

HEALEY HIGH ROADS

FEBRUARY, 2006

PRICELESS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Capital Area Austin Healey Club convened at 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 8, 2006 at the Leesburg, VA home of Jack and Pam White.

President Jack White called the meeting to order at 2:45 PM. The following items of business were discussed in succession: The membership acknowledged Jack White's long tenure of service as President and thanked him for that. Pam and Jack White have hosted the AGM several times, and the membership acknowledged its appreciation for their hospitality. Minutes of the meeting for 2005 were briefly discussed and approved.

Election of 2006 Officials: The following members were offered as prospective candidates for CAAHC Officer/Director positions:

President:: Eddie Bunch
Secretary: Sue Turner
Treasurer: Ralf Bertiez
Activities Director: Bob McKenna
Webmaster: Ian Dunnington
Newsletter Editor: Isabelle Bunch
Delegate: Michael Oritt

After a brief discussion the membership present voted to approve these nominated officials as Officers and Directors of the CAAHC for CY 2006.

Outgoing President White acknowledged the significant and worthwhile activities of the CAAHC during 2005.

Final compilation of club Participation Points indicated the following achievements:

1st Place: Dean Turner
2nd Place: Don Margeson
3rd Place: Michael Oritt
4th Place: Bob McKenna
5th Place: Allen Feldman

Final order of most miles driven in an Austin Healey during CY 2005:

1st Place: Michael Oritt - 6400+
2nd Place: Don Margeson - 4200+
3rd Place: Fred McConville - 3600+

Herman Farrer was thanked and congratulated for his extraordinary effort in planning, organizing and executing the 2005 Capital Classic event in Gettysburg, PA.

Outgoing Activities Director Fred McConville summarized the last year's service of Jack White as President and, on behalf of the CAAHC, thanked Jack profusely.

Incoming President Eddie Bunch spoke about the outlook regarding CAAHC activities for 2006 and thanked members for their continued participation. The CAAHC Officers for CY 2006 were introduced.

Members (in alphabetical order) present at the meeting were:

Ralf Berthiez and Karen Field
Eddie and Isabelle Bunch
Melody Cooke
Charley and Marlene Darley
Herman Farrer
Allen and Marian Feldman
Ray and Belinda Gibbs
Mike Gillette
Dan Healey
Jim Hollowell
Fred and Anne Hufnagel
Biff Jones
Fred McConville
Bob and Missy McKenna
Eric Parlet and Kathy Bliss
Frank Pirhalla and Brian Gregory
Dean and Sue Turner
Jack and Pam White
Dick and Marian Williams

Respectfully Submitted:
Sue Turner, Secretary

INTERNATIONAL HEALEY WEEKEND - 28-30TH JULY 2006

THE AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB

Ashorne Hill Conference Centre

(Home for the weekend's events)

This Years Austin Healey Club
International Healey weekend
is being organised by :
Midlands & Overseas Centre

The Event covers the whole weekend,
starting with arrivals & get-togethers
on the **Friday** afternoon at the
Ashorne Hill Conference Centre
(Pictured on the right)



This superb venue is situated on the outskirts of Royal Leamington Spa and Warwick, ideal for the events of the weekend. Bed and Breakfast is available for the Friday night, for those who may require.

Saturday will feature a planned drive / site seeing tour, around some of the most picturesque scenery in the Midlands, with a comprehensive "Route Book" being issued to all entrants, helping you to navigate round at your own pace. There will be plenty of delightful establishments for refreshment on the way. This is just the sought of thing Austin Healey's were designed for. In the evening, Ashorne will host our Gala Dinner, with special guests in attendance.

As for **Sunday**, this will see the main events of the weekend, when we all take a short drive to Gaydon to The Heritage Motor Centre for the Concours Delagance and other motor orientated events. To help the day go smoothly and all of us informed as to what is happening etc., a commentary by Mr Graham Robson will be in operation. Regalia , trade and restoration stands will also be present.

As 2006 is the 50th Birthday of the 100/6, how about trying for a display of 50 100/6 cars. So if you have one, Go for it. It does not have to be in Concours condition, under restoration will be fine. Such a display would certainly "Top " the weekend off really nice.

So, don't miss out on this great event.

