

The Portable Cape of Good Hope Pub is scheduled to appear at the Sprite 60th Anniversary Races September 13-16 at Elkhart Lake

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The Donald Healey Motor Company was founded in 1945 with the intent of producing expensive, high-quality performance cars. Donald Healey located his business in an old aircraft component factory in the town of Warwick, England in 1946, which became known as "the Cape." This facility was able to handle construction of early prototype Healeys starting with the Westland, Elliott, Sportsmobile, Silverstone, Tickford, Abbott, Nash Healey and ending with the G-Type in 1953. In later years the Healey Hundred and Austin-Healey Sprite prototypes were assembled there too. Some production of the Nash Healey was performed at the Cape as well.

Most of us today recognize this facility for the great racecars that were assembled and developed at the Cape through Geoff Healey and his crew. After a long day of work, Geoff and Donald would enjoy good British Ale at the closest Public House. The pub was a short distance from the Cape. Interestingly enough, it was named TThe Cape of Good Hope.

The Cape of Good Hope pub was established in the mid 1800s. It is located next to the Grand Canal in Warwick. It has been a favorite destination for tours of the Austin-Healey Club UK, and they proudly display the Warwick castle and Union Jack on their club logo in honor of the Cape heritage. In September

of 2000, the Austin-Healey Club of America presented a plaque in honor of Geoff and Donald's great accomplishments. The plaque was placed near where they enjoyed their ale. After understanding this Austin-Healey heritage, I was inspired to recreate a portable Cape of Good Hope.

When the vintage race Sprite Midget Series was started six seasons ago, the intent was to have safe wheel-to-wheel competition. We needed a way at the end of the race day to gather everyone in one place. There we could discuss plans for future events and

announce awards, and the portable Cape of Good Hope British Pub seemed the appropriate way to carry on Healey heritage. We toast our past Healey racing heroes, Geoff Healey, Donald Healey and of course Queen Elizabeth. The last toast is always "God Save the Queen."





This portable pub includes ale tap handles, the original Cape Of Good Hope logo, the Union Jack flag, Austin-Healey emblems, pictures of Geoff and Donald along with Sprite racing legends John Sprinzel and the first SCCA Lady National Champ (racing a pink Bugeye Sprite) Donna Mae Mims, along with racing shots of various Sprites through the ages.

