

August 2023 Exhaust Notes

AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

STATE OF THE PRESIDENT

Plans for Summit 2023 are shaping up nicely. We will be gathering in historic, picturesque Mystic Connecticut a little under two months from now. If you have not already done so, please register soon. For a full list of events, activities and registration material please go to the club website at: www.ahca-newengland.org.

This would also be a good time to build or dust off your valve cover racer, as we expect to have spirited competition on the downhill track at Summit. First time racers are encouraged. Valve cover racing, rules and regulations can be found on our website. VCR's are easy to build and they are a safe and economical way to engage your competitive spirit and earn bragging rights. No helmets, roll bars or fire suppression equipment is required. Prior VCR events have been known to involve adult beverages where the rule is "everything in moderation, including moderation. "

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Samantha O'Donnell sodonnelldesign@gmail.com 774-266-0028 I want to give a shout out to Ken and Nancy Gypson for hosting a great June gathering at their beautiful 18th century farm in Poestenkill, NY. Ken has a long history with collectable cars and vintage racing. Rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the ten club members who enjoyed coffee and delicious fruit and pastries provided by Ken and Nancy. Guests spent several hours touring the 1770's farm buildings that house an eclectic assortment of cars collected by Ken and his father including classic open wheel dirt track cars and 50's era stock cars. Highlights for me included an unrestored 1927 Franklin Boatail Roadster, which is registered and driven by Ken, and a Healey hundred which is being restored. Ken is currently serving as our Wing 7 coordinator. Participants were encouraged to come rain or shine and to come in BJ9's if not comfortable traveling a long distance for a one day event. This should be the norm for wing gatherings especially in wings which cover large geographic areas.

Hope to see you on the road this season and especially at Summit 2023 in Mystic, Connecticut.

Best, BLK

Bruce L. Ketchen President AHC-NE August 2023



Wing Coordinators

1. SE NY, NYC & SW CT (ACTING) Vacant

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New Members

Kenneth & Dina Siegel	Orlando, FL	NER - Wing 3
Terence LeVasseur	Fall River, MA	NER - Wing 4
Stephen Avery	Hillsboro, NH	NER - Wing 6



Stephen Avery's BJ7



Terence LeVasseur's Bugeye



Summit Happenings Renew Old Friendships, Create New Ones



While our cars are important, first and foremost Summit is about camaraderie...seeing fellow Wing members, renewing friendships with Club members who may live in different parts of our seven state Club and especially for new members to meet and make friendships with folks who have similar interests.

Summit has lots of opportunities to mix and mingle with fellow Club members:

Sunday Welcome Reception – an hour to get acquainted and learn more about Summit happenings, then have dinner with old or new friends.

Monday – Tech and Information Sessions, this year in addition to Tech we'll have a separate session with speakers from the Stonington Historical Society and the Mohegan Tribe to tell us about

the rich history and traditions in the area.

Monday Night – Pizza Party and Film at the Mystic Cinema. Our film will highlight the rich history of British cars and is not just for the guys as it includes interviews with several of the women racing pioneers.

Tuesday Morning – Valve Cover Racing...always a fun event and great time to socialize.

Tuesday Morning and Afternoon – Visit Mystic Aquarium with Club members.



Tuesday Late Afternoon and Evening - Pair up and visit area attractions or casinos with other Club members.

Wednesday – Car Show and Mystic Seaport – A great time to socialize, take a boat ride on the Mystic River, see all the Seaport has to offer.

Wednesday Afternoon – After the Car Show we'll caravan to Stoneridge, home of Carl and Amy Carvel, where by popular demand we'll stop so their fellow residents can see our cars before continuing to the Jonathan Edwards Winery.

Wednesday Banquet – The annual awards banquet where we distribute awards from our weeks events activities and say farewell and see you next years to our attendees.

New Members – This is a great opportunity. Summit is the perfect event to make new acquaintances and see an exciting part of Connecticut. Hope to see lots of you here.



SUMMIT

Summit Happenings

Great Dinner in and around Mystic

Dinner will be on your own Sunday and Tuesday evening

Fortunately, we have several members who live in the Mystic area, and they have collaborated to develop the list below of great places to dine while you are attending Summit 2023. This list is summarized locations around Mystic, seating options, price, and cuisine.

