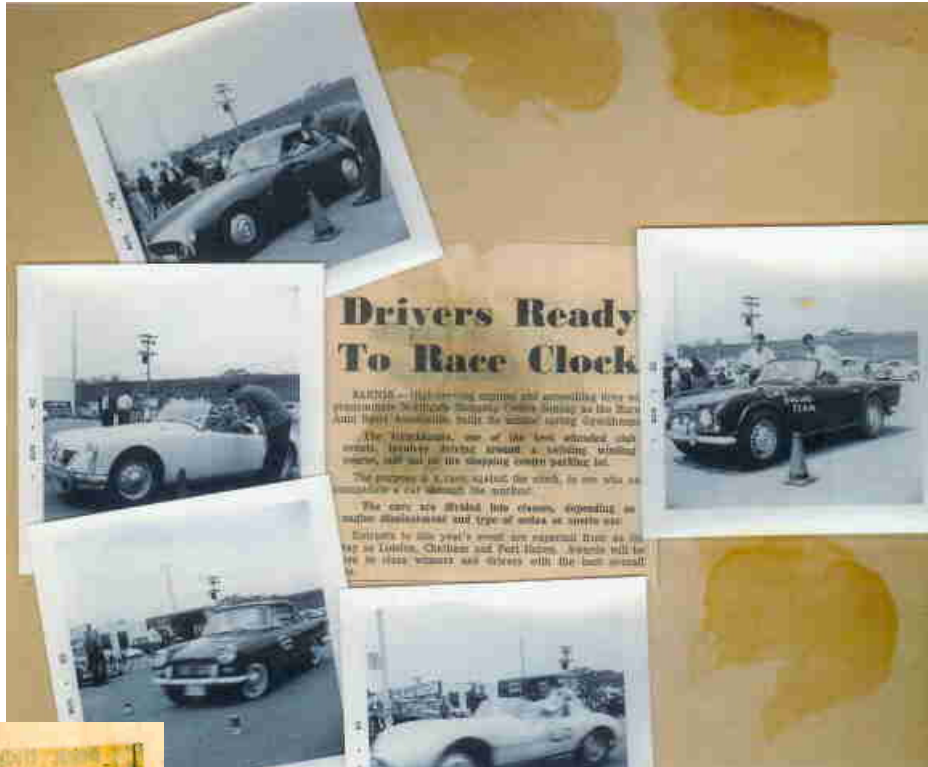


# BLUEWATER BANTER

The Official Newsletter of the Bluewater Austin-Healey Club

June, 2011



## Car Rally On Sunday

The Sarnia-Huron Auto Sport Association and the Blue Water Sports Car Club of Port Huron will stage their first international rally next Sunday.

The rally will start at the park at Courtright at 1:30 p.m. (DST). There will be a driver's meeting at 1:15 p.m.

There will be two legs on the Canadian side of the river totalling some 60 miles and two legs on the U.S. side of the river covering a lesser distance. There will be one class only and all roads covered will not be paved but will be hard surfaced. The finish will be north of Port Huron on the lake shore.

## In Kent Accidents

Three Sarnia men are in Sydenham General Hospital, Wallaceburg, with injuries received in separate accidents when two sport cars overturned during a sports car rally near Wallaceburg last night.

Thomas Flint, 31, of 555 North Christina St., suffered a fractured skull when his car failed to complete a turn on Concession 5 of Chatham-Gore Tp., three miles north of Wallaceburg.

John Passenier, 21, of 857 Maxwell St., sustained severe neck injuries and cuts, when his MGA sports car failed to make a curve on Concession 13, Sombra Tp., 10 miles north of Wallaceburg. His brother Renee, 18, a passenger, suffered severe cuts and bruises.

An unidentified passenger in the Flint vehicle was not seriously injured and did not require hospitalization.

The Flint and Passenier vehicles were two of 16 sports cars that had started from Sarnia earlier in the day as part of a rally.

## MILES PER GALLON TEST FOR ALL CARS ON SUNDAY

Sports car fans and other automotive 'buffs' can find out just how kind their car is on gasoline by joining in on the Huron Auto Sport Association "Economy Run" this coming Sunday.

The event is open to all comers, members or not. It takes off at 1:30 in the afternoon from the Fina Station at Exmouth and East.

