



**APRIL 2023**

# **Exhaust Notes**

**AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND**

## **STATE OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Newport Summit 2021 and Enclave 2022 in the Poconos seem like an impossible act to follow, but for AHCNE board member Jud Perkins the impossible just takes a little longer. Thanks to his masterful and resolute negotiations, we have secured a host hotel and plans are being finalized for “Mystical Summit 2023”, Mystic Connecticut September 24-28. The host hotel is just minutes from Mystic Seaport and Museum, the Mystic Aquarium, historic downtown Mystic, Olde Mystick Village and area casinos and wineries. Registration is now open. Upon completion of the registration process you will be able to book group discount lodging at the host hotel, the Hilton Mystic. Be sure to follow the latest details of this event on the AHCNC website [www.ahca-newengland.org](http://www.ahca-newengland.org). Thanks again Jud for making this happen.

Please consider joining fellow AHCNE members in a club birthday celebration to be held at historic Longfellow’s Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Regrettably, due to the space limitations at the inn, this event is limited the first 56 members who get their checks to Linda Hakala on or before April 28, 2023.

Jane and I look forward to hosting the 2023, Sand Dunes and Salty Air, Cape Cod tour to Woods Hole and Falmouth 5/10-5/11, 2023. This is a rain or shine pre-season tour enjoying some less traveled roads of the cape with stops along the way to appreciate the unique landscape, food and architecture that make Cape Cod such a popular vacation destination. Several tour participants have already booked rooms at the Hampton Inn Cape Cod Canal for the night before the tour and at the Coonamessett

Inn in Falmouth for the night of the tour. If there is sufficient interest we will make dinner reservations, but please let me know if you are interested in participating on or before April 15th. [bruce.ketchen@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.ketchen@gmail.com)

Be sure to visit our club website often to keep up with the latest tours and gatherings being planned for this driving season including full schedule for Summit 2023.

Hope to see you on the road soon. I can't wait to fire up the Healey.

**Bruce L. Ketchen**

President AHC-NE

April 2023



**Effective with your April HEN,** we will be publishing your monthly newsletter, the beginning of each month. If you have content which you would like included in future HENs, please email to me, by the 15th of each month.

Thanks, Sam [sodonnelldesign@gmail.com](mailto:sodonnelldesign@gmail.com)

## New Members

Nancy Langevin	Boylston, MA	NER - Wing 5
David Fitt	Chatham, NJ	NER - Wing 1
Monty Daniels	Sanbornton, NH	NER - Wing 6
Tony Oppersdorff	Lincolnton, ME	NER - Wing 6
Robert & Sandy Brennan	Freeport, ME	NER - Wing 6
Steve & Ester Stefanidis	Norwalk, CT	NER - Wing 1



*It is with a very heavy heart, to let you know our great club member Tom Webster, passed away on Sunday. Please see below the obituary for Tom's incredible life.*

[Tom Webster Obituary](#)

# A MYSTICAL *Healey* SUMMIT

## **SUMMIT 2023**

*September 24th – 28th in Mystic, CT*

Come join the Austin Healey Club of New England at historic Mystic, CT the fourth week of September with autumn in the air for “A Mystical Summit”. Mystic, CT was a significant Connecticut seaport with more than 600 ships built over 135 years starting in 1784.



**We'll have the opportunity to visit:**

[Mystic Seaport](#) one of the largest maritime museums in the United States

[Mystic Downtown](#) on the Mystic River

[Mystic Aquarium](#) – one of the leading marine research institutions in the US

[Olde Mistick Village](#) with 80 quaint shops

The 100 year old [Mystic River Bascule Bridge](#) that crosses the river in the center of the village

[Mohegan Sun](#) or [Foxwoods](#) Casinos

A local winery

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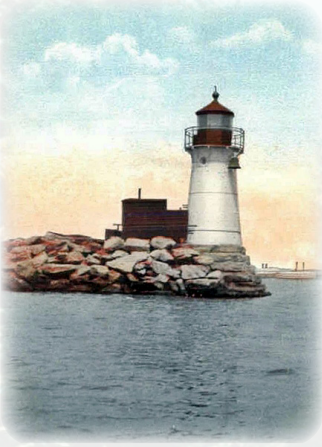
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### Monday:

Experience views of Mystic County along the scenic driving roads of eastern CT during the fun rally. Monday afternoon we will have the choice of an Austin Healey Tech session or a historic informational session about native American tribes from

Connecticut and history of the Casinos. Monday evening will feature a pizza party complete with a movie of general interest featuring Healey's at the Mystic Luxury Cinema.

### Tuesday:

The day starts with the traditional valve cover races followed by the opportunity to experience the [Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration](#), known for its research department, concern with marine life rehabilitation, and its popular [Beluga whales](#).



We've left time at the end of the day to visit other area attractions such as downtown Mystic and the [Mohegan Sun Casino](#) or [Foxwoods Resort Casino](#) with dinner on your own.