LOCATION & NAME \$\$

STYLE

INDOOR/OUTDOOR

Steak Loft	\$\$\$	Classic New England food	Indoor
Pink Basil	\$\$	Classic Asian & Sushi	Indoor & patio
Jealous Monk	\$\$	Casual American/sandwiches	Indoor & patio
Mango's	\$\$	Pizza	Indoor & patio
Nearby the Hilton			
The Irons at The Hilton	\$\$	Seafood, burgers, seasonal	
Peking Tokyo	\$\$	Asian fusion & sushi	Indoor / take-out
Rio Salado	\$\$	Mexican	Indoor
Christo's Pizza	\$\$	Pizza	Indoor / take-out
Trattoria Amalfi	\$\$\$	Classic Italian	Indoor
Mystic Diner	\$	Classic diner fare	Indoor
Sea View Snack Bar	\$\$	Seafood	Picnic tables along rive

Downtown Mystic (flagpole side of the bridge)

S & P Oyster	\$\$\$	Seafood	Next to bridge; indoor/patio 🎽
Engine Room	\$\$	New-American	Indoor/patio
Anthony J's	\$\$	Italian	
Bravo-Bravo	\$\$	Italian	Indoor / street-side patio
Shipwrights Daughter	\$\$\$		Indoor
Red 36	\$\$	American	Riverside indoor/patio

Downtown Mystic (the other side of the bridge)

Chapter One	\$\$	American	Indoor
The Mariner	\$\$	New England	
Via Emilia	\$\$\$	Italian	
Samurai Noodle	\$\$\$	Asian fusion / sushi	Indoor / Street-side patio
Harp & Hound	\$\$	Pub food	Indoor / Street-side patio
Bank & Bridge Brewery	\$\$	Brewery / pub food	Indoor / Street-side patio
Mystic Pizza	\$\$	Pizza	
Pizzetta	\$\$	Pizza	
Friar Tuck's	\$\$	Pub food	Indoor / courtyard
Oyster Club	\$\$\$	Seafood	Indoor / gazebo
Daniel Packer Inne	\$\$	New England	Old building & lovely bar

Mystic Light Fare

Port of Call	\$\$\$
The Mix	\$\$\$

From Mystic to Stonington

Taquerio	\$\$\$
Rocks 21	\$\$
Dog Watch 1 - Mystic	\$\$
Dog Watch 2 - Stonington	\$\$
Noah's	\$\$
Water Street Café	\$\$
Milagro	\$\$
Breakwater	\$\$\$

Trendy Wine Bar & light fare Trendy Rooftop Bar & light fare

Trendy Mexican New England New England New England / different menu Classic NE bistro Seafood & oyster bar Mexican Modern seafood

Hillside indoor/patio Patio dining Boat yard setting/views

Very small, but great food Great location & parking

Breakfast / Lunch only

Bleu Squid	\$	
Rise	\$	
Lis Bakeshop	\$	
Sift Bakery	\$\$	
Carson's (Noank)	\$	
Somewhere in Time	\$	

Seafood Shacks

Sea View (route 27)	\$\$
Ford's Lobster (Noank)	\$\$
Abbots (Noank)	\$\$
Costello's (Noank)	\$\$
Sea Swirl (route 1)	\$\$
Abbot's Outpost	\$\$

Ice Cream

Seven Birds	\$\$
Twister's	\$\$
Mystic Drawbridge	\$\$
Mystic Park	\$\$

Breakfast/lunch; bakery Breakfast/lunch Breakfast / bakery Breakfast / bakery Breakfast / lunch Old school hearty breakfast

picnic tables along the river clams, lobster rolls, ice cream

Great view Great view Great view

Downtown Mystic

Old Mystick Village Route 27, next to Sea View Main St, next to the bridge Mystic Park, next to bridge

Mystic CT has been named by USA Today a top destination as noted below.

Reservations are highly recommended in Mystic. https://www.ctinsider.com/things-to-do/article/mystic-ct-top-summer-travel-usa-today-18073249.php

Valve Cover Racer Guidelines

Jim Begin of the New England Region of the AHCA constructed a portable track that debuted at Enclave 2015 and will be used for *A Mystical Healey Summit 2023*.



The lanes will be 16.5 inches wide and 24 feet long. It will have a 5 inch high starting gate. These dimensions may affect your racer design.



2 classes: 4 cylinders and 6 cylinders

Here are the basic rules for ALL VCRs.

1. The VCR must be constructed from any 4 or 6 cylinder valve cover, although Healey or BMC valve covers or aftermarket covers are encourage.

