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FRENCH COUNTRY WINES



*Gulf Coast Austin Healey Wine/Food Event from French
Region: Saturday August 21st 2010 7PM RSVP: to
Vince Barnell / Kevin Brady*

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Conclave 2010 is in the past. All have returned with great stories to behold. Make the trip to breakfast on the August 14th @ 9am to get the latest updates. Plans are already underway for Conclave 2011 in Colorado Spring, Co., in July 3-8th 2011.

This month is our wine tasting event; information is located in the newsletter below. Make your plans early for this is a great yearly event not to be missed.

July was a warm month for the Healey driving in Texas, one event was held at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum, Original Terminal/Tower KHOU - William P. Hobby Airport, Houston, Texas, large assortment of British classics on hand. This was a great show, I have never seen the original air terminal since I have lived in Houston.

This coming Saturday is the cars and coffee in Up-town park. Get there early for the best parking spots, Our regular toad club meeting is on the 18th @5pm Have not been there in a great while, I may get away to check that out. I will not be at breakfast on the 14th I have jaguar restoration commitment out of town , Jane Sandy will be filling in as our speaker of the house.

Lots of Healey member are on vacation this month looks as they are all getting away from the heat, I was fortunate to slip away to the Carolinas at the beginning of July, the temp were 56 morning 76 for the high, a lot slower pace there.

See you at wine tasting event. Have a great breakfast on the 14th @ 9:00am. Please rsvp for wine event - we need a head count

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New Breakfast Venue

From Jane Sandy

We have been trying this new place for the breakfast meeting since June 12th. It is a few miles north of Otto's on Washington Avenue. The start will be later at 9am and serve breakfast by 9.30. We have our own patio room too. Here is the location info.

El Tiempo Cantina,
5602 Washington Avenue,
Houston,
Texas 77007
Phone# 713 681 3645

Meeting at 9am on Saturday 14th August 2010.

Web www.eltiempocantina.com This pulls up a very yummy menu for breakfast!!

Vendors Corner

This section is for new vendors that you have tried and have had good success with in your dealings related to the Healey cars, related services parts or repairs:

This month vendor is Griot's Garage, www.griotsgarage.com Several Healey members have purchased from them high quality and great pricing for good value for the money. They sell hard to find car items.

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The Gulf Coast Healey Club has arranged an exciting evening at French Country Wines, August 21st, 2010 @ 7pm. If attending please RSVP by August 18th, 2010, by way of contacting Vince Barnell 281-808-6972 or Kevin Brady 713-202-4267.

Owner, Tim Smith has extended his wine shop to our club for tasting some of the best French wines. We will have food brought in from some of Houston's finest French Bistros, which will include an assortment of French Cuisine. Check out two menu's we are considering at www.caferabelais.com or www.maxandjulia.net

Estimated cost sixty/person payable to Gulf Coast Healey Club by cash or check.

LOCATED AT 2433 BARTLETT ST/ OFF KIRBY., HOUSTON, TX 77098. OUR OFFICE PHONE NUMBER IS 713.993.9500.

Dessert will follow at Mike and Anne Johnson, 4023 Tennyson, Houston 77005

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AUGUST PROJECT OF THE MONTH

FROM MIKE MCPHAIL

Last month we talked about the amazingly simple wiring scheme used on British cars. Armed with this valuable knowledge, we can now put it to practical use. “Oh yeah, like what?” you might ask. How about bleeding the smoke from the system? What? Alright then, it’s settled!

The device used for allowing excess smoke to escape harmlessly from the wiring is known as a fuse. On LBCs from the 1950s, there are usually only two fuses. A fuse block with green and purple wires fused to white and brown wires is quite common. As we know from last month, the white wire is from the ignition switch and the fuse protects devices fed by the green wires, such as wipers, gauges, heater fan, and brake lights. The brown wire is direct from the battery, and the corresponding fuse is for the horns, which are fed by the purple wire.

The ignition system, head lights, electric fuel pump, dash lights, overdrive, and just about anything else not already mentioned are not protected by a fuse and therefore in danger of losing smoke from a short circuit. A short circuit, of course, allows excess smoke to form and escape the wiring. The heat generated can irreparably damage the wires! For more technical information on this fascinating subject go to: http://www3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry/smoke.htm

In order to avoid this nasty situation, more fuses can be added to the wiring. The simple solution is to insert heavy duty in-line fuse holders. These can be installed under the dash to preserve originality. New Lucas fuse blocks with four positions (as used on a Triumph TR6) can be purchased to replace the two position blocks. Wires are stacked at the block with one feeding the others and can be separated in order to fuse them individually.

Old blocks are difficult to clean up, and are economical to replace. Later blocks use push on connections for reliability and make a nice upgrade. Later two-position blocks (as used on an XKE) can be purchased new to upgrade the early blocks with screw connections. Likewise, a later voltage regulator (as used on a Triumph TR4) has the more modern connections, is otherwise identical, and is a nice improvement.