## Wing Coordinators

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## Wednesday:



Our annual car show will be at [Mystic Seaport](#) one of the nation's leading maritime museums. It is the home of four National Historic Landmark vessels. The museum's collections and exhibits include over 500 historic watercraft, a major research library, a large gallery of maritime art, a unique diorama displaying the town of Mystic as it was in the 19th century, a working ship restoration shipyard, a planetarium, and a recreation of a seafaring village. During the car show you may want to enjoy local sailing cruises. The car show entry fee is being used to grant admission to the Seaport at a greatly discounted fee.

In the afternoon, we will have a chance to visit and sample at a local winery. Our Cocktail Hour and Awards Banquet will be back at our host hotel, the Mystic Hilton, on Wednesday evening.

Our host hotel will be the highly rated Mystic Hilton directly across the street from Mystic Aquarium, the Olde Mystic Shopping Village and Mystic Cinema. The Olde Shopping Village has more than 80 independently-owned shops and galleries offering clothing, gifts, art, jewelry, books and more.



In addition to all the Summit specific activities we have allowed enough free time to explore Historic Downtown Mystic's shopping, restaurants, and charming waterfront district, nestled amongst colonial era sea captain's homes, church steeples and historic landmarks.



There are two nights with dinner on your own, where you can experience the diverse culinary landscape and award winning food and drink scene. With farm and sea to table, Italian, international cuisine, classic pub fare and an array of sweet shops, Downtown Mystic is a foodie's dream, or visit one of the area's two casinos.

We have negotiated a discounted \$159 nightly rate with the Hilton hotel. After your Registration Form and Payment are received, you will be emailed your official Summit Registration number, and Hilton reservation instructions.

*We look forward to seeing you September 24-28, 2023 for "A Mystical Summit 2023".*

## *Project Lucas Clutch Replacement*

I have restored three Mk I Sprite's for each of our grandchildren. It all started when we moved back from our expat assignment in the UK with a RHD 100-6 BN4. Cindy didn't feel comfortable driving a RHD Healey with the long bonnet when we moved back to the states. That meant a Sprite was a perfect choice for Cindy to continue to enjoy driving a Healey once home. Our oldest grandson Matthew was 3 years old at the time and the Leaf Green quickly became Gram's



and Matt's car. Seven years later we were lucky enough to have a second Grandson Lucas come into our lives. Obviously, we couldn't have a Sprite for one and not the other grandson. I purchased on eBay a "barn find" Sprite requiring a total nut a bolt restoration which became Project Lucas. We decided to build a 59 Sebring Sprite tribute car for Lucas, Iris Blue, White Hardtop, wire wheels, and a 1275, and a Datsun 210 5 speed synchromesh

transmission with the Rivergate Conversion. The 5 speed Overdrive transmission drops the rpm's 500 on the highway for much more pleasant cruising. The drivetrain installation with the A series engine with the Datsun transmission, bellhousing adapter, uses all Datsun clutch disc, plate, throughout bearing, and slave cylinder. The installation is much tighter than a standard Austin drivetrain, but requires no modifications to the Sprite Tub. We have been driving Lucas' Sprite for eight years and last year noticed unusual noises whenever shifting between gears, the past year and the clutch became much stiffer and harder to drive. Lucas lives in Maui and when he came last summer, he didn't even like driving his Sprite and used Matt's instead. If that was just one week a year then we could live with the difficult drive-ability of Luke's Sprite.

We got very exciting news last month, that Lucas has been accepted and decided to attend URI in September. Luke made the decision he didn't want to go to college on the "pebble" as he calls Maui. I hope Lucas realizes the "Ocean State" is approximately the same size as Maui! With Lucas going to have regular opportunities to drive his Sprite, we made the decision it was time to pull the drivetrain and see what was going on with the difficult shifting.

With the help and support of Bruce Ketchen we pulled the drivetrain from Project Lucas. We found a frozen throw-out bearing which was wearing against the pressure plate, a broken pilot bushing, and the Datsun transmission end plate with the three inch cone to protect the input shaft, was broken and floating around inside the gearbox. I was able to find on eBay [eBay Motors: Auto Parts and Vehicles | eBay](#) a brand-new Datsun transmission end plate. The Datsun clutch disc, pressure plate, and throw-out bearing were all sourced by Bugeyeguys [www.bugeyeguy.com](http://www.bugeyeguy.com), and the new





pilot bushing with a shoulder was sourced from Rivergate [Rivergate Restoration Products \(rivergate5speed.com\)](http://rivergate5speed.com). While the drivetrain was removed, it provided a great opportunity to clean everything and touchup a few paint chips on the tub and motor, transmission, and radiator. With all the new parts sourced it was time to properly grease all the parts, install the pilot bushing, clutch assembly, transmission end plate, and slave cylinder to the gearbox. Re-assembling the transmission to the motor, we were ready to install the

drivetrain back in the car. The installation process went well despite being such a tight fit inside the transmission tunnel, and we had everything back together in just a couple of hours. The car fired back up right away and had to modify the choke cable slightly. We let the master and slave cylinder drip slightly for a couple of days filling up the fluid periodically. Pumping the clutch pedal rapidly for about a minute flushed any of the air. With a great clutch pedal, a couple test drives proved very smooth shifting, with no strange noises, Lucas will have his car back for and running great when he comes east for college.

