

## Tampa Bay AHC President's Letter, September 2011

The lazy, hot days of summer are almost behind us as we move into September and a great time to drive our Austin Healeys. We have had a number of opportunities to exercise our Healeys during the month starting off with the Dade City Pioneer Days British Car Show. TBAHC member Harry Britton was our contact for this event and we were able to get several from the club out to enjoy the festivities. Mel Brunet reported that he and Ron Fitch had their Healeys at the show and enjoyed exploring the Pioneer Village as well as lunch at Saint Leo University. This is a fun, relaxed show with interesting sights to see and a nice drive through the Florida country side.



I have attached some photos from the Session.

Next up we were invited to Tampa Bay British Car Club's Tech Session held by Past President Jonathan Brewer. Jonathan has purchased another Triumph Stag that he wants to restore to a show winning level. The purpose of this session was to review how Jonathan evaluates a car prior to beginning the tear down. Jonathan hopes to have the Stag completed for the 2012 All British in Safety Harbor. I was the only TBAHC member to attend but there were 15 – 20 TBCC members present. I have at-



The September club meeting was on Saturday, September 10th (delayed a week because of Labor Day) at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar. We had a very nice turnout of 19 members to hear Bill Borja's slide and video presentation of the 2011 Conclave held in Colorado Springs. The Conclave committee had put together a nice video of all the activities and Bill had some wonderful shots of the scenery on his 10000 mile round trip drive to Colorado. Daddy's Grill continues to provide an excellent meeting venue with good food and service and a nice private meeting area. The minutes of the meeting have been previously sent to all members so I won't repeat them here but I do want to again thank the Nominating Committee of Jerry Thompson, Marion Brantley and Ed Swartz for compiling an excellent slate of officers for 2012. The election will be held at our Saturday, November 5th meeting. To remind you the nominated officers are:

President – Walt Mainberger  
Vice President – Tim Jacobson  
Treasurer – Dick Austin  
Secretary – Mike Weatherby  
Board Members at Large – Ed Swartz and Dennis Magee  
Membership – Marion Brantley  
Immediate Past President – Ron Swiger

On September 18th we held the delayed Ice Cream Social at Linda and my home. While the turnout was light, we have a good group and enjoyed the afternoon together. The guys gathered in the garage to check out Cleve's other British (?) car, his 1967 Ferrari 330 GTC. We did find out that it came with a Lucas generator, but they were quickly changed out to a Motorola for reliability. The Prince of Darkness speaks Italian also. The ladies gathered on the patio under the fans for cooling but a short shower did bring the temps





done to a comfortable level. We had lots of ice cream and home baked goodies to enjoy and it was a very pleasant time. I have attached some photos from the Social above.

Upcoming activities for October put the club into overdrive for the month starting with our October club meeting to be held Tuesday evening, October 4th at Perkins Restaurant on Gulf to Bay Blvd. just east of U.S. 19 in Clearwater. Our program that evening will be a showing of the History Channel Special "History of the Austin Healey". This is an excellent video with interviews of many of the important people associated with our cars.

Saturday, October 1st is Lift Day at Glenn's MG. Activities start at 10 AM, RSVP to [gail@glennsmg.com](mailto:gail@glennsmg.com).

Sunday, October 2nd is Movie Night at the Tampa Theatre. "Senna" is the feature for the 4:45 PM showing. [www.tampatheatre.org](http://www.tampatheatre.org) .

October 10th is the Lake Mirror Classic in downtown Lakeland. This is fast becoming a very important show and Concours and the format they use brings in 100s of automobiles.

On October 22nd we hold our Silver Anniversary All British Field Meet on Main Street in Safety Harbor. Co – chairs Clete Gardenhour and Warren Maxon report that the planning is nearly complete. If you have not signed up yet to volunteer contact Clete or Warren ASAP. They can always use a few more hands. Details on this and all events are available on the website [www.tbahc.com](http://www.tbahc.com) .

I hope to see you at all these events....Ron