Route covered will total 75 miles on paved and good gravel roads and results will be calculated on a "ton mile per gallon" basis. All cars will be a 4 wheel passenger vehicle.

Win, place and show trophies will be awarded once the winners are determined.

No diesel cars are allowed. No ballast may be carried. Any brand of gas may be used but tanks will be topped up before and after the event at the Fina Station, and tanks sealed before the run. Cars may be tuned or modified in any way the owner sees fit.

Cars found coasting to conserve gas will be disqualified from the run. Maximum time to complete the course is 3 hours. More information on the economy run can be obtained from Gord Jarvis, ED 6-9404 or Dave Dell RI 2-7470.

# HAPPENINGS

## Business Meeting:

The business meeting for June will be held at Ray and Dorothy Scott's at Bluepoint. The meeting will start at 7:30pm.

## The Year Looking Forward:

Month	Mtg Date	Event	Event Date	Who
May	4	RM Restorations - Chatham	28	Gary Stephenson
June	1	The Docks Restaurant and River Run	25	Alan & Leya Laverdure
July	6	Car Rally	23	John & Helen Lomax
August	3	Ice Cream Social		Gerry & Diane Cossette
September	7	Goderich & Blyth Steam Thresher Show / Car Show	10/17	Gildners & Hodgins / Dan Moore
October	5	Fall Colour Tour		Mark & Judy Jones
November		AGM		Pam & Dave Gildner
December		Christmas Party		

## Club Meetings & Events

### The Business Meetings

The meeting for June will be held at Ray and Dorothy Scott's on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The address is 4259 Bluepoint Dr., Forest.

### The May Event

A cruise / trip has been planned for Saturday, May 28th, 2011 to RM Restorations (Highway 40 and 401) south of Chatham, with a guided tour beginning at 2.00 p.m. - cost is \$5.00 per person. A special parking area will be provided.

This will be followed by a buffet style dinner at the Countryview Golf Course, which is approximately 12 km. north of Chatham on Highway 40. Buffet cost is \$11.95 per person.

### Blond Joke

A blind guy on a bar stool shouts to the bartender, "Wanna hear a blonde joke?"

Quietly the guy on the stool next to him, leans over and says "You should know that the bartender is blonde and so is the bouncer. Plus I myself am blonde and there are two blonde football players sitting on your right. Now go ahead and tell your joke."

"Oh no..." replied the blind guy. "I'm not telling it and have to explain it 5 times"

### 2011 Executive

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(\$9.95 per senior) desserts and beverages are extra.

Please advise Gary Stephenson at [steve22@ebtech.net](mailto:steve22@ebtech.net) or phone 519-867-5555 by May 14th, 2011 if you and your significant other or you and a friend will be attending this event.

### The June Event

Alan and Leya Laverdure are organizing a River Run and Supper at The Docks restaurant on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the Tim Horton's on Vidal St. at 4:00 pm and travelling down the River Road.. Please let Alan know if you are coming by Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Alan can be reached at 519-344-7451 or at [a.lav@sympatico.ca](mailto:a.lav@sympatico.ca).

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## **THE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CORNER**

**O**ur very best wishes to our Birthday Celebrants for the month of June. Before we get on to June's birthday babies, I would like to correct an error of omission that I've been guilty of perpetuating for a long time. Unbeknownst to me, Janet and Herb Burdett have been celebrating their anniversary on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. My most humble apologies you two - I hope you had a great one!!! Now on to the month of June. - Bob Lacroix is our lone celebrant this month. Bob's birthday falls on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month.

There are no anniversaries for the month of June.

***"Happy Birthday"  
"Happy Anniversary"  
To everyone from the Club***

For those that we haven't mentioned we do wish you a "Happy Birthday" or a "Happy Anniversary". If we have missed your dates we may not have your information, so please forward it to Ray Scott

### **Notes From in Front of the Keyboard**

- 1) John Lomax let us know about the upcoming Alvinston Car Show. It's happening on June 26<sup>th</sup>. It's free to enter, there will be food (a big draw for our group), there will be entertainment and a large variety of motorized vehicles. Go out and have a look – it will be interesting!! See the minutes for further details
- 2) We still need volunteer for the Christmas party this year.
- 3) Bruce McGauley sent the following along:  
The BSCCL is having the 18th Classic on June 11. The featured marque is Morgan. Location is Bellamere Winery at 1260 Gainsborough Road (in Hyde Park) with registration at 9 am rain or shine. Cost is \$20 and includes coffee and donuts and dash plaque/goodie bag. Take Hwy 22 to Hyde Park Road, south to Gainsborough, west to winery on south side.