For more information contact Mell Ward on :- 01827 260644

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PRESS RELEASE

The Original British Car Day

29th Annual Meet

June 4th, 2006

Lilypons Water Gardens, Buckeystown, Maryland

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register is proud to have organized and run **The Original British Car Day** for over 28 years. It has always been our objective to make BCD an enjoyable experience for everyone who attends this fantastic gathering of over 500 British cars of all marques in one setting.

The event is held annually at the beautiful grounds of Lilypons Water Gardens in Buckeystown, Maryland. Serving water gardeners for over four generations, Lilypons has earned an excellent reputation as the foremost source of water gardening supplies and creative ideas. It has several ponds and a number of ornamental gardens that are available for your viewing pleasure. Water garden and pond accessories are also available for sale.

We encourage you to bring your pet and a picnic lunch, and hope you will enjoy the cars and the beauty of the water gardens in full bloom. Quality food and drinks will be offered for sale at reasonable prices by food vendors.

Lilypons Water Gardens is located in Buckeystown, Maryland. It can be accessed easily from the North I70 or I270 via route 85, or from the South via Route 28. Please visit their web site at www.lilypons.com for directions and more information.

The contact person for OBCD is John M. Tokar, Chairman, who can be reached at 301-831-5300, or by email at tokarj@erols.com.

For more information please visit our website at:

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com>

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on June 4th in Buckeystown

Britain on the Green 2006 Special Club Participation Incentive

Fellow British car enthusiasts,

On April 30, 2006, CTR will host its **9th** annual *Britain on the Green* car show at the historic Collingwood Library on the George Washington Parkway near Mount Vernon, Virginia. *Britain on the Green* is a highly successful, growing, classy, and enjoyable event that highlights classic and historic British automobiles. Last year's show attracted over 200 classic British cars of all types. This year, our goal is for 250 vehicles and over 1,500 people to attend. More information about the show is available through our web site, <http://www.capitaltriumphregister.com>

On behalf of CTR, I am please to invite your club to the show. In past years we have enjoyed the support and help of many local and regional British car clubs. Many club members have helped support our show by providing assistance with parking cars and so forth. This year we would like to encourage even stronger club participation by offering special incentives to each club:

- Each participating club, as noted on registration forms, will be acknowledged in our program.
- Each participating club is welcome to erect a tent and club display area on the show field near your cars
- Clubs with 5 or more cars pre-registered by April 10th will receive a 1/8 page ad space in our program, free of charge
- Clubs with 10 or more cars pre-registered by April 10th will receive a 1/4 page ad space in our program.

You can use the ad space for any purpose you like, including club recruitment, advertising and the promotion of upcoming events

In the next few weeks CTR will be mailing out registration forms to former show participants and to your club. Please have your club members indicate their club affiliation on the registration forms and we'll let you know if you qualify for any of the incentives listed above. Also, we're already thinking about BOG 2007 and would like your feedback about a BOG featured marque, or any other ideas you might have to make our show more fun for you and your club.

Thank you in advance for helping the Capital Triumph Register Club make this year's *Britain on the Green* event even more successful than last year. If you need more information, please call me at 703-858-1600 or e-mail mschipani@capitaltriumphregister.com. You can also contact our 2006 BOG Coordinator, Tom Burke at Tburke4@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Capital Triumph Register

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Capital Driving Club Autocross Series

Ed Chan

Looking for something to do on a nice weekend day? Come out to an autocross! Several times a year the Capital Triumph Register and the Capital Driving Club hold autocross events with plenty of room for spectators. These events involve participants maneuvering their vehicles around a course of cones. The objective is to navigate through the course in the least amount of time without hitting a cone. It's great fun and can get pretty addictive. The events are held locally both in Maryland and Virginia.

A lot of us may be timid this is the case with you, ride with them to get the to drive. But if you may wish you had signed British cars participate in AC Aceca, several Cobra Austin Healeys. Walk-be fun. This year we cars made before 1982.

