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September



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OAHOC — September



Fall Schedule:

Sept 17th - 9 am Breakfast at Ingrid's. (It is located at NW 36th and Youngs. About 2 blocks W of Penn. ie. First stoplight W of Penn.)

Oct 1st - Dinner (Location TBA) Okarches? OU home against Ball State (OKC)

Oct 2—TULSA Senna Movie Contact Frank Chambers (405) 377-0018 [Home]
(405) 744-5901 [Office]

Oct 7-9 - Tri-Healey Meet Branson, MO

Oct 15 - Grand Opening – Chuck's Garage (aka The Austin-Healey Shrine) Potluck,
Norman, OK

Oct 21st - **Tulsa** White Lion Dinner (Friday Night)

Nov 12 - Get together at someone's house (OKC)

Quiz (Answers in the back)

Who was the first President to ride in a car?

What part has remained the same on all cars since the car's invention?

What measurement has remained the same on all American cars ?

What are two different tools that originated thousands of years ago that have the same function yet one has hundreds of moving parts and the other has none?

Conclave Colorado 2011 Colorado Springs

OAHOOC Members in attendance:

Richard and Diane Salamon

Phil and Sheila Dooley

Bill Johnson

Chuck, Chase, and Mark Anderson (Dana had to work)

Rocky Santiago—Ask him about his tow vehicle at the next event!

Don Etheridge's Trailer (under the editor's Bugeye)

It was nice to escape the heat for a week. We had good weather (about 10 degrees cooler than OK), a little rain here and there. Saw fireworks at the Air Force Academy Football field, got to take picture in front of the Chapel (which took a bit of work for them to allow our cars behind the locked gates).. We were the car show at the fireworks event and parked them in front of the stadium. (In fact it turns out a friend I went to High School with outside of Chicago, just moved to Colorado Springs, was planning to see the fireworks with his family and called me to see if I would be in the show! We met up and had a great time catching up!)

I'll have more in the next newsletter.



'Pikes Peak' Healey. (Jim Hockert of Texas—You may remember this car from our Tri-Healey meet last year) He has run it two years now (Has yet to make it—1st year broken throttle cable, 2nd year overheating). Anyway it may be a fun outing to go out next year and see if he makes it.



Rocky looking good (notice the Thunder T-shirt) at the Autocross/ Gymkhana with his newly painted car. Next time you see him, ask him about his Hard Luck Award concerning his borrowed tow vehicle!

Big Healey driving by 'Balanced Rock' at the Garden of the Gods



Example of the awards from Conclave.



Came back from Conclave, put the car in the garage and there it sat until last weekend. It was just too hot to go out there.



Lifelong dream fulfilled!!!

By Chuck Anderson , Jr.

I've had my Bugeye for 25 years but have never had it in snow. I've always wanted to drive it and see how it did. (Let's say it's been on my Austin-Healey Bucket List. Other things crossed off of the list was that I brought both my baby boys home from the hospital in the Bugeye so their first car ride was in a Healey) I've heard stories of my parents driving their Healey to the ski slopes, and I've seen pictures of them having rallies on snow covered roads (see picture of my parent's Healey below), and also racing on the ice. Growing up in the Chicago suburbs provided plenty of snow, but it seems they would have salt on the road the second the first snowflake fell. Fast forward to the present and I'm living in Oklahoma. We get snow every two years or so, and many times it's just ice. This year we got 2-3 big snows over a two week period with no ice. I noticed they've been doing a poor job with plowing and they only have been salting the main roads in town, so the perfect scenario was brewing. We got a new snow; I had the morning off from work, so it was time. I decided to go with no top as I can barely get it on when it's 50 degrees out, much less the current 17 degrees outside. It started, I let it warm up, and I was off. It accelerated, handled, and braked great! I was even able to cut cookies (or donuts, depending where you are from). My ears did get cold in 4th gear. I called someone from the local car club, he was at the coffee shop, so I stopped by. While I hadn't seen a plow on that road in two weeks, one came by soon after and filled the cockpit with powder! It brushed out easily in the garage when I got home. My Bugeye has seen worse, but at least it has now seen snow.



My birthday present—

Got a present from my father-in-law, who is a big E-bay buyer (Triumph Motorcycles) Anyway he checked with me first and bought me a 99cent Sprite watch (picture at the right). It's still \$12 or so for shipping and handling. It looks good and is still working. I have freakishly small wrists, so I had to take it to get some links taken out of the wristband. The jeweler I pass by going to work is one of the nicest ones in town. So I go in to drop it off, and apologize that I'd like them to work on a 99cent watch. The woman is very professional and states "it doesn't make a difference how much it's worth, as long as you like it". The thing she doesn't understand is I'd like anything Austin Healey. Donald Healey could've signed a piece of dog crap and I'd display it in my house. Anyway, \$5 later and I have a new watch that fits!



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