Minutes of BAHC Meeting – May 4, 2011 – Gary Stephenson and Doris McKenzie's

### **Welcome**

- President Pam Gildner opened the meeting and welcomed the members. 18 members were present. Thanks to Gary and Doris for hosting the meeting, and for the delicious snacks and drinks that they provided.

### **Treasurer / Membership Business – Ray Scott**

- Ray sent a report, which was read in his absence. \$2107 is in the bank. The city is now requiring a cheque for \$1000 as a damage deposit, which is returned if there is no damage. This is in addition to the \$500 that the club has committed to spend on the expenses of the car show. As treasurer, Ray has expressed concern regarding the potential expenditure of that proportion of our resources. Dan Moore had earlier offered to give a personal cheque to the city for \$500, leaving only \$500 for the club's cheque, because Dan is confident of getting his money back. John Lomax suggested that if in fact the city cashed Dan's cheque, the club would be obligated to reimburse Dan anyway, so he felt that the club should pay the \$1000 from the start. John moved that the club cut a \$1000 cheque, Herb Burdett seconded, carried. Dan stated that he is still trying to get the city to reduce the deposit to \$500 for us.
- In order to better understand what the club is covered for by the AHCA insurance, John will find out the name of the AHCA officer who is responsible for insurance, and Dave will contact that person to get a copy of the policy, if possible.

### **Newsletter Business – Dick Green**

- Dick published again this month at Clear Design, and he indicated that it was again satisfactory.

- The deadline for articles to go into any month's newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, so that the newsletter can be in the mail and received in time for the next meeting.
- Please send Dick some stories for the newsletter.

### Old Business

- Thanks to Barry Hiscocks for the enjoyable event with good food at Ups'N'Downs.

### Upcoming Events

- May 15 (Sunday) – Don Fysh of the Bluewater British Car Club – Spring Tour to Ilderton. The BAHC is invited to join the BBCC on this trip – the British Sports Car Club of London will also be there. Lunch at the King Edward Hotel – a British pub. Meet at 9:30 am at Global Donuts on London Line. RSVP to Don Fysh ([dfysh@cogeco.ca](mailto:dfysh@cogeco.ca), 519-491-2639)
- May 28 (Saturday) – Gary Stephenson – RM Restorations tour (Chatham). Meet at Gary and Doris's (1111 St. Clair Parkway, Mooretown) – leave at 12 noon. The guided tour starts at 2:00 pm and costs \$5. Afterwards (about 4:30-5:00 pm arrive time) we will have buffet dinner at the Countryview Golf Course 10-12 km north of Chatham on Hwy 40. Buffet dinner is \$9.95 seniors, \$11.95 everyone else. The RetroFest car show is going on in Chatham that day – you may want to go early and stop there on the way to RM. RSVP to Gary at [steve22@ebtech.net](mailto:steve22@ebtech.net).
- June 25 (Saturday) – Allan Laverdure – dinner at the Docks Restaurant, 30115 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton. Meet at Vidal Street Tim Horton's around 4:00-4:30 pm. RSVP to Allan.
- June 26 (Sunday) – John Lomax – Alvinston car show. No cost to enter a vehicle, classic cars, motorcycles, fire trucks, door prizes, live entertainment. On main street of Alvinston. 12 noon registration starts, show ends at 4:00 pm.
- June – Bill Park – Farmer's Market in Petrolia. Potential activity, arrangements TBA.
- July 23 (Saturday) – Fun Rally – John Lomax. Meet at the Lomax's house in Alvinston at 1:30 pm, first car off at 2:00 pm. It will take about 2.5 hours, there will be a club-provided BBQ at the end, not a potluck, BYOB, rain or shine. 2 people will be needed in each car. There will be an emergency envelope in each car. Need a minimum of 10 cars. RSVP to John. Because the dinner will be club-provided, it was felt that this would not be an appropriate event to invite the BBCC to.
- September 10 (Saturday) – Goderich/Blyth/Lucan trip – Gildners / Hodgins. Mike and Hilary Hodgins will host lunch for the participants at their new house in Lucan. Then we will head to Blyth for the Steam Threshers Show. Following the show, dinner will be at the Park House in Goderich. BBCC members are invited to join this event. Leave time will be in the morning, exact time TBA. RSVP to Dave and Pam.
- The December event is open – if you would like to organize it, contact Pam.

