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Another month is just about history and today, September 22nd, is the first day of autumn. A few of us did manage a nice outing to Captain Kennedy's yesterday under a sunny sky and 27C.

Alongside our Club logo, I added a photo, published a few years ago by Auto Express, a British publication. This was a concept vehicle produced by BMW on a Z8 platform; this was their modern version of an Austin-Healey. Sadly nothing came of it as BMW did not own the Healey name. About a year ago, another company promised to revive the Austin-Healey with the approval of the Healey family, but that too never made it past the drawing board. Nowadays, one needs the backing of a major manufacturer to bring a car to production and make a profit. I believe BMW would have been their best chance given their track record with the MINI.

One of our Club members, Richard Weide who was working in Afghanistan, has now returned home and is back working on his Triumph TR-6. Another Club member, Dave Gibson, who is serving with the Canadian Armed Forces there as well, is slated to return home soon.

Sales of Austin-Healeys at major auctions are holding steady and perhaps going up slightly for unique and rare models, unlike the decline experienced by the muscle cars. A recent auction by RM at Monterey provided the following; A 1961 BT7 freshly restored, sold for \$77,000.00. A 1961 BN7 restored by Healey Lane sold for \$111,100.00; this was not a triple carb model either. A 1967 BJ8, Golden Beige in colour, an older restoration, sold for \$58,300.00. Finally, a 1956 factory 100M sold for \$159,500.00. All prices are in US dollars.

2009 Rendezvous

Information has been received that the room booking is quickly filling up, so if anyone from our Club is planning to attend, it would be best to make your reservations soon.

The logo for 'The Chrome Pit' features a stylized motorcycle engine and the text 'THE CHROME PIT' in a bold, sans-serif font.

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HEALEY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

An Austin-Healey 100 won its Class in this year's Targa Newfoundland. The team of Michael Salter of Ontario and Michael Oritt of the USA finished 9th overall and first in Class in a 1953 A-H 100; the oldest car in this year's competition. Bringing us closer to home, the team of AHCM Vice-President Dyrk Bolger and AHCM member Terry Milnes in their Classic Mini had an off-road excursion on the second stage during the first day of competition. They were unable to continue due to extensive damage to their car. Both driver and navigator escaped with minor injuries.

20th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CLUB

2009 will mark the 20th anniversary of our Club. Although our Club was formed in October 1989, plans are now underway to celebrate this milestone throughout the whole year. Your Club will have anniversary garments done and available for purchase. We are also planning articles in upcoming newsletters reviewing past events of the last 20 years. We are counting on all of you who have photos to share to send them to the editor of the newsletter. Rumour has it that some members have each and every newsletter published, so be prepared to get a call soon.

A suggestion was also received at the last meeting to have events, planned for the upcoming year, published in January. We will also be working on that, so if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Starting in January 2009 newsletters will be published as follows; January & February will be together, same for March & April, May, June, July and August will each have a newsletter, September & October will be one as well as November & December, for a total of eight newsletters. Several other Clubs have adopted this format and it makes a lot of sense since the busiest months are still covered by a monthly newsletter. It also makes it much easier for the editor, placing less demand on a volunteer position.

FALL SUPPER

It's on.... Ann Blonski received the required number of reservations to get the group rate, so those who have registered with Ann please ensure you are at the train station for the 4:30 pm departure time.

Prairie Dog Central Railway – Train Ride & Fall Supper – Sunday Sept 28/2008

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerry and Gail Peterkin of Woodlands have joined our Club as of last month.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The date and location listed at the top of our website is wrong since we are not going to Hecla. Meeting will be on October 5th, location yet to be determined.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Colour Tour - October 3rd and 4th – Falcon Lake, Mb. We will be departing from Graeme Lowden's place at 1:30 pm, north/east corner of PTH#44 and PTH#59 on PTH#44. Graeme is organizing the drive and is planning for a couple stops along the way. We will be staying at the Falcon Lake Hotel. Rates are \$95.00 per night for a room or \$125.00 for a suite. Currently there are plenty of rooms available. They can be contacted by calling (204)349-8400 or 1-888-552-2299 or e-mail: falconlr@mts.net. Please mention the Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba when making reservations. We have no special rates but they will try to have us all in the same area.
- Graeme Lowden advised that tickets for the Oakbank Dinner Theatre will go on sale October 4th. John Gilbert and Graeme will organize the tickets pick-up. Those interested in attending this event should contact Graeme or Joyce as soon as possible via e-mail at lowden@highspeedcrow.ca or by phone at 757-7043. The supper dates will be either January 24th or 31^s, 2009.
- Graeme is also part of the organizing committee for the Lockport Community Church Fall Perogy Dinner to be held on Sunday, October 26th from 4 to 7 pm. Anyone interested in attending should contact Graeme.

See you next month, drive your LBC, you'll love it and they will too.



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