

THE MAN AND HIS COMPANY

- a brief history -

Donald Healey (1898 -1988) was born in Perranporth, Cornwall, United Kingdom. He flew on active service with the Royal Flying Corps in France during World War I. From 1923 till 1952 he competed regularly and quite successful in all the national and international trials and rallies of the day including the Monte Carlo (which he won in 1931), the Mille Miglia and the Rally des Alpes.

Employed by the Riley and Triumph motor companies between wars, he returned to service with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR) during World War II, while working on the development of fighting vehicles. In 1946 he founded the Donald Healey Motor Company in Warwick. There, in cooperation with several coach-builders and other motor companies, he built special bodied Healeys until 1954.

In 1952 Donald came up with this splendid idea of building a sports car which would fill a niche in the motoring market of the fifties. Gerry Coker, who was a young designer employed by Donald Healey came up with an Italian styled body while Donald's son Geoff was responsible for the engineering. They labeled it the Healey 100. The car was shown at the Earls Court Motor Show in London and with its low slung, sleek profile drew a lot of attention. Leonard Lord, Chairman of Austin saw the actual car and the enthusiastic public reaction to it, was impressed by its potential. He struck a deal with Donald and the Austin Healey was born a sports car, which turned out very profitable on both sides for many years throughout the fifties and sixties.

THE HEALEY MUSEUM NEEDS YOU

The Friends of the Healey Museum program is developed for individuals who are fond of the Museum and want to support the Healey Museum financially. The various member programs have been named after early Healey models i.e.:



Tickford vriend	€ 100
Westland vriend	€ 250
Silverstone vriend	€ 1000

annual contribution

More information on content of the Friends of the Healey Museum program: WWW.HEALEYMUSEUM.NL

The Healey Museum Foundation has the fiscal ANBI status (a qualified deductible Gift Recipient Status). This means that the Healey Museum Foundation can receive tax deductible gifts under Dutch law.

Silverstone friends will receive a specially made scale model from a Silverstone. Unique and nowhere else available.



The Healey Museum

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The Netherlands



Bonhams

Austin Healey

ABOUT THE HEALEY MUSEUM

In 2010 some Dutch Healey owners, led by Hans van de Kerkhof, created the Healey Museum foundation to help preserve the engineering and cultural heritage of Donald M. Healey. The main goal of the Museum is to collect, preserve and exhibit important vehicles and material related to the rich and colorful history of the Healey brand and to pass on the excitement and passion about this charismatic sports car to future generations. The Museum has become the heart of the Healey world. It wants to generate an energetic and attractive image with which it will become a real "Healey Home". The Museum is a non-profit foundation, which is extensively supported by multifarious volunteers and Healey fans.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The Healey Museum will show you very special and unique Healeys. Each of them with their own story. The museum D.M. Healeys own 100S Coupe on display and a Sprite with a Shorrock supercharger. Some prominent spots in the museum are taken by the early Warwick built Healeys from the forties and early fifties, under which a Nash Healey, Sportsmobile and Silverstone. Also the BN 3/4 prototype and the Healey 4000 with RR engine.

The collection is presented together with much historical material. For example: original factory blueprints, sketches, the drawing-instruments of Gerry Coker, trophies, historical road books and personal memories of famous Healey drivers. In the Healey Museum you're able to watch historic movies sitting in a comfortable chair of our own special cinema. In our library you may find original brochures, literature and even Donald Healey's correspondence with his suppliers.

The permanent exhibition will also include: Donald Mitchell Healey as a driver, entrepreneur and gentleman, the Cape and Warwick period, the development of the Austin Healey 100, the victories of Healeys in rallying, Healeys at Le Mans and the most extensive collection of Healey miniatures and models in the world. The Healey Museum also plans to have feature exhibitions like: Record attempts at Bonneville, Famous Healey drivers etc.

OPENING HOURS:

Friday - Sunday 11.00 - 17.00 hrs.

*The Healey Museum is accessible from the A2,
Amsterdam - Utrecht*



When gate closed: press bell button "Healey Museum" at left hand side. Please do not take the road through the village of Vreeland. It has very narrow streets and is not suited for ongoing traffic

**BN3/4 prototype
100 body with 6 cylinder engine**



100S Coupé Donald Healey



**Austin Healey 100 -1953
No 11 off the 20 pre production cars**



Healey 4000 RR



Don't let your Healey collectables and knowledge disappear for future generations; "Our future lies in the past. The legend still rides." Make it part of the only Healey Museum in the world.

What can you do for the Healey Museum?

Do you own Healey related items and you want to give, lend or sell these items to the museum? If you do, please contact one of the board members. We are always looking for special Healey items. Mail to: info@healeymuseum.nl

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