We are very lucky grandparents when Luke's sister Quinn was born in 2014. It is not fair for the "boys" to have their Sprites, so I found Project Quinn in Cincinnati, when she was only eight hours old. A six year nut and bold rotisserie we built an Old English White MkI Sprite with red interior and top so Quinn can be just like her big brother and cousin. I can't wait to take Quinn



for her first ride this summer, when she comes with Lucas, for his URI orientation. It is great when I bring home these Sprite wrecks for complete restorations, "I just say it is not for me, but for the grandkids". We have our three perfect grandchildren, and I bet we will have to wait for our first great grandchild for the next Sprite restoration project!

***Peter "Papa" Sturtevant***



## AHC New England Members 2023 Charity Recommendations

AHC NE Members, Thank you for completing the 2023 members survey in January. Question 6 on the survey asked for your recommendation for our new charity this year. 57 of you provided recommendations for a charity. The top three recommended areas are Alzheimer's research, Pancreatic cancer, and Veterans.

Q6 - Do you have a recommendation for an AHC NE's 2023 annual charity, which you would like to nominate? Please include your nominated charity and why.

With these three recommended charities, a detailed analysis has been completed of the various options. Only charities with a platinum rating were considered, and your officers recommend organization with the New England presence and where our donation will have a significant impact to each based on their financial assets.

	Recommendation by member	Organization	Mission
1	Related to Alzheimer's research	<b>Fraxa Research Foundation, Inc.</b>	Our mission is to find an effective treatments and ultimately a cure for fragile X syndrome, the most common inherited cause of autism. We directly fund research grants and fellowships at top universities around the world. FRAXA was founded in 1994 by three parents of children with fragile X. Fragile X Syndrome is the most common inherited cause of autism and intellectual disabilities. It affects 1 in 4000 boys and 1 in 6000 girls worldwide, and one in 260 women and 1 in 800 men are carriers. Treatments for fragile X are likely to help people affected by related disorders including autism, Alzheimer's, and many other brain disorders.
2	Pancreatic cancer	<b>Ron Foley Pancreatic Cancer Foundation Inc.</b>	Fund medical research leading to early detection, more effective treatments, and a cure for pancreatic cancer. Raise awareness of the disease through education. Provide financial assistance to pancreatic cancer patients in need.
3	Veterans	<b>WORK VESSELS FOR VETS INC</b>	Mission: TO EQUIP AMERICA'S INJURED VETERANS WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO START A BUSINESS OR PURSUE CAREER EDUCATION. Work Vessels for Vets, Inc (EIN 263201760) wishes donors to know that over 99cents of EVERY \$1.00 goes directly to serve injured veterans across America. We make this promise because we are all volunteers, and donor integrity is at the core of our mission to serve those who were wounded while serving us.



Organization	Website	Location	Asset Amount	Gross Receipts
<b>Fraxa Research Foundation, Inc.</b>	<a href="https://www.fraxa.org/">https://www.fraxa.org/</a>	10 Prince Place, Ste. 203 Newburyport, MA 01950	\$3,915,887	\$2,091,764
<b>Ron Foley Pancreatic Cancer Foundation Inc.</b>	<a href="https://ronsrn.org/">https://ronsrn.org/</a>	1000 Farmington Avenue, Suite 108A West Hartford CT 06107	\$453,915	\$ 283,420
<b>WORK VESSELS FOR VETS INC</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/workvesselsforvets/">https://www.facebook.com/workvesselsforvets/</a>	P.O. Box 215 WEST MYSTIC, CT 06388	\$133,710	\$250,161

We are going to have a final survey to make the final decision on our 2023 approved charity. Your AHC NE Directors recommend the Work Vessels for Vets, Inc. as they are an all-volunteer charity based in Mystic, CT with a relatively small financial base of operations proving tools for veterans to start their own businesses or pursue career education.

Please complete the survey for your recommended 2023 AHC NE Charity.

<https://s.surveypal.com/lh4jzb68>

Thank you for your consideration on selecting our 2023 charity.

**AHC NE Board of Directors**



### ***Looking to Buy AH 100, 100-6 or 3000 Mk1***

*New member looking to purchase my first Austin-Healey. Focused on 100, 100-6 or 3000 Mk1 models. Looking for a fully sorted, very nice driver quality car, i.e., slightly older restoration (Hagerty #2 or so). Strongly prefer examples in Healey Blue w/ White covers but will consider full blue. Thanks for your help!*

**David Fitt | [davidfitt973@gmail.com](mailto:davidfitt973@gmail.com), 610-517-0548**

## *A Dream Come True Part II*

### **David Bevan**

Last year in the April issue of Exhaust Notes I wrote about finally being able to fulfil my dream of owning an Austin Healey from my first sighting and falling in love 57 years ago at the age of 10. Twelve months into the restoration project of my 1965 BJ8, it's now time for an update.

