

AGM 2010
Thames Valley Centre Reports

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year for the Thames Valley Centre of the Austin Healey Club was much enjoyed by the members of the Committee and some of our general members, whose support was much welcomed and who regularly supported our Events. At last year's Report, I recorded that the member's support for that year's events and activities had been very disappointing. But I would record that it has improved a little during this year and your Committee's efforts seemed to have been enjoyed by a limited but supportive few members from our Centre. Thank you.

I would like to particularly thank all members of our Committee for their support to me during the past year of 2010 and say that I feel we enjoyed our working relationship and the Events of this past summer. The highlight for me was our day at Ham polo Club, which was well attended by both our Centre's members, as well as good support from other neighbouring Centres - a welcome start again at The Compleat Angler in Marlow, followed by a free drive to Ham and then a great lunch in our own marquee at the Polo Club - even the weather was fair to us - a great day. Thanks to all of the Committee who all got involved with day's arrangements, and particular to David Gray for negotiations, and to Chris Tauchert for facilitating our entry to his Club. All last summer's events were varied and enjoyable and we tried to make them of a mixed nature so it was not just " cars ", but event activities that hopefully both owner, partner and the car could / did enjoy.

I look forward to continuing support from our members for next year when we plan to start the summer programme with a social gathering, followed by our joining in with The MG Car Club, and then other events which we still have to finalise - watch our web pages!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director, representing the Thames Valley Centre, on the NEC Committee, is Mr Brian White. During this year, the National Executive Committee of the Club met on a two to three monthly basis and the following main topics were addressed :-

- International Healey Weekend will be held in 2011 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Club. Venue will be the Chesford Grange near Warwick and is to be held on weekend of 1st to 3rd July 2011. The weekend will cover a Reception , Lunch and Dinner on the Friday. The Saturday will be a planned drive with a Dinner and Dance in the evening. On Sunday a Concours will be held followed by Lunch and then Departures.

- Centre Funds - It is intended that Club Funds should be more easily accessed since currently only each Centre's Treasure has Signature Power with the individual Centre Bank accounts. A Special Resolution will be drafted by the Company Secretary so that in future access to Centre Funds can be by either the Centre's Treasurer or the Centre's Director or the National Treasurer. This resolution will affect Governance on each Centre's Bank Account Approval Signatures, so that the Club has more flexible access to Centre Funds.

- NEC Accounts - the draft NEC accounts are basically on budget for this financial year and their final version will be presented at the NEC'S AGM on the 5th December 2010.

- VAT and Corporate Tax - Consultation by the NEC has indicated that the Club should be in a position that it can report on its total VAT and Corporate positions. Up to now , this has not been possible, as the previous Accounts, presented at past Club AGMs, has only shown the NEC's position and not that of the whole Club's finances.(ie Those including the financial position of each of the Centres) So , as of the start of 2011 , each Centre will need to report its VAT returns. Such Reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis.

Brian White (Chairman & Director)

Post meeting Note:

European Healey Meeting 2013 - The UK Club is to be the Host for the next European Meeting - Planning has already started for this gathering, which will be held in Scotland (quiet roads + scenery + preferred location by other European Centres). Currently it is planned to be held in May or June 2013 at either hotels of sufficient size, such as The Crieff Hydro or The Dunblane Hydro. The programme will cover such activities as Track Day + Distillery Visit + Concours +Planned Drive +Dinner and Dance .