

# QUAD-CITIES BRITISH AUTO CLUB



2016 Edition / Issue 8

5 September 2016

## CONTENTS

The QCBAC	1
Queen's English	1
QCBAC Contacts	1
Future QCBAC Events	2
Other Car Club Events	2
Herby Toad in a Hole	2
Question & Answer	2
Car of the Month	3
British Auto News	5
Bonus Item	8



2016 Sweetcorn Festival – Oneida, IL

## THE QCBAC

The QCBAC was also formed to promote interest and usage of any, and all British cars. The QCBAC website is at: [qcbac.com](http://qcbac.com)

## QUEEN'S ENGLISH

<b>Biccie:</b>	<b>cookie or biscuit</b>
<b>Estate agent:</b>	<b>realtor</b>
<b>Dither:</b>	<b>delay</b>
<b>Scuffer:</b>	<b>policeman or bobby</b>
<b>Iron monger:</b>	<b>hardware store</b>
<b>Twit</b>	<b>nitwit</b>

## QCBAC CONTACTS

President	Jerry Nesbitt	<a href="mailto:jerry.nesbitt@att.net">jerry.nesbitt@att.net</a>
Vice President	Larry Hipple	<a href="mailto:larryhipple4@gmail.com">larryhipple4@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	John Weber	<a href="mailto:john.weber2@mchsi.com">john.weber2@mchsi.com</a>
Treasurer	Dave Bishop	<a href="mailto:daveandcolette@gmail.com">daveandcolette@gmail.com</a>
Board member	Carl Jamison	<a href="mailto:cwjamison@mchsi.com">cwjamison@mchsi.com</a>
Board member	Gary Spohn	<a href="mailto:spohninc@msn.com">spohninc@msn.com</a>
Autofest Chair	Jeff Brock	<a href="mailto:brock9721@gmail.com">brock9721@gmail.com</a>
Membership Chair	Pegg Shepherd	<a href="mailto:peggshepherd@gmail.com">peggshepherd@gmail.com</a>
Publicity Chair	Glen Just	<a href="mailto:glenjust@outlook.com">glenjust@outlook.com</a>



2016 QCBAC Heartland British Autofest – Le Claire IA

## ANSWER

The car designer and rally driver that founded the car company which made the 1948 Elliott Saloon was Donald Healey and, of course, the car company was the Donald Healey Motor Company (HMC). See the Car of the Month article for related information.



1948 Elliott Saloon

## NEXT QUESTION

Donald Healey worked with his eldest son Geoffrey in the attic of the family home around 1952 to develop a low-cost two-seat roadster. Using parts from another car manufacturer, they created a car that later became a new marque beginning in 1953. The merger of HMC and that other car company became part of the British Motor Corporation (BMC) which built a variety of British cars. From which company did Donald Healey get his parts?

## FUTURE QCBAC EVENTS

September Dinner                      18 September 2016                      4:00 pm  
Hickory Gardens Restaurant    3311 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA  
Please park in the rear lot and use the rear entrance.

## OTHER CAR CLUB EVENTS

Trains, Planes & Autos                      10 September 2016                      8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Downtown Geneseo, IL. Meet at Silvis Hy Vee 2001 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Silvis, IL.  
Depart as a group by 7:00 am.

Route 6 Retro Road Trip 2016                      16-18 Sep 2016.  
Drive across Iowa                      Special Event in Davenport, 15 Sep 2016:  
"Cruise the Ones" event ends with a visit to Dahl Ford's Old Car Home

## HERBY TOAD IN THE HOLE

### Ingredients

140g plain flour (1/2 cup)	2 tbsp vegetable oil
3 eggs	8 Cumberland sausage
300ml milk (1 ¼ cup)	8 sage leaves
2 tsp Dijon mustard	4 rosemary sprigs

### Directions

1. Heat oven to 240° C (450° F). In a food processor, combine the flour, eggs, milk, mustard and some salt and pepper, blitz until smooth, then leave to rest for 30 mins.
2. Pour the oil into a metal roasting tin about 30 x 23cm and 7.5cm deep (12" x 9" x 3"). Brush the oil all over the sides and bottom, then place in the oven. When the roasting tin is very hot and smoking, place the sausages inside, evenly spread out, and cook for 5 mins.
3. Give the rested batter a stir and pour into the really hot tin – take care as it may spit. Quickly sprinkle over the sage leaves and rosemary, then place in the middle of the oven. Do not open the door for 25 mins, then check – if needed, cook for a further 5-10 mins. Cook until puffed up and brown and the batter is completely cooked through. Serve straight from the dish.