When the car was obtained through a source in Maryland, it had all the characteristics of having been sitting for some 46 years. Documents found in the glove box along with an old license plate on the car indicated it was last registered in Virginia in 1976.



Mark Leblanc and his crew at British Body and Motorworks in Fitzwilliam, NH have been hard at it since March 2022. What follows is a pictorial of the process to date.

The entire car was in rough shape and obviously had been exposed to the elements along the way. The engine would not crank, and so the project began.



To start, the car was disassembled, stripped down to the chassis and engine removed. As this was taking place, Mark continued to say, "don't worry but it's going to look a lot worse before it looks better", and man he was right!





Once apart, the chassis was power washed before sending out to be sandblasted.

Sandblasting cleaned up the chassis, wings, and shrouds enabling to see what needed to be dealt with for chassis / body repairs.



All the typical and normal rust / rot areas on Healey's such as the dog legs, rockers, pillars, outriggers, and floors needed replacing. AH Spares was the source for these parts.





*New boot floor*



*Dog Leg replacement*



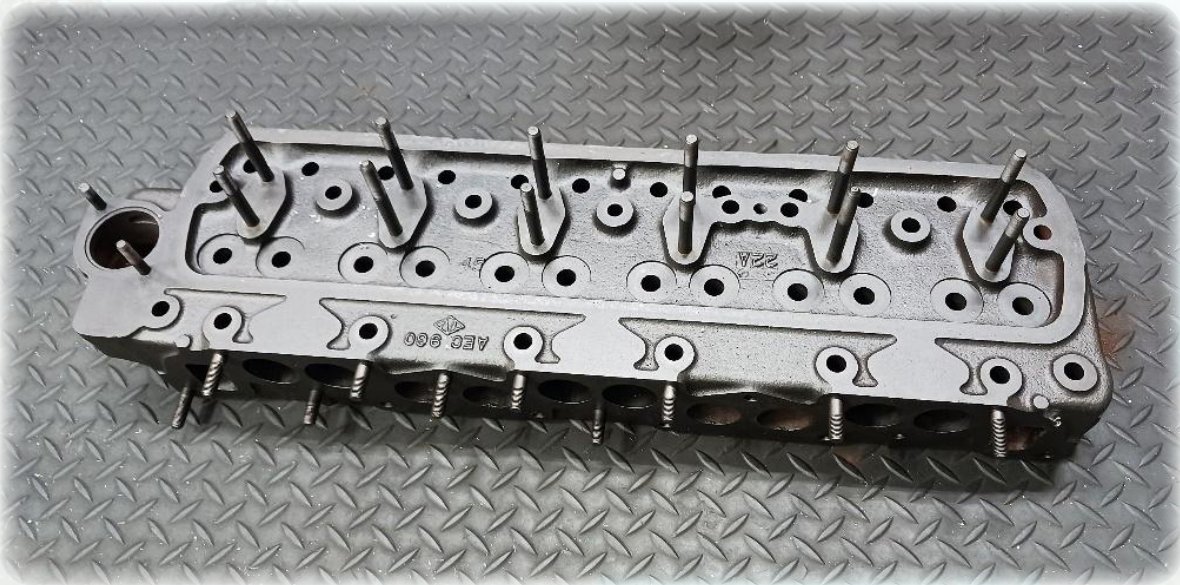
*Front wing repair*



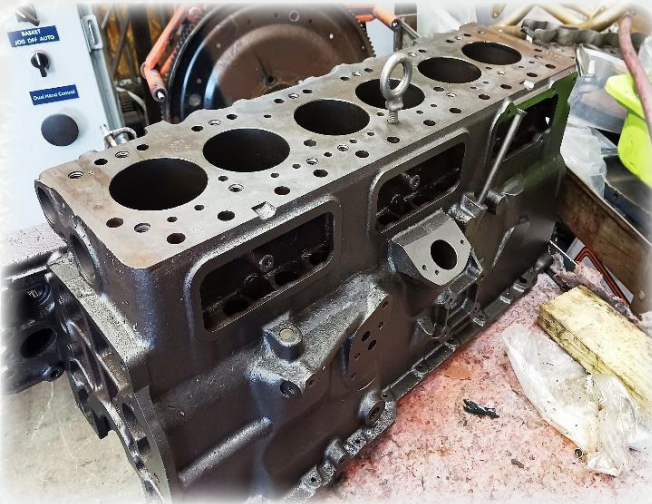
*New rockers, pillars, and inner and outer sills.*



While all the body work was being done, the engine was pulled and sent out to J&M Machine in Southboro MA. I drove up to meet with John there to see the operation and left being totally impressed. They've been in business for decades, have state of the art equipment and are meticulous and methodical with their work.



