzas in The Stables. Our very 1st Spring run was marred by ongoing wintry conditions, but there were a few 'die hard' Healey drivers who braved the weather. Kevin O'Brien had the right idea ... bright orange wet weather trousers to avoid being soaked as he drove. It was great to see new members Marcia Stillwell & Harry Prince, and members Ann & Ian Leask joining in the Club's events.

The Penny's Hill staff did their best to keep us dry as the rain pelted down and threatened to wash us away. Thanks to Tony Parkinson and Kevin O'Brien for their careful and thoughtful planning of the day.

Vale to members no longer with us.

Meg Woods



Memorial Run



Sprite Display Day

Despite best intentions, the weather had the final say at the Sprite Display Day at Glenelg on Sunday October 30th.

What looked to be a cool but dry morning, soon turned horrid, just as the cars began arriving. Our 'club stalwarts' – Geoff Bennett, Ian Hay and John Cronshaw were there to demonstrate support for the Sprite Club, but soon retreated to somewhere warm and dry for morning tea.

Oh well ... maybe next year!



Herbert Austin Memorial Run

On Sunday November 6th, the Austin 7 Club of SA (Inc) hosted a Commemorative Run celebrating Herbert Austin - Founder of the Austin Motor Company. Austin was born on 8th November 1866 (and died in his 75th year on 23^d May 1941). Owners of an amazing array of Austins, met in the Woodville Bunnings car park at 10.30am.

Hon. Stephen Mulligan (Minister for Transport and Patron of the event) chatted informally with the Austin enthusiasts and the flagged us off as we paraded along Port Rd, Fitzroy Tce and Main North East Road to Modbury.

In attendance were Peter Jamieson, Kent Farminer, Geoff Bennett, David & Meg Woods, Bruce and Dianne Dawson, Bob Upton, Paul Bradley and Harry Prince who joined the 'crew' at Modbury. Our Club's strong representation, was welcomed by the event organisers.

Meg Woods



Herbert Austin Run



Glen Ewin Lunch Run

It was planned to perfection ... a Sunday Healey run for November 13th ... the stunning Glen Ewin venue at Houghton in the rolling Adelaide Hills ... Healey owners 'itching' for a run! Who would have thought that the weather would smite us again?

Despite the unseasonal chilly weather, members met at the Burnside Town Hall at 8.30 for a 9.00am start. Because of the forecast for heavy rain, some members chose to do the run in 'tin-tops' and others joined in at the lunch venue. 43 members 'signed up' for day and try as it may, the weather didn't dampen the conviviality. We made good use of the gas heaters and lap rugs placed in the shelter for us.

It was a real treat to have members Jan and John Smeaton - from USA - with us for the day. Sincere thanks to Bronwyn and John Veale for their enthusiasm, and organization of the event.

Meg Woods



Glen Ewin Lunch Run



Climb to the Eagle

We were well represented at the 32nd John Blanden Climb to the Eagle. The event was started in 1985 during the 'heady' days of the Adelaide Grand Prix when Stirling Moss, Jack Brabham and Fangio drove exceptional cars from the track to the Eagle on the Hill, under closed road conditions.

Today, the event recognises the late John Blanden the man who greatly influenced Adelaide's bid to get the Grand Prix to our city.

It is a joining of around 200 enthusiasts who are proud of their cars and enjoy a multi vehicular event. The diversity of vehicles this year ranged from a 1934 Lagonda, to a 2016 Mc Laren.

Peter Jamieson, Bruce Dawson, Rod Bishop, David Woollard, John Monfries, Jock Osborne, Ian Hay, Kent Farminer and Geoff Bennett enjoyed the exceptional weather. As is our tradition, we arrived early at Victoria Park to secure our own club morning tea site at the Blackwood Golf Club. Morning tea is served from a gingham table cloth on the tonneau of Geoff's car.

The run wound its way from Blackwood to the published lunch venue at Nuriootpa on a route that incorporated some well recognised 'Sunday morning' roads. We travelled through Uraidla, Lenswood, Mt Torrens and Mt Pleasant to the Barossa. Again we skipped the organised lunch and drove back to enjoy a very good lunch at the Mt Pleasant Hotel and relive the moments we monstered and passed a Mustang, or was it a Kharman Ghia on the straight into Lenswood?

We all thankfully survived the panel piercing hail storm that hit Adelaide around 4 .10 pm., some, by as little as 5 minutes.

