





Summer is in full swing as weather has turned warmer and the activity schedule begins humming. It seems each year there are more excellent events to chose from and our Club gets pulled in so many directions! I remember the days when it was just SpringThing, Conclave and a few regional events. Now, the Healey calendar keeps us busy almost every weekend from April through October! It's important for us to come together as a Club to decide which events we might want to attend as a group and organize for such.

Next month brings the annual British Bash as St. Joe's Orphanage in Louisville. This annual favorite has many years of memories for the Moore family as it does for so many of our members. Whether it was the packed field at Joe Creason Park or the sunny field of King Fish on the river, this event is always a great experience. This year we're bringing back the Bluegrass tent, so if you bring your Healey and you're a Bluegrass member, stop by to relax in the shade and rummage through the cooler!

Of course who could ignore the elephant in the room, that elephant being Louisville Conclave. It is finally upon us. Something that has taken almost four years to bring to fruition and is defying all expectations, this Conclave is set to be one of the largest in the recent past as well as one of the most fun. If you have ever wanted to see 200 Austin-Healeys gleaming in the sunlight on Louisville's waterfront, this is your opportunity. Of note, we not only have a high number of registrations, we have a very high percentage actually bringing a Healey!

One of the most important and vital parts of our Conclave will be you, our volunteers and Club members. Our hospitality, friendliness and charm is well-known and this is yet another great opportunity for us to roll out the welcome mat for our guests. This is good for so many reasons, it improves our guest's experience at Conclave, it helps our Club image nationally and it helps us sustain the brand of SpringThing we have created...it all matters. I hope you'll join me in welcoming our guests with smiling faces, friendly greetings and helpful hands during their stay.

There are some crucial Conclave dates coming up:

June 9 – Registration packet stuffing

June 15 – Volunteer meeting; this will be your opportunity to get final assignments, volunteer polo shirts, and all the necessary briefings for you as volunteers to make a difference at Conclave. It is crucial that if you plan on volunteering or have signed up to help that you attend this meeting.

See you all at our monthly meeting at Wick's on Tuesday, May 22.



Setting the 'late' registration date for May 22, 2012 has proven that most people will wait until the last minute to do anything. Today 9 registrations arrived. That is the most in a single day in the last two years. If this keeps up we will have no trouble topping 250 as we are almost to 240 right now. Last year we had 22 walk in registrations. I don't expect that many this year, but even if we get half that we could be looking at 275 registrations by the time we trot over to Churchill Downs. The biggest impact that will have on us as the host club will be that we will need everyone in the club to pitch in and volunteer.

The registration booth will be open Saturday evening starting at about 5:00 pm. in the Crown Plaza hotel near the airport. That and Sunday morning will be the biggest push times for registration. We will need about 7-8 people to staff registration at all times during those periods. Five people will be working the counter and 2-3 will be supplying the counter workers with necessary items such as packets, etc. In addition to the 7-8 at a time it would be nice to have enough to establish a second shift so everyone doesn't get run down. On Saturday June 9th starting at 1:00 pm we will be stuffing the packets and Haggerty bags. Immediately following that we will hold a short training session on how the process will flow and what each counter position will need to do. The conclave budget will supply soft drinks and pizza for the June 9th session. The stuffing and training will be at 3416 Barbour Lane (off Highway 22 near where Goose Creek Rd intersects with Highway 22). If you can help please let Ben know at the meeting Tuesday evening or email me and let me know if you can help either Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Saturday evening the hours will be from 5:00 pm to about 8:00 pm and Sunday morning the big push will be from 9:00 am to noon. If you have already signed up then you don't need to contact me or Ben. Thanks for helping.

I guess by now most of you know Carroll Shelby has passed away. He drove the Healeys at Bonneville for DMH and did a great job. I am sure you are aware of many of his other accomplishments. The only thing I found that he failed at was raising chickens. That's what propelled him into the world of racing. Just about everything else he touched was golden. Another passing that was noted in the Marque was that of Nancy Summers. If any of you had ever attended a Healey function in this part of the country then you knew Nancy. The article was very well written and is worth reading. Jack Summers is registered to attend the conclave btw.

Just before our conclave gets into full swing we have the Marques on the Green or the British Bash. I never know what to call it any more. At any rate, it is the car show put on by the British Sports Car Club. As always, it is the first Saturday in June. There are some festivities on Friday night so check out the web site for more details. Day of show registration is always possible if you want to wait until the last minute. (see paragraph 1)

See you at the meeting and remember to keep the rubber side down and the top side shiny.

Mike

The Bluegrass Club Meeting is this Tuesday!

Join us at Wick's Pizza located in the Ramada Plaza Hotel (home of Conclave 1978) in the Bluegrass Industrial Park. Wick's features great pizza and a full menu of other items sure to please. Located just off Hurstbourne Parkway near I -64, a great central location with a fine restaurant that of-

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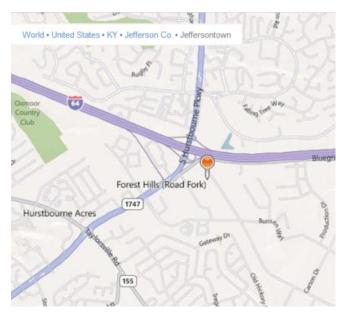
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