*Reconditioned head*



*Block and Flywheel*



*New balanced pistons and connecting rods*



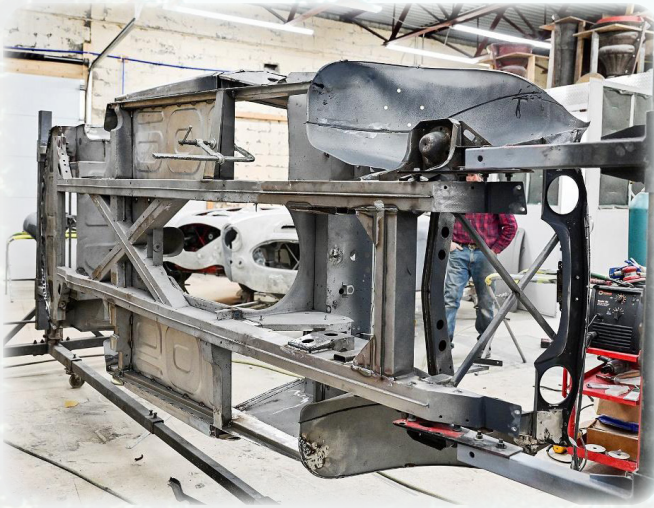
*Primed Body Panels being fitted*



*A repeated process of skim coat, sand, and reprimed till perfect*



*Full prime*



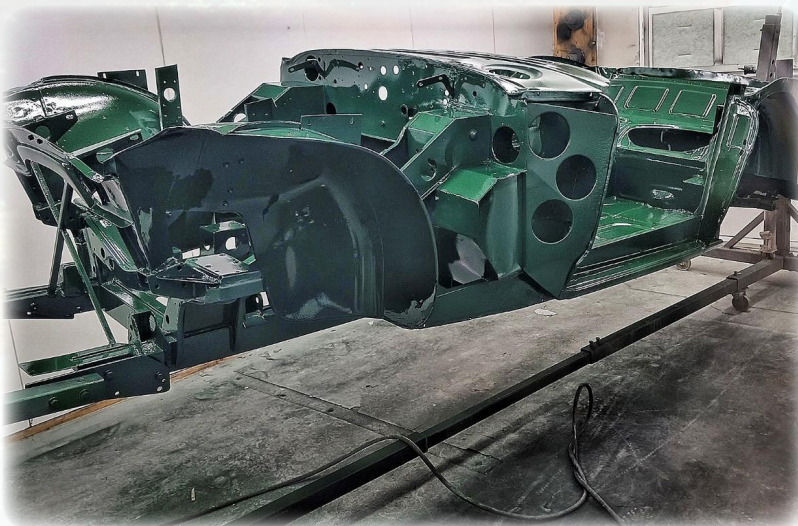
*Chassis welding / prep for primer*



*Ready for primer!*



*Chassis primed with floors painted with Stone Guard.*



*Final Paint Chassis!*

Currently they are working on installing the suspension which will include Putzke's tube shocks. The other upgrades are a Toyota five speed gear box (thank you Pete Delaney), PerTronix ignition, alternator - negative ground, Halogen lights and finished off with a tan interior. To date, this has been a fascinating experience for me, and I can't say enough about how talented Mark LeBlanc and his crew are! Be sure to catch his open house at the shop in Fitzwilliam on April 29th!



## ***British Body and Coachworks***

11 NH Rt. 119 West Fitzwilliam, NH, 03447

978-320-9435

[www.britishbodyandcoachworks.com](http://www.britishbodyandcoachworks.com)

**Open house and tech session April 29, 2023, 10:00 AM to whenever.**

**Tech session**- see the ins and outs of a full restoration and the process of how it is all done and why it can take so long and cost so much. We have a number of cars in process to see.

An opportunity to see friends and cars. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to [ceispars@yahoo.com](mailto:ceispars@yahoo.com) Mark LeBlanc



## ***Cruise Nights at Patriot Place***

*Presented by Bass Pro Shops*

Join Patriot Place every other Thursday from April – October for free and exciting Cruise Nights!

The Bass Pro Shops Cruise Nights with the Mass Cruisers are known throughout New England. Bi-Weekly hundreds of cars, owners and fans attend for FREE and enjoy all the sights and sounds of Patriot Place.



***Thursday, April 20, 2023***  
**4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**



***Thursday, May 4, 2023***  
**4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**



***Thursday, May 18, 2023***  
**4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

[www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/](http://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/)





## *Hear ye Hear ye Hear ye*

In celebration of the founding of the Austin Healey Club of New England on May 5, 1975 you are cordially invited to attend the inaugural club's birthday party on Sunday May 7th, 2023 at the historic Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts [www.wayside.org](http://www.wayside.org).

- Place:** *Wayside Inn, 72 Wayside Inn Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776*
- Time:** *12:00 Noon to 3:30 PM*
- Menu:** *Minuteman Buffet Luncheon, Inn's Ballroom, 2nd floor*
- Cost:** *\$30 per person (drinks other than coffee and tea not included- Cash Bar available)*
- Particulars:** *RSVP only with payment which must be received no later than April 28 via check payable to the Austin Healey Club of NE and mailed to Linda Hakala, 17 Bittersweet Lane, Hancock, NH 03449*

Due to space limitations this luncheon is available to the first 56 people who RSVP with their checks. Cancellations will not be refunded after April 28, 2023, unless the meals can be sold to another attendee.