### New Business

- Patti Sisler was not present at the meeting, but sent a report saying that she is learning the capabilities of WordPress. Patti has registered the name BWAHC in WordPress, BAHC being unavailable. In light of the fact that the club name is Bluewater rather than Blue Water, the group felt that BWAHC should not be used. After some discussion of alternatives, the group was in favour of the full club name as a WordPress site, [bluewateraustinhealeyclub](http://bluewateraustinhealeyclub.com). Dave and Barry will ask Patti to see if this name is available in WordPress.
- Dan Moore stated that the next meeting of the car show committee is Tuesday May 10, 7:00 pm, at his house.
- An e-mail was received from Judy Wrobel of the New Mexico AHC, offering an opportunity to donate to Japanese tsunami relief via her club and the AHC of Japan. After discussion, the club declined to make a donation, but anyone who wishes to make a personal donation through this means can contact Judy at [imjudow@msn.com](mailto:imjudow@msn.com) for details.
- Art Dunlop proposed that the club recognize members who had made major contributions to the club in the past. Art moved that a committee be formed to determine if this should be done, and if so, how to implement it, and make a recommendation at the AGM. Gerry Cossette seconded. Carried. Volunteers to be on the committee will be solicited at the next meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings

- The next meeting will be June 1 at the home of Ray and Dorothy Scott, 4259 Bluepoint Drive, Forest. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm.
- The July meeting will be at John and Helen Lomax's. The August meeting will be at Duane and Janet Smith's cottage. The September meeting will be at Brian and Sheila Gormley's.

D.Gildner 05/07/2011

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our Chapter of the Austin-Healey of America was sanctioned in July 1981 making this year our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary – any one got any ideas how to mark the occasion? Some of us have been members of the AHCA for longer than that and before the Chapter was sanctioned we were members of the Southern Ontario Chapter based in the Hamilton area. Two of our members, Ray Emmerton and Jim Voikos, celebrated 35 years in 2010, congratulations to both.

We currently have 23 National members and 23 Local members, and unusually, more Triumphs than MGs! Most models of Healeys are represented with a predominance of BJ8 and no Bugeyes (correct me if I'm wrong).

## **POOR OLD PRIMROSE**

### **THE SAD TALE OF NEGLECT OF DOROTHY'S BGT**

It was 2000 when you last had plates on!  
Well we had work to do around the house that year.  
And we put the Healey back on the road.  
And our daughter got married.  
But still you say "that's no excuse"  
When I finally tried to start you the clutch was seized.  
I tried all the tricks I had used on the Mini  
Still it would not come unstuck  
Ah well, engine out!



clutch



Bought a new plate,  
Split the engine and gearbox,  
Installed new clutch.  
Even had a couple of half hearted attempts to sell you, but no-one else put the same value on you as I did.  
And I started looking at your body!  
What's this? A bit of bubbling on the tailgate,  
Some rusty marks under the chrome strip.  
If it needs painting, better remove that, and while I'm at it, what about this

and that and that???

Looked at the engine, which by now had sat in the corner for more years than I care to think. Could that be evidence of mice??

Took off the head to clean it out, and well, while I'm here!!

Looks like we've turned some kind of corner.

Engine checked and painted.

Dismantling complete, rebuilding started?

How much longer?

I don't know, but I bet that clutch has frozen again!

And so it goes,  
Ray Scott.



Here is the Car Show poster – pass it around!



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<p><b>Contact info</b> <b>Dan Moore 519-542-3848</b> <b>cheryl.moore99@sympatico.ca</b></p>	<p><b>Rutherglen Close runs south off of Lakeshore Road, halfway between Murphy Road and Modeland Road.</b> <b>Google Map: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yhww2gv">http://tinyurl.com/yhww2gv</a></b></p>
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