## CAR OF THE MONTH – HEALEY MOTOR COMPANY

The Donald Healey Motor Company was founded in 1945 by Donald Healey, a successful car designer and rally driver. Along with chassis specialist Achille Sampietro and body engineer, Ben Bowden, Healey worked to produce expensive, high quality, high performance cars. The cars mainly used a tuned version of the proven Riley twin cam 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine in a light steel box section chassis of their own design using independent front suspension by coil springs and alloy trailing arms with Girling dampers. The rear suspension used a Riley live axle with coil springs again.

The Donald Healey Motor Company completed its first car in 1945, going into full-time production in a disused RAF hangar in Warwick the following year. Given Donald Healey's background, it was inevitable that his firm's first products would be cast in the sporting mold. An ex-RFC fighter pilot and many times Monte Carlo Rally competitor during the 1930s, Healey had won the '31 event for Invicta and later that year joined the Triumph Motor Company, where he went on to develop the Dolomite Eight and Southern Cross sports cars.

Healey's first offerings as an independent producer were the Elliott sports saloon and Westland roadster, each taking its name from the coachbuilder responsible for the body. Both models were 2.4-litre Riley-powered and constructed on a welded-up X-braced chassis featuring Healey's own trailing arm independent front suspension. For a time, the Elliott was the world's fastest closed four-seater production car, clocking 110mph at Jabbeke, Belgium in 1947.

### 1948 Elliott

When introduced in 1948, the Elliott saloon was claimed to be the fastest production closed car in the world, timed at 104.7 mph over a mile. The aerodynamic body design was the work of Benjamin Bowden and rare for the time it was tested in a wind tunnel to refine its efficiency. This was the start of aerodynamic styling for reduced drag, that culminated in Bowden's last UK offering, the Zethrin Rennsport. In 1949 the most sporting of all the Healeys, the Silverstone, was announced. It had a shorter chassis and stiffer springing and was capable of 107 mph.



*1949 Silverstone*

In 1950 the Elliott and Westland were superseded by the Tickford saloon and Abbott drophead coupé, by which time a total of only 101 Elliott saloons and 64 Westland roadsters had been built.

### Nash-Healey

To satisfy government regulations aimed at expanding the British export market, in 1950 Healey built the Nash-Healey using a Nash Ambassador engine with SU carburetors and Nash gearbox. Initially the 3848 cc unit was used but when in 1952 body construction was transferred from Healey to Pininfarina the larger 4138 cc engine was fitted.



*1950 3.8-litre roadster – Nash motor.*

## Austin-Healey

Donald Healey determined that he needed to produce a cheaper sports car priced between the MG and Jaguar cars that were selling well in USA. Working in with his eldest son Geoffrey in the attic of the family home, Healey designed a two-seat roadster, the Austin-Healey 100, using numerous low-cost Austin components. Austin chief Sir Leonard Lord saw it at the 1952 Earls Court Motor Show and offered to make it in his own factories under the name Austin-Healey.



*1953 Austin Healey 100*

The result was a 1953 joint venture which created the British Motor Corporation to manufacture the Austin-Healey marque. The 100 evolved into the highly regarded and collector coveted 3-litre Austin-Healey 3000, followed by a diminutive 950cc Austin-Healey Sprite, known affectionately as the "frog-eye" or "Bugeye".



*1959 Austin-Healey 3000*

## Jensen-Healey

Donald Healey became a director of Jensen Motors in the late 1960s and a result of this was the Lotus-engine equipped Jensen-Healey which appeared in 1972.

## The Sale of DHM

Donald Healey Motor Company was finally sold to the Hamblin Group, although Healey Automobile Consultants and the engineering parts of the company remained in the hands of Geoffrey and Donald Healey. A new company was incorporated 28 April 1988 and since 18 August 1997 was named Donald Healey Motor Company Limited.



*1972 Jensen-Healey*



## BRITISH AUTO NEWS

**Aston Martin:** (8/8) Aston Martin is working on a mid-engine model to cap off its Second Century plan which calls for the launch of seven cars in seven years, starting with this year's DB11. Distinct from the limited edition AM-RB 001 hypercar being developed with the Red Bull Racing Formula One team, the new mid-engine V8 model will be a more accessible supercar to take on rivals such as the Ferrari 488 GTB, Lamborghini Huracán, McLaren 650S and rumored Porsche 960. According to *Autocar*, the Aston Martin supercar will be launched in 2022. (8/20) To accompany the North American debut of the Vanquish Zagato Coupe at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Aston Martin is proud to announce a striking partner for this very special car; the Vanquish Zagato Volante convertible. Driven by overwhelming customer interest for the previously revealed Coupe, the Vanquish Zagato Volante will be strictly built to a limited production run of 99 cars at Aston Martin's headquarters in Gaydon, England. Both cars share an enhanced version of Aston Martin's iconic V12 powertrain, increasing its output to 592bhp with a projected 0-60mph time of 3.7 seconds. (8/23) In a world where you'll find a line of Ferrari Enzos and F40s at Pebble Beach, the One-77 stands apart for a long list of reasons. And now, you have the opportunity to buy one. With 1,800 km (1,118 miles) on the clock, this One-77 is looking for a new caretaker. The price? €2,960,000, which equals out to be about \$3.35 million with current exchange rates.