Please bring your Healey for a group photo for publication in Healey Exhaust Notes and the club's archives.



- Minutemen Lunch Buffet***  
*Gristmill Bakery Basket*  
*Mixed Green Salad, House Vinaigrette*  
*Medley of Seasonal Fruit*  
*Pasta Salad with Garden Vegetables*  
*Yankee Pot Roast, Jardinière Sauce*  
*Chicken Picatta*  
*Boston Baked Schrod*
- Chef's choice of seasonal vegetables and potato*
- Dessert: Chocolate Ganache Birthday Cake*
- Fresh Brewed Coffee & Tea*  
*(Cash Bar Available)*



## ***Sand Dunes and Salty Air Tour*** **May 10th & 11th**

Our second annual Cape Cod tour (5/10-5/11) will venture off the Old Kings Highway and head to Falmouth, MA. Starting at the railroad bridge on the Cape Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay Recreation Area, 33 Canal Service Road, Bourne, MA at 10:30 AM on 5/10.

Our 2023 tour will travel through Falmouth to Woods Hole, home of the world-famous Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute traveling along the cape's less traveled back roads to enjoy the unique architecture, hospitality and history of the Cape. Working with fellow AHC-NE member and Cape Cod summer resident Jack Towle the tour is planned with Healeys in mind. We will not caravan as keeping cars together, even in off-season traffic, is challenging and potentially dangerous. Meeting points, rest stops, and gas stations will be provided in tour instructions. Participants are welcome to leave and join the tour at any point to explore area attractions. Google Best Things to do in Falmouth. For those wishing to stay overnight in Falmouth, we will provide contact information for a host hotel where participants will make their own reservations for Wednesday night. A social hour and dinner are being planned for Wednesday night as well.

Please get back to me ASAP if you are interested in participating so we can finalize tour details including food and lodging. For anyone traveling from afar, there is a Hampton Inn near the tour starting point.

Happy Healeying,  
***Bruce L. Ketchen***  
*President AHC-NE*

***[Hampton Inn, Bourne, MA](#)***



[www.conclave2023.com](http://www.conclave2023.com)

## Healey Enthusiasts!

Our 2023 Conclave in Crystal River, Florida, is just around the corner. Coming May 21 – 26 at the Plantation Resort, it promises to be a special spring event. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to sign up at hyperlink above.

Our tech sessions will focus on several areas of importance to every Healey owner, starting with the following.

**Austin-Healey Upgrade Solutions:** James Morris and Glenn Lenhard will be discussing how to steer easier, brake better, leak less oil, run cooler, shift better, start better and other ideas that can make your Healey into a car that will get much more use. Learn the latest ideas in improving classic cars and making them more reliable, using methods that the factory would have used if the technology was available way back then.

**Jewelry and Wine Retreat:** Under the guidance of master teacher and silversmith Susan H. Maxon, you will design and etch your own one-of-a-kind piece of real jewelry. With 50 years of teaching experience behind her, Susan is very adept at bringing out the best in her students and making them feel comfortable and confident.

Participants will make a pair of sterling silver earrings or two sterling silver charms. You will learn how low-tech etching is done and produce unique pieces of jewelry that you can wear right away.

Artistic ability is not required; ideas and patterns will be available if you need them. All materials and tools will be provided for you to etch designs on sterling silver blanks. Bring your apron and be prepared to spend some time just having fun doing something creative. Your fee will include wine and all materials. Susan is the proud owner of an award winning 1954 MG TF 1250 and is an active member of the Tampa Bay Austin-Healey Club and the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club.

### Conclave 2023 Organizers

*Bill Borja, Chairman, Conclave 2023*

**Here's more information about another of the Tech Sessions that will be held at CONCLAVE 2023 IN CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA. Remember the May 21-26, 2023 date!**

Bill Young, a retired Electrical Engineer and Service Bulletin Columnist for the Healey Marque Magazine, will present a session on Austin-Healey Electrical Systems. It will include information on how the Austin-Healey electrical system was designed and operates in an engineering "ladder logic" drawing format. The logic diagrams will show how the power flows through the electrical system, starting from the battery to the illumination lamp on the rear number plate. We will talk about logic sequences, wire colors, un-fused wires, fused wires, fuse ratings, turn signals, fuel gauges, and grounding. He will also have a question and answer period where he can discuss the many issues that come up with our famous (infamous?) Lucas electrical components. Electrical diagrams will be available for all the Big Healey models and the Bugeye Sprite to take home.

And just to provide relief from those cold, snowy winters, here's information about Crystal River, our host city, from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

The charming coastal city of Crystal River is the nucleus of Florida's Nature Coast, sitting along the spring-fed Kings Bay, an inlet of the Gulf of Mexico. With a population of about 3,200 residents, it is famously known as the "Manatee Capital of the World." The constant 72-degree spring-fed waters attract hundreds of migrating West Indian manatees. These crystal-clear waters are a magnificent destination and are the only place you can legally swim with the manatees. The most famous spot is Three Sisters Springs. Paddle or kayak into the springs or take the trolley at Crystal River City Hall to view from an expansive boardwalk surrounding the springs.

