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EXHAUST NOTES



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Hello Ladies and Gents

Here it is May and I am sitting outside on a Saturday morning in a cool 68 degrees, with a delightful backdrop of birds chirping that echo's through the forest. A light breeze rustles the tree tops while the droplets from the fountain bring harmony to this morning's orchestra. Well so much for the moment, onward with this letter!

With 5 cars in the household, two working cars and three privileged cars, in this case these three have become slackers. All three cars, the two Healey's and the Jaguar were all in need of repair and inoperable at the same time. You would think that would never happen! But the events gave attention to what they are really all about; People! For I was reminded how being the care taker of these five machines and how a novice I am at 5 years, how appreciative I am of my fellow senior car buffs (not necessarily reflecting their age). Such guys with a wealth of experience, like Mike McPhail, Pete Sandy, Dick Langer, Larry Kennedy, Mike Johnson, Danny Miller and yes Jeff Osbourne for his insight and persistence of introducing me into this arena. So thanks guys for being of significant help to us novices in the club.

Well Debbie and I made it to the Houston Classic Auction at La Torretta Lake Resort. We viewed the cars presented for auction and yes, no Healeys were found! That's great according to one of the insider auctioneers. That

means Austin Healeys are becoming a closed club group, where cars are sold primarily among the owners to other club members.

Which increases the value for the cars, and more difficult to acquire them on the open street. He quotes "there are a specific group of interested people after these

cars, from whom the sellers are quite particular on who they sell them to." The Cord's and Auburn's went through similar phase before they increased considerably in value. Sounds great or is this maybe another good salesman looking to up his commissions. The optimist I am, banking on the cars. So have you ever seen a 1927 Isotta-Fraschini Tip0 8A S Roadster?
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Roadster is the word; yes the BN-1 I drive is a true roadster. The Fraschini is an Italian car dripping with exquisite craftsmanship and detail! Yes black on red, the best colors in my opinion! Maybe my BN-1 will bring the seven digit #'s in due time (enjoy the photos of the Fraschini).



The crawfish boil was absolutely great! Pete and Jane Sandy have the best place in town for a party! We had a bloody good time and thanks to the Sandy's, Vince Barnell, and Norberto DeSilva for such a good show!

Club Business:

- 1) Conclave 2015, the homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia. The Swonke's and Vecellio's shipped their cars off to North Carolina for repairs at Hendrix Wheels. They will be picked up there and driven to Virginia conclave. We are excited to go! The other club members going are The Johnson's, the Sandy's, the McPhail's, the Lowrey's, the Osborne's, the Barnell's, and the Langer's. That makes eighteen members! If anyone else was missed please contact me at 832-876-0685. With this size of a group we will have a blast!
- 2) Round Up 2015, Kerrville, Texas, April 10th-12th Inn on the Hills.
We have the following member volunteering for committees:
Chair and director: the Johnson's.
Hospitality: Vecellio's, Lowrey's, and Nathan
Popularity: Dick Langer and Bill Elliot
Gymkhana: Pete Sandy and Mike McPhail
Rally: Johnson's and Swonke's
Trophies: Terry Swonke
Sponsorship: Vince Barnell
Logo and Memorabilia: Jason Hassenbusch and the Swonke's

We can still use more help for assisting of duties, please call me and we can find a place for you. Bring some good ideas for the May meeting!

Also, let's try and arrange one good drive in May, so as usual Yankee's Tavern is always fun, or any other idea's bring them and let's set a date.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 10th at Canopy's for breakfast! See you there!

Tally Ho!
You're President

Terry Swonke

Our next meeting is on **Saturday the 10th of May at 9:00** at the Canopy Restaurant:

3939 Montrose Blvd. Suite C

Houston, TX 77006

Phone: 713-528-6848

www.canopyhouston.com

Crawfish Boil

Pictures from the April 15th Healey Crawfish boil:

By Pat and Mike Vecellio



“Did You Know?”

“Did You Know?” Eight Bits to Wow Your Friends

By Nathan Bennett

- 1) Only 355 BN7 Mk IIs were made
- 2) 100S cars had petrol tanks that could hold 24 gallons of petrol
- 3) The first Sprite to achieve a Gold Level Concours designation was at Conclave 1990 – it was an AN7 owned by Larry & Myra Spangenburg (NEOAHC Club)
- 4) Only 553 cars (all BJ8s) left the factory in Metallic Golden Beige paint scheme
- 5) Wire wheels became an option in 1956 with the introduction of the BN4 (100-6); prior to this, they were standard equipment
- 6) The ignition is located differently on BN1s (right of center of dash) and BN2s (center of dash)
- 7) Transmissions became “center shift” in November 1961 (BN7/BT7 MKIIs)
- 8) Front bumpers on Bugeye Sprites were not standard equipment – they were options

Registering an Antique Car in Texas

By Jason Hassenbusch

Recently I had the experience of registering an antique car in Texas (Houston) and I thought I would share some of the information I learned. *Note: This information is my understanding of the title/registration process and all information needs to be confirmed with Department of Motor Vehicles for finalization and accuracy.*

There are 3 main types of vehicle registration (*Links to the forms are below each category*):

Standard

- This is the registration of most vehicles and all vehicle 24 years of age or newer. A state inspection is required yearly (Safety only for over 25 years of age). Typically the registration is paid yearly, although they now offer for you to purchase up to 3 years. If you purchase multiple years, it is not refundable if you sell the vehicle.

