

Museum Flash



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1 Healey 100 Celebration & granting Gerry Coker Award

The Healey 100 celebration on June 28 was very successful. The Award had two nominees:

A. Mr. Stewart Cuninghame from South-Africa .

Stewart owns a Healey 100M and is a strong believer in classic wheels. All of his life he was active in all sorts of rallies, runs and shows all over Southern Africa. Until last year Stewart at 92 took part in the Durban – Johannesburg Run on his Vintage Norton 350. That's about 600 kilometer on a pre-war motorbike!

Stewart bought his Healey 100 in Southern-Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in the sixties. He then ordered a factory 100M kit and rebuilt the car after his own needs. Stewart constantly was improving performance **and** economy of his 100. In 2006 – at the age of 85 - he totally restored his 100M himself.

Stewart was nominated by the Austin Healey Club of Southern Africa.



Stewart Cuninghame in his Healey 100M

B. Mr. John Wheatley from England



The Wheatley family in their Healey 100

John Wheatley is the author of the books "**Austin Healey 100**" and "**The Big 6-cylinder Models**", from the well known "Super Profile" series.

84 years old Mr. Wheatley bought his Healey 100 exactly 60 years ago and did drive it all those years with his wife Heather. In the early years even his children were taken along in good old OOM 552. John was nominated by his wife.

After some deliberations by the board and the initiators of the Award, Mr. Gerry Coker and Bill Emerson, the Gerry Coker Award for Excellence 2013 was granted to John Wheatley.

John originally was invited as "Special Guest". John and his wife Heather of course then were present at the Healey Museum. Mr. Wheatley was extremely surprised to receive the Award from the hands of the president of the museum foundation, Mr. Hans van de Kerkhof.

Many of the guests brought their copies of the above book and had these autographed by John.



John Wheatley receiving the Gerry Coker Award John Wheatley signing his books

François and Françoise Schnyder with 100M

During the Healey 100 celebration, the Healey Museum organized a popularity poll. All guests present chose as most attractive Healey 100, the 100M belonging to a Swiss Healey friend **François Schnyder**. François and his wife **Francoise** were very pleased with the souvenir connected to the winning of this prize; a painting picturing a fifties workshop and some Healey 100 car items.

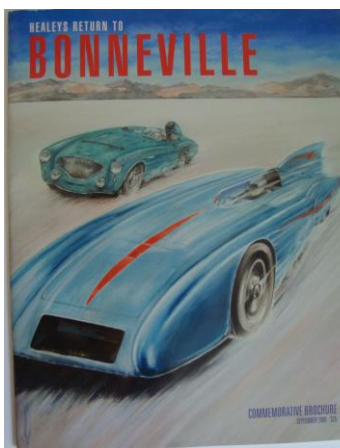
2 Newest acquisition

Since a few weeks now, a special car is displayed in the Healey Museum. The in the sixties legendary **ex-Ian Walker Sebring Sprite WJB 707**. This is the car that eventually formed the base for the now well known Sebring Sprite Replica. This car is owned by Stephen Bowen, who formally loaned WJB to the Healey Museum. The famous rally drivers Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom, drove the original WJB in the 1960 Tour de Corsica. After that Ian Walker bought the car and had it converted by Williams & Pritchard and furbished with the lightweight Sprinzel body. In 1961 Ian drove various important British races in which he always finished first in its class. On May 22 1961 he even set a lap record on Crystal Palace Circuit, which still stands. For those of the readers who'd like to read a full report on this car, open the attached document written by the Museum's archivist Albert Voogd.



3 Healey Museum meets Healeyclubs in Switzerland

Early June Jack and Ine Hoogland represented the Healey Museum at the Swiss **Pentecost Meeting 2014** in Pfäffikon on the banks of the Zürich lake. This annual meeting is by turns organized by the German, Swiss, Austrian and Italian Healey Clubs.



Public relations on behalf of the museum consisted of distribution of brochures in their 'goody-bag' and networking. Their organized drives into the country side included a run over the **Klausenpass**, known for the world famous **Klausenrennen**.

Jack and Ine travelled together with Erik and Corine van de Klippe so that the Dutch Healey Owners Club was well represented too. The reception and the stay at the Pentecost Meeting was excellent and relaxed at the same time.

On behalf of the Swiss Healey Club. Jack and Ine received from the hands of Bruno Verstraete an official Club badge for the museum collection and some numbered copies of the 'commemorative brochure' connected to the '**Healeys Return to Bonneville**'-project on behalf of the archive.



4 Upcoming events



The Healey Museum will be organizing a big Spridget event exclusively open for all types of Sprites, Spridgets or the like. The event will take place at the Museum venue. **Clive Baker**, works racing driver with DHMC and **Martin Ingall** leading figure in the Sebring Sprite world, both will be present in the Healey Museum. Martin runs a special Sebring website as well www.sebringsprite.com

Saturday September 27 in the Healey Museum

Program

- As of 10.00 hrs reception of participating Sprites, their owners and other Austin Healeys
- Wonderful drive into the mid Netherlands countryside, take away lunch included
- Prize giving for most desirable Spridgets and big Healeys present
- Drinks and buffet dinner
- After dinner: lively presentation by Martin Ingall

Several special Works Sprites will be present in the Museum to be admired, i.e. both Coleman Sprites which will be brought over from the States especially for this event.

From the UK alone up until now about 30 Spridgets already have registered.

Sunday September 28 on Zantvoort Circuit

On Sunday September 28 all AH Sprites and MG Midgets – which also took part in the Healey Museums' Spridgets Meet – and other Healeys will take part in the program of the British Race Festival at Zantvoort Circuit.



The British Race Festival actually is a two day event presenting a number of racing classes in which British Motorsports leads or used to lead. In racing class 'All British Historic' for British touring cars and GT's up until 1966 certainly a number of Healeys will take part and fight their battle.

Program at Zantvoort

- Throughout the day: Healey village present. Dutch Healey Competitions will organize a popularity poll
- 9.00 – 10.30 hrs welcoming of Healeys
- 10.45 hrs race in which several Healeys will take part
- 12.00 hrs all race- and visiting Healeys will gather at the circuit
- 13.15 hrs start Austin Healey Parade

Rinus Sinke (Dutch Austin Healey Club/Dutch Healey Competitions) has the ambition of organizing the longest line of Healeys ever, gathering more than 200 cars and break the 1994 record.

The positioning of this parade will take place on the track in front of the main grandstand. Subsequently the Healeys will drive three rounds on the circuit.

- 15.45 race with several Healeys taking part
- At different times race demonstrations will take place at the circuit
- On Saturday as well as on Sunday– apart from the parade - there will be opportunities for participants to drive the circuit

The entry fee includes:

Saturday

Access to the Healey Museum
Reception with coffee/tea + apple pie
Goody bag
Spridget Meet rally plate
Route manual
Lunch package Saturday afternoon trip
4 tokens Saturday afternoon consumptions
Dinner buffet + 2 consumption tokens

Sunday

Two entry tickets Zandvoort Racing circuit
Access with your car to the paddock
Participation in the longest parade of Healeys on the straight track followed by 3 laps
Free drive on the circuit
(private helmet obligatory), after this date only on availability.

Kind Healey Regards,
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