The Crystal River Town Square was completed in 2020 and features an expansive lawn, fountain, pergola and manatee statue. This completion marks phase one of the progress to come downtown. Next on the list is the multi-use splash pad, playground and more. So come see this scenic town!





## *British By the Sea* ([ctmgclub.com](http://ctmgclub.com))

We are inviting you to attend the  
***CT MG Club's 35th Annual British by the Sea gathering***  
 For 2023 we are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of MG  
 Our marque of the year will be early MG's thru 1955  
 Please join us on June 4th 2023, along with more than 350  
 other British cars, trucks, and motorcycles for this fun event.

Our display field will be set up for 32+ classes.

*10:00 AM till 4:00 PM, at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, CT.*

visit [www.ctmgclub.com](http://www.ctmgclub.com) click on british by the sea tab for more info, pictures and aerial video

**2023 WILBRAHAM HILL CLIMB**  
 4th Commemorative Reenactment



1908 - 2023



**SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 2023**

Hill Climb up Monson Rd. • Minnechaug High School Car Show  
 Food Trucks • Craft Vendors • 50/50 Giveaway & More!

[WilbrahamHillClimb.org](http://WilbrahamHillClimb.org)

Presented By Jeff DeMarey & Ed Cenedella




**2023 Wilbraham Hill Climb Details at:**  
<https://springfieldtoboston.com/wilbraham-hill-climb/>



## *British Motorcars in Bristol, Rhode Island*

June 9th - 10th, 2023

*Independence Park & Colt State Park*

The British Motorcars of New England is happy to announce that following the success of the 2022 show, the British Motorcars in Bristol 2023 will be held on June 9th - 10th. The event will return to the town of Bristol Rhode Island, Independence Park and Colt State Park. We could not have picked a more scenic venue. Colt State Park sits on the shoreline of Narragansett Bay and offers beautiful views of the bay from our show field.

Friday's schedule will include a cruise to the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol and the Friday evening block party sponsored by our partners in the show, Explore Bristol. Saturday will be the day of the show, with up to 40 classes of British cars. This year's plans include more food trucks and vendors, many of them with the emphasis on the British car hobby. There will also be a return of the popular cruise around coastal Rhode Island and Massachusetts.



# BRITISH MOTORCARS IN BRISTOL, RI June 9th & 10th

**Independence Park & Colt State Park**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### FRIDAY

8:15AM-2:00PM British Motorcars Road Tour  
2:30PM Cruise to RI Veterans Home  
5:00PM Parade of cars through downtown Bristol, RI  
6:00PM Street Party at Independence Park on Thames Street Downtown Bristol featuring:  
Live Music • Beer Tent • Food Trucks & Classic British Motorcars!

#### SATURDAY

10:00AM-5:00PM Events in Colt State Park:  
Classic British Motorcar Show & Car Corral  
British Marketplace  
Food & Beverage Concessions  
1:30PM Awards Presentation & Drive by  
Over 40 classes & competitions!  
Come and support your favorites.

**All British Motorcars Welcome! \$30 Early Registration**

More info at [BRITISHMOTORCARSINBRISTOL.COM](http://BRITISHMOTORCARSINBRISTOL.COM)

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FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: [JLEVER@COX.NET](mailto:JLEVER@COX.NET)

British Motorcars in Bristol 2022 raised \$3600 for the Alzheimer's Association of RI and \$1920 for the local charities supported by Explore Bristol. With the continued support of members and friends we hope to exceed that amount with our 2023 show.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun for everyone British car event. New this year, dash plaques will be given to all early registrations. For updates, check our website at [BMCNE.org](http://BMCNE.org). Register at:

[www.britishmotorcarsinbristol.com](http://www.britishmotorcarsinbristol.com)

Per Town of Bristol ordinance, dogs are not allowed in Independence Park or on the show field.



## *British Car Day*

Sunday, June 25, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

British Car Day is a Museum Show and all proceeds benefit the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Any British automobile is invited and encouraged to attend regardless of make, model or year

- *Feel the pride of showing your British vehicle – regardless of make, model or year – all are welcome.*
- *Catch up with old friends – and make new ones*

*The show starts at 9:00 AM and runs until 1:00 PM. The Museum will be open until 3:00 PM for your viewing.*

- *There will be food or beverages available for purchase.*

<https://larzanderson.org/2023lawnevents/britishcarday22/>



## *50th Anniversary BSAAC Auto Show*

July 9, 2023 | 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Car Show, Car Corral and Flea market. Wanted: Chief Judge and additional support judges for 20 classes of vehicles. Stipends offered.