[Link to Application for Texas Title 130-U](#)

Classic

- This is similar to the auto, but you receive “Classic” plates and the vehicle must be at least 25 years old. These plates look different and have “Classic” written on them. With the Classic registration you can use original model year specific plates. A Yearly inspection is required and the inspection is based on the safety equipment that was originally manufactured with it. Additional cost is involved for the Classic plate.
- If using “old” Texas plates, the plates must be examined at your local county tax assessor-collector's office before submitting this application. To be approved, the Texas plates must be the same year as the year model of the antique vehicle, with the correct color scheme, and be in good readable condition. Qualifying license plates, such as Farm plates, Dealer plates, etc., may not be used. If approved, a plate tab with sticker will be issued to show valid registration.



[Link to Classic Application](#)

Registering an Antique Car in Texas

Antique

- Antique license plates are issued for cars, trucks or motorcycles that are at least 25 years old and are a collector's item. The vehicle must be used exclusively for exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest. Vehicles displaying Antique plates may not be used for regular transportation or carry advertising. The vehicle may be driven to and from a location for routine maintenance.
- Antique plates are issued for five-year periods. The registration fee for the five-year period is \$50.30 (\$10 per year, plus an additional 30 cents for the registration insignia) for vehicles manufactured in 1921 and subsequent years and \$40.30 (\$8 per year, plus an additional 30 cents for the registration insignia) for vehicles manufactured in 1920 and prior years. Fees are reduced \$10/\$8 for each year of the period that has elapsed at the time the application is filed.
- A vehicle with Antique plates is **exempt** from a state inspection.
- If using "old" Texas plates, the plates must be examined at your local county tax assessor-collector's office before submitting this application. To be approved, the Texas plates must be the same year as the year model of the antique vehicle, with the correct color scheme, and be in good readable condition. Qualifying license plates, such as Farm plates, Dealer plates, etc., may not be used. If approved, a plate tab with sticker will be issued to show valid registration.

[Link to Antique Application](#)



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If you purchased the Vehicle, you will need to transfer the Title at the same time for the registration. For all vehicles you are required the 130-U application. This application can be completed by the seller and the buyer at the time of sale. If this is completed, you do not need a bill of sale for the title transfer. To transfer the title, you will need the following documents:



- Application for Texas Title 130-U form with signatures of buyer and seller
- Title of vehicle
- If not a Texas title, you will be required a State inspection and need to request a visual verification of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) along with form. This is currently a white piece of paper that costs \$1.00 extra and has the VIN and signature of the inspector
- Application form for Classic or Antique
- The original Texas manufacture year plates (2), Optional
- Proof of Insurance

If you have a non-running vehicle, you can just apply for a Title transfer only (no registration). You can use form VTR-131 and you will need this form, Texas Title 130-U completed form, and the Title.

[Link to Application for Texas Title ONLY - VTR131](#)

You can also email me and I might be able to help as I have recently been to the DMV office many times for the title transfer/registration of a few antique vehicles/motorcycles. I have found eBay to be a good resource for original license plates, just make sure they are a set of 2 and sometimes they will not accept “restored” ones if they do not appear to be original.

Conclave 2014



The Carolinas Austin-Healey Club will be hosting the 2014 Conclave. It will be located at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia from June 15 to June 20th 2014.

www.homesteadconclave2014.com



2014 Club Calendar

Subject to Change

May 2014

May 10— GCHC monthly breakfast meeting– Canopy’s Restaurant @ 9:00am

May 16-18— CVAR Vintage Auto Racing @ Eagles Canyon, TX (www.corinthianvintagerace.com)

June 2014

June 14— GCHC monthly breakfast meeting– Canopy’s Restaurant @ 9:00am

June 15-20—Conclave 2014 in Hot Springs, Virginia. Hosted by the Carolina Austin Healey Club
(www.homesteadconclave2014.com)

July 2014

July 12— GCHC monthly breakfast meeting– Canopy’s Restaurant @ 9:00am

August 2014

August 9— GCHC monthly breakfast meeting– Canopy’s Restaurant @ 9:00am

September 2014

September 13— GCHC monthly breakfast meeting– Canopy’s Restaurant @ 9:00am

September 12-143— CVAR Vintage Auto Racing @ Texas World Speedway (www.corinthianvintagerace.com)

September 26-28—2014 Texas All British Car Days @ Round Rock (www.txabcd.org)

October 2014

October 11— GCHC monthly breakfast meeting– Canopy’s Restaurant @ 9:00am



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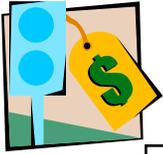


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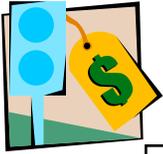
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\$400 each

Contact Roger Williams

(coelacanth.racing@gmail.com)





FOR SALE

1977 jaguar xjs original. No rust. \$3500, clear title, runs great.
For questions or would like to see please let me know. We are by jersey village.
Thanks! Linda

Contact Linda on her email: lwicker@sbcglobal.net

Note: There does not appear to be a Jaguar engine under the hood.



NEXT MEETING:

SATURDAY, May 10 @ 9:00am

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