It's free to watch or ride pate is \$25 for Triumph members). The first car ish around 4:30 pm.



to autocross the first time. So if many of the drivers will let you thrill without feeling the pressure show up to watch or ride, you up to participate! Usually a few each autocross, including a rare replicas, some MGs, TRs and ing past the parked cars can also even have a vintage series for all

in a car, and the cost to partici-club members (\$35 for non-starts around 9:30 am and we fin-

Mike Moran just made a video of autocrossing, which highlights his autocrosses with our autocross series and with the Cumberland series (at the Cumberland Airport). You can check out the video at (turn on your speakers): <http://www.moranbros.com/auto-x/MB06.wmv>

If you don't bring a dogs, water and sodas for can e-mail Ed Chan at visit the web at www.autocross.com is at Harry Grove Stadium,

Please address any to me (Ed Chan) at:



lunch, the club typically has hot-sale. For more information you capitaldriving@yahoo.com or capitaldrivingclub.com. The first planned for Saturday March 25th Frederick, MD.

questions that you may have capitaldriving@yahoo.com.

Editor's Note: I've run my 100 in a couple of these events and had a blast—this is a great way to sharpen up driving skills and meet some great folks in the process. Go for it—Michael

PARTING THOUGHTS

By Jack White

It has been my great pleasure to serve as the President of the Capital Area Austin Healey Club for 2004 and 2005. My job was easy because more and more members are willing to lend their talents to the Club.

I often tell my business and social friends that my enthusiasm for the Healey marque dates from my college years in the early 1960's—getting the car took four more decades but it was worth the wait. Without any question, the best part of Healey ownership is the great group of friends and car-people that my wife Pam and I have come to know in our Club.

I hope every member of our Club will participate in at least one activity in 2006. We have many “regulars” and it is heartening, each year, to meet new folks who come to a periodic meeting, car show or day drive. If you are reading this story, then you are a **“person of interest”** to the Capital Area Austin

Healey Club. Speaking for all of the frequent drivers in our Club, we want to get to know more people in 2006.

From a personal angle, I have learned so much about my car by, of course, driving it but most importantly from the solid knowledge of basic auto mechanics freely shared by others in our Club. I grew up in an era when some familiarity with the internal combustion engine was part of the high school culture. But I hit a learning plateau until being confronted with a big Healey engine.

I have learned a tremendous amount of information just by asking questions and watching others work through a repair or an unplanned event – meaning a breakdown! In my mind, it's just a matter of time when I will face a roadside problem but I make every effort to postpone that reckoning by constantly learning more about the car.

I will remain active because it is enjoyable and a marvelous investment of my time. Where else can you pursue a hobby and also drive a piece of automotive history? Our big Healeys and Sprites are the envy of car buffs because they represent a bygone blend of styling and driving “panache”.

My thanks go out to my fellow officers for the past two years. Fred McConville was “first in class” as a tireless Activities Director. Michael Oritt was relentless and genuinely creative as the Newsletter Editor for more than two years and also as National Delegate. Ian Dunnington was recruited in 2005 as our highly-valued webmaster after a long stint by Herman Farrer. Dick Williams kept our official records and Bob McKenna watched over the income and expenses during 2005.

Thanks to all of them. And thanks to all of you for your support of CAAHC.

PASSING ALONG THE MOUSE....

By: Michael Oritt

Having had the opportunity to render service to the Capital Area Austin-Healey Club over the last few years has been a privilege. I've enjoyed editing this newsletter and thank you for your trust as well as your readership and contributions.

Our club is graced with wonderful people and I'd like to acknowledge the selfless contributions and efforts that so many have rendered. In particular I would like to thank Jack White and his wonderful wife Pam for their unstinting work and generosity in support of CAAHC.

I would be also like to sing long and loud the praises of Fred McConville who has worked so hard to make so many events wonderful ones. Lastly I would like to thank my wife Mary for her patience when I tied up the computer for hours writing!

As witness the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, we are blessed to have members step up to the plate and fill the various service positions. I'm sure that Eddie Bunch and his crew will in the coming year(s) do a superb job and make the Capital Chapter even greater than ever.

One of the unwritten bylaws of the CAAHC's Charter is that one cannot resign a position of service until he or she has found a replacement. And so I am particularly grateful that Isabelle Bunch has seen fit to take over the Editorship of this newsletter.

This is my final edition—I pass the mouse to Isabelle. I am sure that everyone will extend to her the support that they have so freely given to me in the past. Please send her your articles and photos and she will in turn send you future issues of *Healey High Roads*.

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Visit our website at: www.capitalhealeys.org

See website for times and places of events and membership meetings.

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