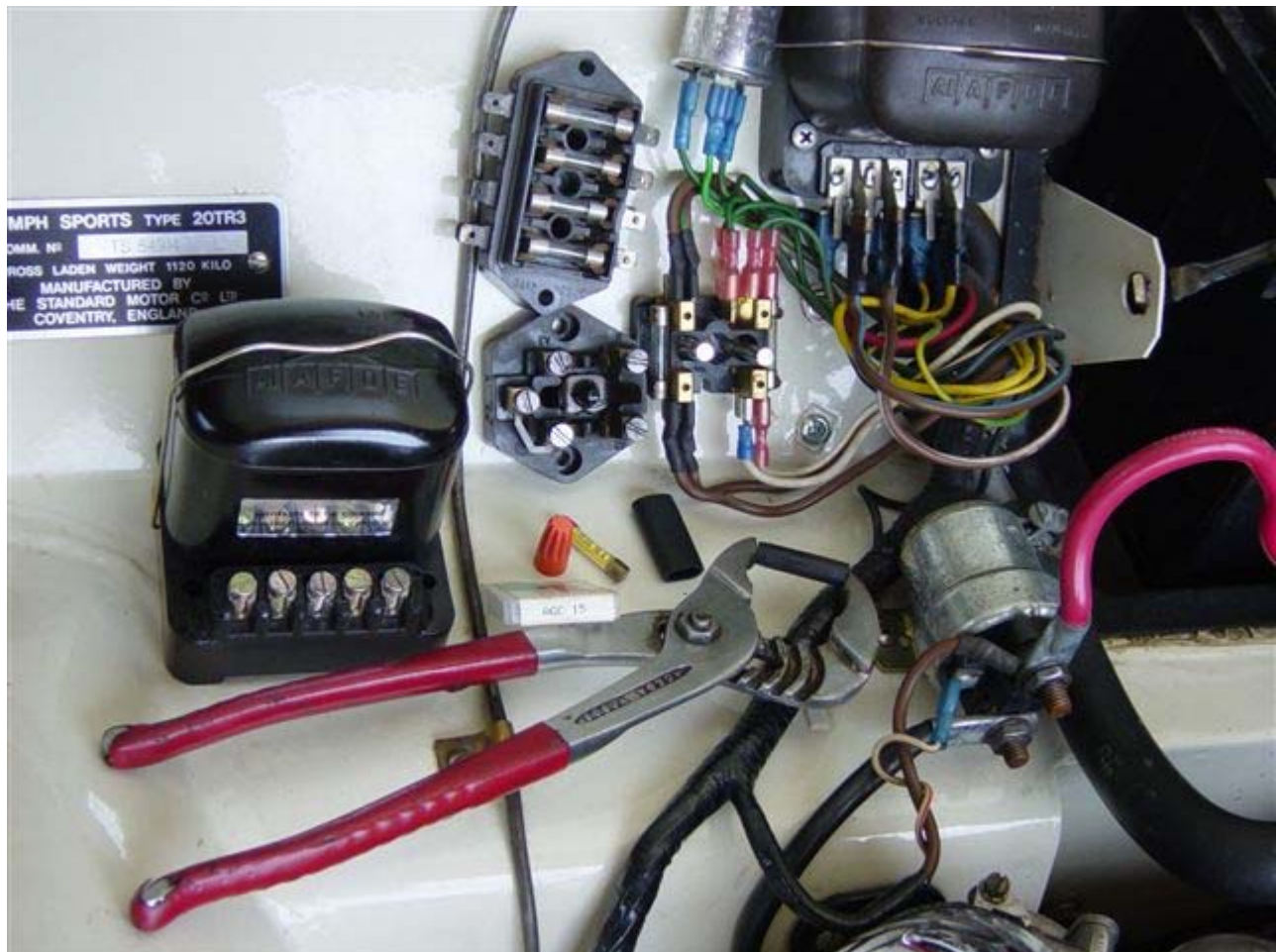
The Lucas fuses supplied from the factory are marked with very high ratings which do not correspond to the wiring requirements of the car when using modern AGC replacement fuses. Very few fused components will pull over 10 amps, and many will pull considerably less. Consequently, this writer recommends using a 15 amp fuse in each fuse block position. Fuses added to individual circuits can be even less. Adding a fuse on the white ignition wire from the switch is a common safety measure, but don’t forget that it feeds the original fuse block, and therefore the new fuse should be large as, or slightly larger than the fuse feeding the green wires.

If in doubt as to the normal draw of any circuit, a battery charger with a built in amp meter can be used to feed the device in question. Just disconnect the wire that feeds the device and attach it to the proper lead from the charger. Ground the other charger lead to the chassis. This arrangement is also useful in finding electrical faults. Instead of repeatedly blowing fuses, the charger can be used to momentarily power the offending circuit. A high reading on the amp meter will show that the circuit is drawing too much current. Look for melted wiring near an electrical fault. For instance, one common problem is the red running light wire shorted to the body where it comes through a panel.