- 2. Any style of wheel, bearing or lubrication is allowed
- 3. All motive force must be provided by gravity;
- 4. No electrical, magnetic devices or mechanical propulsion is allowed;
- 5. VCRs must run through the finish line within the marked course for a valid run;
- 6. There are no construction material or height limits on VCRs;
- 7. The VCR must fit on the starting area of the track in order to qualify to run;
- 8. Length not to exceed 28"
- 9. Wheels not to exceed 6" in diameter and placed near the 4 corners of the valve cover
- 10. Maximum weight allowed is 10 lbs.

11. A double-elimination system will be used for each class culminating in a runoff for the ultimate Grand Champion at the end of the races.

The registration form and schedule of event hyperlinks below:

<u>Registration Form</u> <u>A Mystical Healey Summit - Schedule of Events</u>

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Welcome Reception	Sunday Evening 6	6:00pm			Presentation Tribal History & Mystic	wond	ay Afternoon 3:00pm		
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Tech Session	Monday Afternoon	3:00pm			Winery Visit		sday Afternoon 2:00pm		
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Even Barbie was a Healey fan! In 1962 Barbie hit the road in her very first car, a peach Austin Healey 3000 MKII BN7





Thank You!

Many tanks and appreciation from the MGH Ellison 4 Surgical ICU for all the support and kind gestures of comfort and resilience from the Austin Healy Club of NE. I and my colleagues can't find the words to say how much it means to us to know that there are still people out there in the public thinking of us 3 years after COVID started. The stress on frontline clinicians has not eased as COVID has waned, we are now dealing with health effects of so many who didn't or couldn't seek care during the peaks of COVID. Hospital ERs are overflowing, hospitals are over capacity every day, and patients are admitted more critically ill. From the hundreds of scrub caps made by the club, to the baskets of treats, comfort items, and hot catered meals over the past year you have done so much to lift our spirits and re-energize us.

I am also so grateful for the thoughtfulness and support I've felt over the past three years from all of you that Bill and I had only recently joined and met through the Club.

I'm enclosing a couple of pics of the unit enjoying the recent enormous gift basket that the Club sent. We divided it in half so day shift and night shift could both enjoy it. In addition to the snacks we also warmed the jar of sea salt caramel sauce that was included and had the wonderful treat of an ice cream party after lunch which made the rest of very busy day easier.

I wish I had more pics to enclose for you but know everyone has expressed to me to share their thanks. We just don't have much time to pause from providing care to take group pictures.

I hope to see all of you at Club activities once the heat, humidity, and rain take a break!

All my best, Sharon and the nurses, MDs, CCTs, respiratory therapists, secretaries, and leadership of the MGH Surgical ICU.

"The Best Repair Shop, This Side Of The Pond"



I have been the host of the month AHC NE Technical Zoom meetings, for over five years the second Monday of each month at 7 PM ET <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkd</u> wMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09 It is great fun and I learn something new every month for our members. During our meetings members ask specific questions about their Healeys to our "Experts"; Bob Abbott owner of British Car Restore & Repair <u>http://www.britishcarrandr.com/</u> (One of our Platinum Sponsors for Summit 2023), Rick Neville past AHC

NE President a Healey "Nasty Boy" connoisseur, Ted Stanton Healey 100 owner for over 60 years, and most recently Michael Salter a Kiwi, of Precision Sports Cars, Ontario Canada.

In addition, to our technical zoom meetings, I offer to AHC NE members my workshop for hands on technical sessions for Big Healeys and Sprites. My shop is equipped with a four-post drive-on lift for the majority repairs and service as well as a scissor lift for all brake, wheels, and tires. The engine hoist is used for removing and installing motors and big Healey transmissions. Our first major club hands-on technical session, was the completion of the assembly of the BJ8 as Manny Cunard was battling cancer. <u>https://www.ahca-newengland.org/manny-cunards-story.html</u>





Most recently, new enthusiastic club member Terry Levasseur has a newly purchased primrose yellow Sprite. Terry and I spent a day sorting several leaks on his MkI Sprite on the four-post lift, including an oil chain of the original canister filter system, dropping the pan, and inspecting the crank and oil sum. With everything cleaned, the oil filter was changed, pan re-installed, Terry discovered a leaking gas tank. Fortunately, I had a good used Sprite gas tank, which Terry purchased, and we will install on the next tech session along with changing the transmission and differential fluids.