Geoff Bennett



Adelaide Motorsport Festival

The Adelaide Motorsport Festival - a 2 day event that celebrates Adelaide's rich motoring heritage - took place on November 19th & 20th, at Victoria Park. Our club had 12 cars in total, for display.

We met at the Arkaba car park and arrived at the event around 7.30am - an early start - but organisers would not let display vehicles in to the ground after 8.00.am. We were not actually allowed to leave the grounds until around 4.00pm, so it had the makings of a very long hot day.

There was quite a bit of interest from the public early in the day around our display, but as the day heated up the Healey group found their way to the Hotel across the road where a table had been conveniently booked!! All in all due to the heat, it was a long enough day but the Event was well run, and for the car enthusiast there was plenty to look at and some fantastic classic car racing to watch.

John Monfries



Jock's Midweek Run

The Wind in my Hair

It was over a couple of glasses of red during lunch at the Britannia Hotel that I offered to arrange a mid-week run. The Healey contingent had gone to the pub for lunch to get out of the sun at the Adelaide Motorsport Festival at Victoria Park and to 'kill' some time until we were permitted to leave.

The drive to Victoria Park had hardly warmed the Healey's engine and the last couple of Club runs (Penny's Hill and Glen Ewen) were completed in tin-tops due to inclement weather so I was itching to get out in the Healey and feel the wind in my hair (if only!).

It is ironic that we have idyllic weather during the week and then it rains on Sundays when we have a run organised. I checked the weather forecast when I got home and Tuesday 22 November was forecast to be clearing showers in the morning and a maximum of 19 degrees. If we started after the morning traffic and got home before the school traffic - it should be perfect.

The beauty of the informal mid-week runs is that they involve a minimum of work and can be done at short notice. There is no need to book venues or seek confirmation of attendance. Those who are at the start at the appointed time, go on the run, and usually bookings are not required mid-week.

Four Healeys turned up at the Eagle on the Hill car park at 10.00 am - Ian Hay (BJ8 3000), Ralph Boord (BT7 3000), Bruce & Dianne Dawson (BN4 100/6) and myself (BN1 100/4). Bruce and Dianne had already had a good run having come from Murray Bridge on the old Princes Highway. It had rained just before I left home but it had cleared - as forecast. We set off for Strathalbyn via Aldgate, Mylor, Echunga, Meadows and Ashbourne and it rained from about Echunga to Ashbourne. So much for the forecast!

Peter Barreau (BJ8 3000) and Modris Bekeris (BN1 100/4) joined us at the morning tea stop at Jack's High Street Cafe & Bakery, where we enjoyed a warming cup of coffee and a comfort stop. We then proceeded to Echunga via Macclesfield and Flaxley for lunch at the Hagan Arms Hotel, only to find the pub locked up and in darkness. What's happened there? Geoff Bennett (BN4 100/6) was waiting at the hotel and a quick confab and change of plans and we set off to the Aldgate Pump Hotel for lunch.

We shared the hotel with a bus load of ladies from the Barossa Valley - we now know how you 'girls' feel when you walk past a work site ...! We all enjoyed our meals and had a lively discussion on the consumption of offal and other thought provoking topics.

A quick drive down the freeway and I was home by 3.00 pm. Despite the rain, I enjoyed the day and I hope the others did as well.

Jock Osborne

Jock's Midweek Run



Happy 80th Harry!

Congratulations to recently joined member Harry Prince who turned 80 on November 5th.

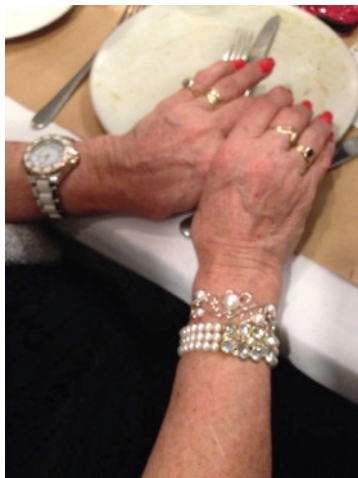
Thanks to Paul Bradley for letting us know, and providing a couple of the pics below.



Events Calendar

Dec 11 th (Sun)	Healey Christmas Function	Birdwood Motor Museum Club Contact: Ann Manfield
Jan 10 th (Tues)	Vice President's Dinner	Seven Stars Hotel 187 Angas Street Adelaide Club Contact: Mike Manfield
Feb 7 th (Tues)	Club Meeting	Air Force Club

Guess Who?





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