

## ***Midwest Fall Tour***

Time to make your reservations! The Midwest Region's Fall Tour is set for Oct 22-24. This year we will explore eastern and southeastern Missouri. Since we will be driving south the date is a little later in the month to best experience the fall colors in that region.

Rooms are reserved in the name Austin-Healey at Comfort Inns in Hannibal, MO (573) 221-9988 and Poplar Bluff, MO (573)686-5200. Please contact the Comfort Inns directly to reserve your rooms. In addition, Please contact Bob Brown (630) 393-1413, or [blkbt7@aol.com](mailto:blkbt7@aol.com) to express your intention to join us for this fun drive by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

A short half days drive on Friday Oct 22 will bring you to Hannibal, MO where we will gather for the evening. Saturday is the fun day. Drive south on MO route 19, through the Mark Twain National Forest to Poplar Bluff, MO. Side trips and suggested stops along the way are being identified, antiques and wineries will be the highlights. Just the drive on RT 19 will be enough for most drivers, RT 19 winds through the National Forest and then turns into a roller coaster near the southern end. Sunday the return trip north will include a relatively short drive on back roads crossing the Mississippi River near Chester, IL before picking main roads east of St. Louis for the run home.

Remember a Healey is not required to participate in the Fall Tour BJ9s are more than welcome. The colors will be magnificent no matter what you drive, but the road will definitely be more fun in a Healey and it should be practical to run with the top down.