**Bentley (VW):** (8/21) The Bentley Bentayga, as one life-style magazine puts it, is one helipad short of being a yacht. For Bentley and its U.S. dealers that begin selling the first modern ultra-luxury-brand SUV this month, the Bentayga marks an opportunity to reboot, re-polish and chart a new course. The Bentayga is expected to become Bentley's top seller and help more than double the brand's annual U.S. sales. Bentley's U.S. deliveries have slumped 46 percent this year through July. The new SUV is expected to give the brand a net gain in annual U.S. sales by year end, Michael Winkler, CEO of Bentley Motors said.

**Jaguar / Land Rover (TATA):** (8/3) At one time, BMW owned Land Rover and put BMW V-8s under the bonnets of Range Rovers. According to *Automobile*, a deal is in the works between BMW and Jaguar Land Rover that would place BMW's next-generation V-8 engine under the hood of high-end Jaguar and Land Rover models. The reasoning is simple: It costs a lot of money to develop a new V-8 engine, and demand for such things is dwindling. BMW might need to find a way to justify the business case for their new V-8. Thus it would be beneficial for both companies. (8/9) The Range Rover is hard to beat when it comes to an SUV that offers sublime luxury and serious off-roading potential but Land Rover isn't resting on its laurels. That's why the British automaker is introducing an updated version with even more luxury and technology. For 2017, it receives a few subtle styling tweaks as well as improved infotainment features, more advanced driver aids and a new SV Autobiography Dynamic model. To improve the vehicle's off-road potential, Land Rover has added a low traction launch mode, ideal for slippery surfaces such as mud or snow. The system remains active until the speed exceeds roughly 18 mph. There is also an off-road mode for the infotainment system, which includes

displays for vehicle geometry, drive assist controls, slope assist and wheel information. The 2017 Land Rover Range Rover will be on sale in late 2016. Pricing will start at \$86,645 for the base model and soar up to \$171,990 for the SV Autobiography Dynamic. Both figures include Land Rover's standard \$995 destination charge.

**Lotus:** (8/18) Once again doing even more with even less, Lotus is pleased to announce a selection of new lightweight options, including a new Carbon Pack, Lithium Ion battery and titanium sports exhaust for the Evora 400. No other car manufacturer can claim a better track record when it comes to light weight. Now in its 68th year, Lotus still remains true to the ethos of the company's founder Colin Chapman, and his approach to weight-optimised design and construction. Jean-Marc Gales, CEO of Group Lotus plc said, "The Lotus Evora 400 is already the lightest car in its segment, with super car performance, benchmark handling and the purity of the driving experience expected of a Lotus. We are now giving customers an opportunity to drive an even lighter and more responsive car." Available in all markets, the new Carbon Pack uses a number of components already fitted to the ultra-lightweight Lotus Evora Sport 410 as standard. The Carbon Pack includes a front splitter section, roof panel, rear wing centre, rear diffuser finisher, front access panel and wing mirror caps. The new lightweight options for the Evora 400 join a number of existing weight saving measures, helping customers make the most of the car's already impressive power-to-weight ratio. When combined, the lightweight options provide a combined saving of 42 kg (93 lbs) over the Evora 400's already impressive low weight of 1,395 kg (3,075 lbs) \* to 1,353 kg (2,983 lbs) and with 400 hp on tap, it offers a performance envelope that eclipses many of its substantially more expensive rivals. (8/25) In a celebration of style and lightweight performance, and helping mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company's famous Hethel site, Lotus has revealed the latest addition to its collection: the exclusive Elise 250 Special Edition. Based on the critically acclaimed Elise Cup 250 launched earlier this year, but featuring a raft of exclusive components as standard, the new Lotus Elise 250 Special Edition offers an outstanding combination of performance and panache. With a supercharged 243 hp engine, a 0-60mph time of 3.9 seconds, and a unique, hand-finished interior, it perfectly defines the quintessential British sports car in this celebration year. The car's 899kg curb weight, contributes to an impressive 270 hp/ton figure. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price is £47,900.

