



# Healey Hi-Lites

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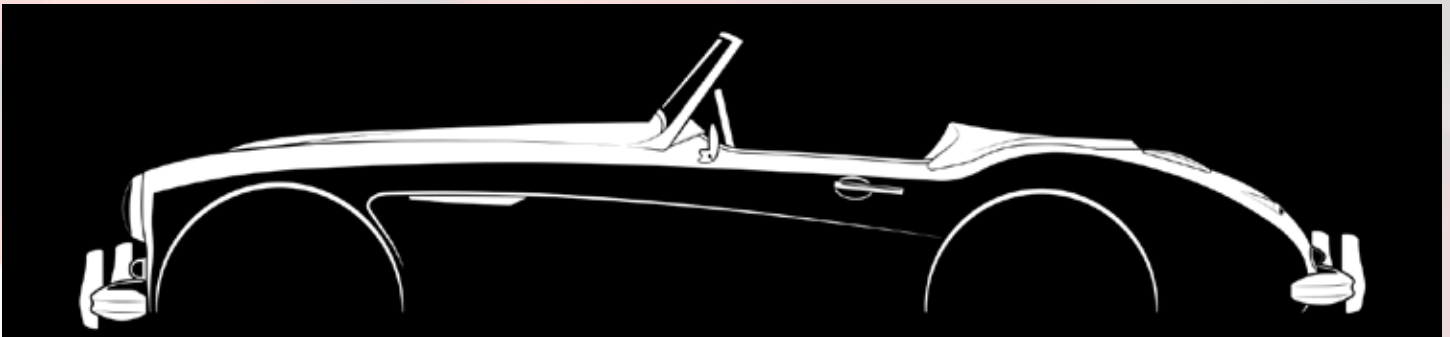
Greetings!

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you had a happy and safe holiday season.

We had a great Christmas party at the Louisville Boat Club on December 10th. I would like to thank John Bahe for organizing and executing this event at a high level. John has committed to take on the Christmas party for 2025. If you have not been to the club's Christmas party, I would encourage you to.

In the November meeting, Ben Moore was unanimously elected V.P. of the club. Congratulations Ben and thanks for volunteering! I will work with Ben to identify more activities that we can do as a club. If you have an idea for a drive, activity or tech session, contact either Ben or me.

If you are like me, you are itching to get back into the garage and get our cars ready for warmer weather. I have to-do list for each car and parts are in had or on the way. I got part way on some of my cars but the cold chased me out of the garage. In the meantime, drive safely!



**Join us for a special birthday celebration  
with the Lamp's at the January Club  
meeting!**



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## My Two Cents

Ben Moore

I want to begin by thanking the Club for their trust and support in my nomination for the vice president role. I am excited to engage more again now that Callum is moving solidly out of the baby and toddler phase. He will begin kindergarten this fall and believe me, it is quite unimaginable to me as well that he's grown so much so fast! I look forward to seeing everyone more this year and working to grow and improve our Club. I welcome suggestions and input on any topic related to the Club; things we could do better, differently, keep doing, stop doing. Regardless of where we want our Club to go, we will only get there with volunteers and supporters. So please, consider what you want to see our Club do and lead some activities or initiatives around those ideas!

The calendar this spring will be quite different from years past as we will not be hosting a SpringThing. I've had nearly a dozen "SpringThing faithful" reach out to me in the past few months asking if we are hosting anything it kickoff the spring driving season! I'm glad our reputation for a quality, fun event is so strong. It might be worth considering what we are doing to support our membership with some driving events in the spring!

Speaking of spring, Conclave is in mid-May this year in the Ozarks. The scenic drive down the Bluegrass Parkway should be a nice ride and a slow-paced two-day trip for anyone wishing to attend. We've made our hotel reservations to make sure to hold a spot as I'm sure Callum will be quite excited for another Conclave. I'm hoping to take the 100-6 this year, but time will tell as far as how much of the required maintenance I'll be able to knock out before the trip.

Finally, see Mike's article about membership renewals. I'll admit I'm one of the stragglers, but I hope you'll join me in bringing a check and ensuring you don't miss any Healey Marque editions!

## From the Driver's Side

Mike Schneider

The last several weeks would make a good time to be inside planning your spring maintenance projects for the Healey. If you are fortunate to have a heated garage then you could get a head start on those maintenance projects. Little Mike has been working diligently on three Healeys. The one that is getting the most attention right now is the one he got from Paulette Lownsdale back in the spring. He plans to race it this summer in one of the vintage racing organizations. He has done a lot of work on it. Totally new engine, all new gears in the transmission, lots of welding to strengthen the chassis. He is also converting to a dual master cylinder for the brake system. For the last several months he has been making bi-weekly trips to Winners Circle in Cincy since Jeff Porada specializes in Sprites and racing parts. The Sprite was white for many decades but he painted it Healey Blue.

A committee has been created in AHCA in an effort to grow and retain the membership. We are getting quite a few new members lately but we are losing a number of existing members. There are several purposes for the committee. One is to figure out what is needed to retain existing members and the other is how to attract new members. If you have any ideas to help with either of those two efforts please let me know. You can email me at [membership@healeyclub.org](mailto:membership@healeyclub.org) or talk to me about it at the general membership meetings. Any ideas you can offer will be appreciated. If you haven't been to the website lately it has a lot to offer. The marketplace section is seeing a lot of action. There were quite a few Healeys sold last year on the marketplace. You can also read the Ezine that Reid started producing recently. It is digital only. Reid produces a new Ezine every quarter. They generally range in length from 80 to 100 pages and it has a wealth of Healey information. Definitely worth checking out. [Healeyclub.org](http://Healeyclub.org)

I was told a few days ago that there could be a birthday cake at the next meeting on January 28th. You will need to attend so you can sing Happy Birthday and have some cake. According to the weather forecast we are going to have a heat-wave and lots of sunshine so come on out and enjoy the party.

We are still in the renewal season. The season will end February 15, 2025 so if you have not renewed yet please send me a check for \$75.00 payable to AHCA and mail it to Mike Schneider 3416 Barbour Lane, Louisville, KY 40241 or you can go online and renew on the website. We have a new feature for members this year. You can renew and sign up for a digital only copy of the magazine instead of receiving one in the mail. That would save you \$25.00 for the annual membership. If you want that make the check for \$50.00. So far there have been several dozen members that have chosen the digital only membership.

Hope to see you at the general membership meeting. Don't forget to keep the top side shiny and the rubber side down.



Progress on the race Sprite of Mike Schneider, Jr. (Little Mike)





# Upcoming events

Have an event of interest to Healey Fans?  
Email [Ben.Moore@mac.com](mailto:Ben.Moore@mac.com) with information!



## APRIL

26 • Kentucky Derby Festival Car Show • Great Lawn, Waterfront Park Louisville, KY

## MAY

18-23 - • Conclave • Branson, Missouri • <https://conclave2025branson.com>

## JUNE

7 - British BASH, hosted by the BSCC. St. Joe's on Frankfort Ave.



## Monthly Meeting!

**10430 Shelbyville Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40223**

Join us for fun, friends and the latest Club news and event information!  
The fourth Tuesday of each month • 6 p.m. gathering and dinner • 7 p.m. meeting

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