*When: July 9, 2023, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

*Location: 656 East Street, Dedham, MA, 02026*

*More info email [Info@bsaac.com](mailto:Info@bsaac.com)*

*[bsaac.com](http://bsaac.com)*



## **HEAR YE!!!! HEAR YE!!!!**

**THE 26TH ANNUAL SHOW OF DREAMS TO BENEFIT:**

***The New Hampshire Food Bank***

is scheduled for

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

***Place: Alvirne Hills House Field, Hudson, NH***

***Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM***

Handicapped parking & restroom available

**Featured Marques:**

MGB 1962-1974

MGB 1974 1/2 – 1980

MGBGT

[Show of Dreams 2023 - British Cars of New Hampshire \(bcnh.org\)](http://bcnh.org)

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DATE	HOST	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
<b>April</b>				
Saturday April 1st 9:30 AM	All	Cape Codders Courageous 2023 Rally	Start (IHOP), 790 Lyannough Rd, Hyannis, MA	<a href="https://motorsportreg.com">Cape Codders Courageous 2023 (motorsportreg.com)</a>
Monday April 10th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Thursday April 20th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Place Patriot	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
Saturday April 29th 10:00 am	Wing 6	Tech Session - Body & Coachworks British	11 NH Route 119 Wet Fitzwilliam, NH	Mark LeBlanc ceispars@yahoo.com 978-320-9435
<b>May</b>				
Thursday May 4th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Place Patriot	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
Sunday May 7th Noon to 3 PM	All	AHC NE Birthday Party Celebration	Wayside Inn 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA	Reservations - Linda Hakala linda.m.hakala@gmail.com 603 398 4421
Monday May 8th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Wednesday/ Thursday May 10th - 11th	All	Sand Dunes and Salty Air Tour	Cape Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay Recreation Area, 33 Canal Service Road, Bourne, MA at 10:30AM on 5/10	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com 617 947 6473
Saturday May 13th 9 AM to 3 PM	Wing 7	Wilbraham Hill Climb 2023 Monson Road	<a href="https://springfieldtoboston.com/wilbraham-hill-climb/">https://springfieldtoboston.com/wilbraham-hill-climb/</a>	
Thursday May 18th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Place Patriot	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
May 21st to May 26th	Tampa Bay Club	Conclave 2023	Plantation on Crystal River, FL	<a href="https://clubexpress.com">Events - Austin Healey Club of America, Inc. (clubexpress.com)</a>
<b>June</b>				
Thursday June 1st 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Place Patriot	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
Sunday June 4th 10:00 AM	CT	British By The Sea	Harkness Memorial State Park 275 Great Neck Rd. Waterford, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.net 203 605 4172



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<b>Friday - Saturday June 9th - 10th</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>British Motorcars in Bristol</b> <a href="https://britishmotorcarsinbristol.com/">https://britishmotorcarsinbristol.com/</a>	Show Field Colt State Park Bristol RI	Ernie Connor ernie.connor@verizon.net 401-480-9838
<b>Monday June 13th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Thursday June 15th 4 pm</b>	<b>Wing 4</b>	<b>Cruise Night at Patriot Place</b>	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
<b>Saturday June 17th 8:30 am</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Rallye for the Cure</b>	New Country BMW 1 Weston Park Rd, Hartford, CT	Len Bach Summit M9@aol.com
<b>Sunday June 25th 9 AM - 1 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Larz Anderson British Car Day</b> <a href="https://larzanderson.org/2022lawnevents/britishcarday22/">https://larzanderson.org/2022lawnevents/britishcarday22/</a>	15 Newton St. Brookline, MA	Steve Bell scbell1@comcast.net 508-947-6499
<b>Thursday June 29th 4 pm</b>	<b>Wing 4</b>	<b>Cruise Night at Patriot Place</b>	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
<b>July</b>				
<b>Sunday July 9th</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Bay State Antique Auto Club Show</b>	<a href="https://www.bsaa.com/">https://www.bsaa.com/</a>	Endicott Estate 656 East St, Dedham, MA
<b>Monday July 10th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Saturday July 22nd, 10AM- 3PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>BCNH- Show of Dreams</b> <a href="https://www.bcnh.org/show-of-dreams/">https://www.bcnh.org/show-of-dreams/</a>	Alvirne Hills House Field, Hudson, NH	Bob Britton healybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
<b>August</b>				
<b>Monday August 14th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Saturday August 12th 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Wing 4</b>	<b>British Car Show, Flyin, Antique Motoreycles</b>	Mansfield Municipal Airport, 265 Fruit St., Mansfield, MA	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>August 24-26, 2023</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Encounter 2023 - Hershey, PA</b>	<a href="https://www.austin-healey-stc.org/show.html">Holiday Inn Hershey-Harrisburg</a>	<a href="https://www.austin-healey-stc.org/show.html">https://www.austin-healey-stc.org/show.html</a>

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September 1st - 4th	All	Historic Festival 40	Lime Rock Park White Hollow Road CT 06039	60 Lakeville,
Monday September 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
September 15th - 17th	All	British Invasion Stowe, VT	<a href="#">Register — The British Invasion</a>	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
September 24th - 28th	All	A Mystical Healey Summit Hilton Hotel Mystic CT	<a href="https://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-2023---mystical-healey-summit.html">https://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-2023---mystical-healey-summit.html</a>	<a href="https://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-registration-form.html">https://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-registration-form.html</a>
October				
Monday October 9th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
November				
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Monday November 14th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
December				
Monday December 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net