**McLaren:** (8/11) McLaren is about to introduce a new model in the United States in the form of the 570GT, which as the name suggests is a car more suited to grand touring than carving up a race track. The 570GT first appeared in March at the 2016 Geneva auto show, but now it's ready to make its North American debut. The debut will take place during Monterey Car Week and we've been told the 570GT will be joined by another new McLaren, a concept specially prepared by the McLaren Special Operations division, possibly the rumored 3-seater. (8/18) Following numerous leaks, McLaren has now released full details on its new supercar developed by the MSO personalization department. The car, identified as the MSO HS, is one of a limited edition of 25 bespoke cars based on the Super Series, which includes the 650S and 675LT. MSO chose to make a couple dozen to offset the development cost. The "HS" in the name stands for High Sport and has previously been used for a limited edition 12C. It comes with 688 metric horsepower, which translates to 679 American horses. The additional 13 horsepower over the 675LT comes from blueprinting the 3.8-liter twin-turbocharged V-8 engine and porting and polishing the heads. Peak torque comes in at 516 pound-feet. McLaren isn't giving a price, but it is likely that it will be considerably more than the 675LT's \$353,600 base price. (8/26) McLaren withdrew from Nürburgring lap time attempts in 2013 after claiming its P1 hypercar recorded a

sub-7:00 time, albeit without providing the obligatory video of the completed run. (8/29) McLaren Automotive celebrates fifth anniversary with record sales and financial results, third year of profitability, increases in research and development investment and new shareholding. 2015 also marked the fifth successive year of increasing global car sales to 1,654 cars with a record amount of £123.9M spent on Research and Development. Similar levels of investment in previous years spawned a total of five new cars and the establishment of the three-tier product family – Sports Series, Super Series and Ultimate Series.

**MG (SAIC):** (8/18) Many respected media outlets including the New York Times recently published articles about 2016 new cars being too expensive for the average family. One Welsh family demonstrated that it’s still possible to find a great deal on a new car. After a test drive, Danielle Shearing (nee Dyer) began signing the paperwork for her new MG3. Danielle’s mother, Kath Dyer, was impressed with the MG3 and was soon signing papers alongside her daughter for her very own new car. It didn’t take long for a third new MG3 to join the others in the driveway. Kayleigh Dyer decided she too wanted a new MG3. Not wanting to be left out completely, Danielle’s dad joined the family with his new MG Motors car. However, he opted for the MG6 rather than the MG3s the rest of the family drives. The new car purchases set a unique record for MG Motors. Matthew Cheyne, Head of Sales and Marketing for MG, said: “As far as we’re aware, this is the most new MGs in one household. This fantastic story certainly reinforces our affordable family fun message.” (8/29) The MGs were back in the points at the Rockingham rounds of the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship (BTCC), despite more incidents costing the team a larger points tally. Huge improvements were made following the disappointment of the last two rounds and that pace was shown in a fascinating wet qualifying on Saturday. In extremely challenging conditions, Josh Cook stormed to third while team-mate Ashley Sutton finished sixth fastest.

**Mini (BMW):** (8/9) The Mini Countryman was updated for 2015 but development of a successor is nearing its final stages. A prototype for the new Countryman has just been spotted, revealing many of the details of the next-generation compact crossover. It appears designers have adopted a boxier, more rugged look for the new Countryman although there’s no mistaking it for anything but a Mini. The prototype is also bigger than the current Countryman, which should add some much needed room in the cabin. Underpinning the vehicle is the same UKL platform found in the latest Mini Hardtop, Clubman and Convertible as well as several BMWs including the latest X1.

Other British items that might be of interest (provided by Judy Belfer):

26 <sup>th</sup> British Invasion (Stowe, Vermont)	<a href="http://www.britishinvasion.com/">http://www.britishinvasion.com/</a>
Grace’s Drive Away Cancer	<a href="https://www.sportscarart.com/product/grace-1953-austin-healey-100-4/">https://www.sportscarart.com/product/grace-1953-austin-healey-100-4/</a>
British car decals, art, and prints	<a href="https://www.sportscarart.com/">https://www.sportscarart.com/</a>

QCBAC Newsletter:  
2703 W 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA 52806

Newsletters Archives and  
Picture Archives:  
<http://qcbac.glenjust.com>

---

**BONUS ITEM:** The hidden British word in the last newsletter was “Dodgy” meaning “shady”.

There is another hidden British word in this newsletter.

---



*2016 QCBAC Heartland British Autofest - Le Claire, Iowa*