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The charger can be used to remedy the opposite type of problem. If an electrical device is not working, try powering it with the charger at various points. The Lucas bullet connectors can be pulled apart at these locations to gain access. The connectors are often at fault, anyway. They can corrode or split inside the rubber cover and will have to be replaced. Keep a supply of new single and double connectors on hand. Always use a little dielectric grease when reassembling the connectors. Channel-lock pliers can be used to seat the bullets securely. In a pinch, wire nuts make an excellent connection!





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2010 Club Calendar

August

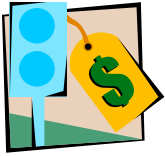
- 14 GCHC Monthly Meeting - El Tiempo Cantina**
- 18 Toad Club at the Richmond Arms on Richmond at Fountain View—7:00p**
- 21 Wine Party - See info inside**

September

- 11 GCHC Monthly Meeting - El Tiempo Cantina**
- 16 Toad Club at the Richmond Arms on Richmond at Fountain View—7:00p**

October

- 9 GCHC Monthly Meeting - El Tiempo Cantina**
- 14 Toad Club at the Richmond Arms on Richmond at Fountain View—7:00pm**



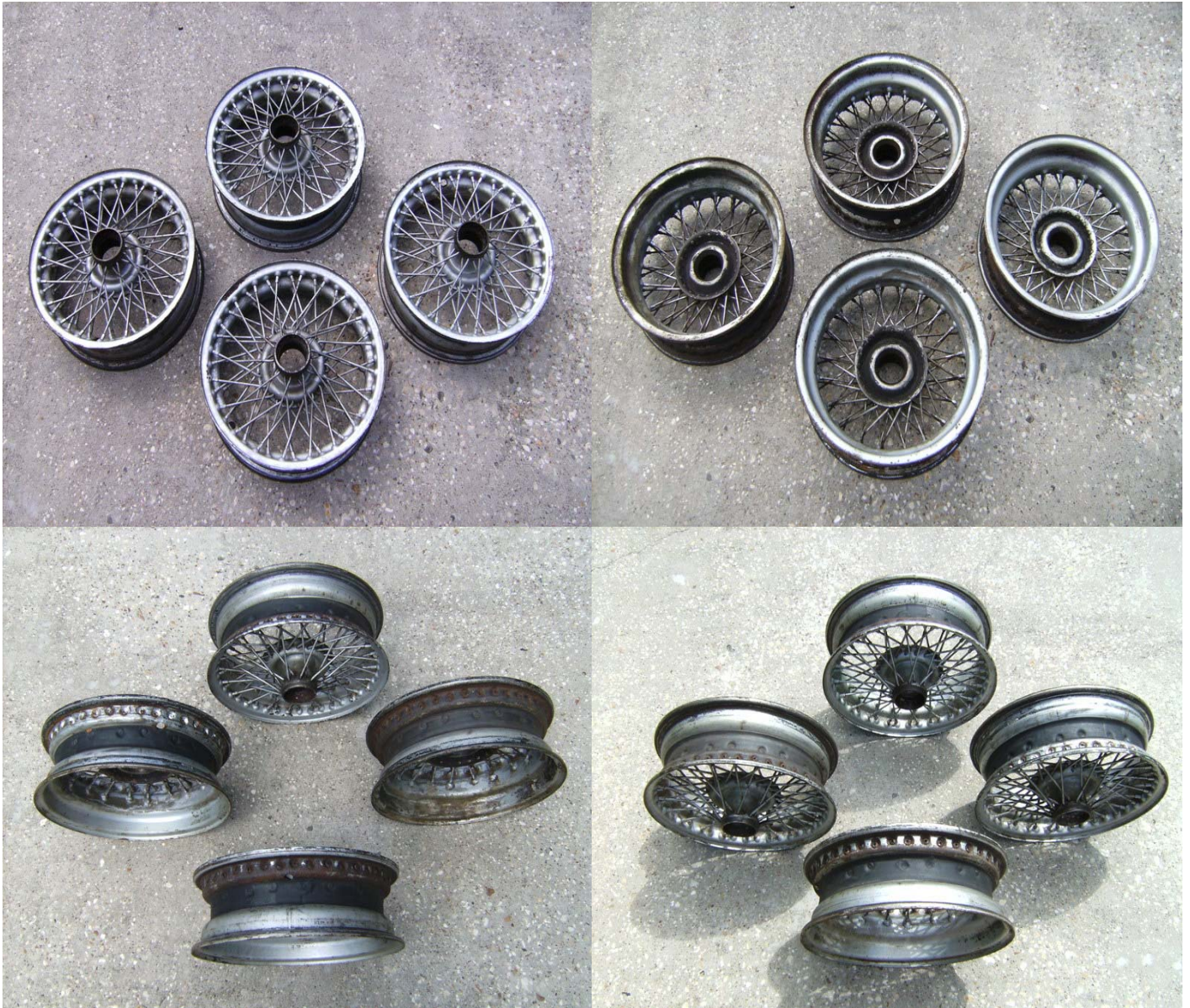
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15" Wire Wheels

Set of four 60 spoke painted wire wheels - Small amount of surface rust

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NEXT MEETING:

SATURDAY,

9:00 AM

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