

100M REGISTRY CONTINUES GROWING WITH NEW CARS AND PROGRAMS

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Worldwide 100M "Le Mans" Registry

As of February 2011 the World-Wide 100M "Le Mans" Registry has 176 factory built 100M cars, 140 later converted "Le Mans" cars and 16 very early converted cars listed from 18 different countries Registered.



Brian Grant, an active member of the Worldwide 100M Registry exercises his decked out car rallying in his home of South Australia. Because the Le Mans modified cars were the very first Austin-Healey race cars, they tend to be restored and extensively used in vintage racing and rallying.

Several of our Registry members with beautiful 100M Le Mans cars have recently submitted the accompanying photos of their cars being used in rallying, concours car shows and as the subjects of artistic photography. Members of the Registry have a broad range of interest but all share the need to have their cars identity protected by registration.

The Registry maintains records on chassis numbers, body & batch numbers, build dates, original and current paint colors, special equipment, the cars history, BMIHT certificate copies, and a complete photo file on each car. Information on the chassis and ID number is held strictly confidential and not disbursed to any other individual, registry or club.

Information about the cars is freely shared in many published articles and when individuals have specific needs to find out about a cars history or production details.

With the support and guidance of its Advisors: Bic Healey, Gerry Coker, John Wheatley and Roy-Jackson Moore the direction and goal of the Registry was set. This was the first attempt by a registry to involve all Healey clubs around the



100M of Allan Cameron. The Worldwide 100M Le Mans Registry has members from 16 major clubs from around the world. This car belongs to a Registry member in England. The car sports Boranni wire wheels plus large period fog-lights.

world. Sixteen worldwide Austin-Healey clubs did sign on as "Charter Supporting Clubs", agreeing to send the Registry all of their known 100M members names and printing the Registry's ongoing ad in their newsletters. The AHCUSA was one of the first Charter clubs to endorse and exclusively support the Registry for all 100M "Le Mans" cars.

It was largely due to the efforts of the 100M Registry and worldwide distribution of its articles, that Healey owners began to learn the amazing fact that this special model was based on the very first Austin-Healey Le Mans race cars, which were built even before the 100S race model. They were also pleased to find that the 100M Registry publishes an Identification Guideline that would allow anyone to examine a car and confirm if it was a "factory-built" 100M.

The Registry also wanted to legitimize and register the cars converted to Le Mans spec by their owners. Donald Healey had produced the Le Mans kit intending for owners to up-grade their cars. This fact alone is the best historical justification for modifying a 100 to Le Mans spec. The modified cars have their own category to recognize their status.

Two years ago, the 100M Registry included the option of official, FREE basic registration to ensure that no one would hesitate to register their car because of a small fee. If an owner wants to receive the entire packet of Registry produced materials, they would, of course, still need to pay the regular membership fee.

All Membership fees are used strictly for the Registry operations. The efforts of all Advisors, Registry Representatives, Registry Standards Committee and Founder are all volunteered time.

On several occasions, the Registry has been able to expose disreputable car dealers and some owners who have knowingly used a genuine factory 100M chassis number to build a duplicate car. When this happens, we are able to notify the original owner and resolve the listing problem before the duplicate numbered car harms the value of their original. This

is an important reason why owners should register and update their information with the 100M Registry regularly. Anyone should be cautious of buying a non-registered car claimed to be a Factory 100M. If the Registry has correct, up-to-date owner addresses, phones and e-mails, we can quickly notify owners when problems arise.

All of the enthusiastic people who have given their time, effort and even their small membership fees have made this history and preservation of the 100M "Le Mans" cars possible.

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100M Registry members are very active Austin-Healey owners, enjoying car shows as well as road events. Milton Price a Southern California Registry member is displaying his beautiful BRG Le Mans at a British car concours event. Notice his 100M Registry grille badge, designed by Gerry Coker and being proudly worn.



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