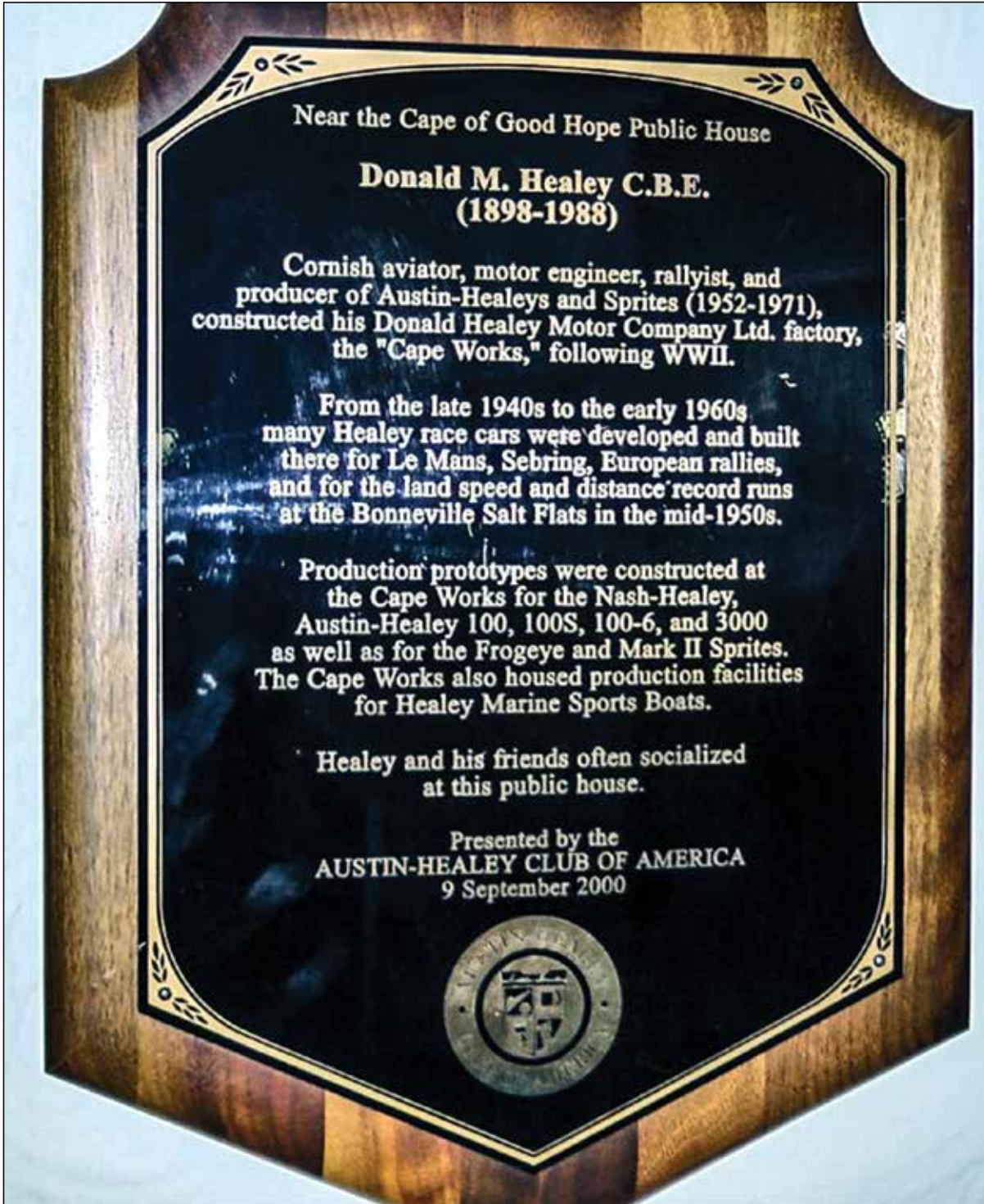
When I attend Northern Indiana Austin-Healey Club car gatherings I need to trailer my vintage original 1964-66 SCCA racing 1960 Bugeye to car shows since it is not drivable. The advantage in doing this is that you can take the 10-foot long portable Cape of Good Hope that we mount to a collapsible table. One of the pics is from the Round Barn Winery Sports

Car Show that I organize yearly with my fellow Northern Indiana Austin-Healey Club enthusiasts.

During vintage sports car weekends and after the races, many of us gather in what is somewhat of a racing Austin-Healey Club Conclave of sorts with various Austin-Healey clubs from all corners of the USA. Stan Mason, Jan and Jeff Freers from Northern Indiana AHC, Doug Bruce of the Central Indiana AHC, Mary and Jeff Kelly from the Midwest AHC, Greg Cory from the Golden Gate AHC, and Bill Dredge of the Wisconsin AHC to name a few, and of course local clubs that have joined us who are closer to the tracks we race on, which include Gingerman, Black Hawk Farms, Grattan, Road America and Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



The plaque at the original pub.



I would like to invite any Austin-Healey club members to join us for the fun at the Cape of Good Hope September 13-16, 2018, for the 60th Austin-Healey Sprite Reunion held in conjunction with the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, at Road America. We have packages for street and race Sprites that include special parking in the Road America racing paddock for street Sprites right across from the Spridget Racing Paddock where over 30 Sprites and Midgets will be going wheel to wheel in an exclusive 60th anniversary race. In addition, track touring the Elkhart

Lake road course reenactment, the "Gather On the Green" Concours with 20 special Sprites and Big Healeys are also available. Saturday Night, the VSCDA welcomes *Road & Track* magazine's entertaining Peter Egan to speak at their banquet and potential other speakers to be announced. There will be a display explaining more details on this special Sprite event at the 2018 Conclave along with two or more of the Sprites that will be racing there. Additional information is available by emailing me, StanBMason@aol.com. **HM**