If you are interested in a tech session focusing on the repair or restoration of your Healey in my shop, please let me know. I also have an open and enclosed car trailer with electric winches, if your Healey is not running but a good roller. I provide transportation services for club members.

Our hands-on tech sessions are open and available to all club members, if you just want to observe, or get your hands dirty. I will post tech sessions in advance for those interested in camaraderie with other club members.

Pete Sturtevant

10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA 02048 <u>Healeybn4@comcast.net</u> 774-284-1212



Steve & Sue Bell Celebration Lunch Thursday, August 10, 29023 | 1:00 PM

Kelly's Place - 292 East Main Street (Rt. 123) Norton, MA

Let's get together... to celebrate Steve and Sue Bell before their move to FL at the end of August.

Steve and Sue Bell have been pillars within the Austin Healey Club of New England and AHCA for many years. They have decided to move to sunny warm FL and enjoy driving their Sprites all year long!!



We want to celebrate their contributions to the Healey community with a private luncheon at Kelly's Place in Norton.

We have a private dinning room with a capacity of 36 at Kelly's.

You will be responsible for your own meals and drinks.

Join other Wing 4 Austin Healey New England club members and AHC NE officers to celebrate the Bell's, as they prepare to become Floridians.

RSVP Pete Sturtevant at <u>healeybn4@comcast.net</u>. We are limited to the first 36 with a reservation. Please RSVP by 8/1 before we open up to the rest of AHC NE members.

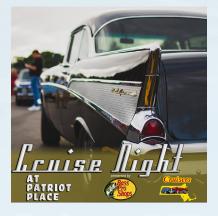
See you there!

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, August 17, 2023 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM



Thursday, September 7, 2023 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM



Thursday, September 21, 2023 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM





7th Annual Vintage Motorcycle, Classic Auto show with Aircraft Fly-in

> All proceeds to benefit Rotary Club of Mansfield, MA

Date: August 12, 2023 (Saturday) Time: 10am – 3pm (spectators) Location: Mansfield Municipal Airport, 265 Fruit St., Mansfield, MA *** Show bikes, cars & aircrafts arrive after 8:00am*** \$10/bike (2nd bike + = \$5), \$20/car ALL registration will occur on-site (please bring exact change) Plenty of FREE trailer parking for those with multiple bikes, cars NO ADMISSION FEE for spectators**suggesting donations for Rotary Club of Mansfield

(Judges for bikes from Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, VJMC)

Food & beverages available for purchase. A great way to spend your summer day & contribute to a great organization while supporting local charities in your community.

Spectators encouraged to bring non-perishable food item for the local food pantry

Contact: Rotarian Bob at primarychompers1@aol.com with any questions

Wing 4 Breakfast Meeting

Hosted by David Walsh and Bruce Ketchen

August 15, 2023 9:30 AM

Riverside Café 189 Main Street, Wareham, MA

RSVP by 8/12/2023 bruce.ketchen@gmail.com or wdavid890dd@aol.com

This is a rain or shine event BJ9's welcome Come and enjoy good food and good company!

Riverside Café accepts cash only



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Saturday August 12th 10:00 AM	Wing 4	British Car Show, Flyin, Antique Motorcycles	Mansfield Municipal Airport, 265 Fruit St., Mansfield, MA	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net		
Tuesday August 15th 9:30 AM	Wing 4	Breakfast Meeting	Riverside Café 189 Main Street, Wareham, MA	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com or wdavid890dd@aol.com		
August 24-26, 2023	All	Encounter 2023 - Hershey, PA	Holiday Inn Hershey-Harrisburg	https://www.austin-healey- stc.org/show.html		
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September 1st - 4th	All	Historic Festival 40	Lime Rock Park 60 White Hollow Road Lakeville, CT 06039			
Monday September 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8560646</u> 6257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMk E1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net		
September 15th - 17th	All British Invasion Stowe, VT		All Register — The Brit		<u>Register — The British Invasion</u>	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
September 24th - 28th	All	A Mystical Healey Summit Hilton Hotel Mystic CT	https://www.ahca- newengland.org/summit-2023 mystical-healey-summit.html	https://www.ahca- newengland.org/summit- registration-form.html		
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Monday November 14th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8560646 6257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMk E1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net		
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Monday December 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8560646 6257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMk E1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net		