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Exhaust Notes

AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

STATE OF THE PRESIDENT

As the 2023 driving season in the northeast comes to an end, I realize that my time as president is nearly over as well. The past two years have flown by and I want to thank the AHCNE Board of Directors and the membership for support and encouragement. For me a few of the highlights of the last two years include working on the Mystic and Newport Summits, Enclave 2022 in the Poconos; the club Birthday Celebration at Longfellow's Inn, and with the help of my better half, two Sand Dune and Salty Air tours on Cape Cod. We will be hosting more cape tours in the future and I plan to remain active in planning Wing four events. I want to thank our Wing Coordinators for hosting a number of gatherings. Everyone has a favorite Healey road and I encourage you to share your special places. Hosting a tour can be as simple as picking a place to meet for breakfast or lunch or arranging to meet other members at an event taking place in your area. Details can be posted in our club newsletter, the HEN and on the club website. Special thanks to Pete Sturtevant and

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Steve Bell for their help with parts and advice on my Bugeye project. Peter's monthly tech sessions sets the gold standard for information sharing and member support. I will miss my regular visits with Steve Bell since his recent move to Florida, but I understand he has already taken on more AHCA responsibilities and rumor has it that we may be seeing another AHCA affiliate in Florida. Our AHCNE members have been incredibly generous and welcoming to both Jane and me for which we are most fortunate and grateful. Thanks again for your help and support. Look forward to seeing you on the road.



Best, BLK

Bruce L. Ketchen

President AHC-NE

December 2023

AHC NE Member,

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2024, for Austin Healey Club of New England activities. Please use the link below, to complete the short anonymous survey of your activity and experience of the AHC NE during 2023, which should take roughly 7 minutes to complete and is critical information for our planning of activities for 2024.

[AHC NE 2023 Annual Member Survey](#)

Please complete the 2023 survey at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Tom Franco's 1966 Sprite

New Members

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David Francis	Guilford, CT	NER - Wing 3
Ira Gray	North Falmouth, MA	NER - Wing 4
Tom Franco	Ridgefield, CT	NER - Wing 1
Louis Paciello	Edgartown, MA	NER - Wing 4
Scott & Kristin Paton	Boston, MA	NER - Wing 5
Lucas Kashtan	URI & Mansfield, MA	NER - Wing 4

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

AHCNE Members, It is AHCA/AHCNE 2024 membership renewal time! You will be receiving an AHCA Club Express (CE) membership system renewal email.

Using the link in the renewal email "To renew your membership, Click Here" is the quickest and easiest way to renew your membership with your online credit card payment.

If you cannot locate your email to renew your membership, go to healeyclub.org and click on Member Login, top left of the page. If you saved your login details your account should open asking if you want to renew now. If you cannot remember your login in information let me know and I will have a password reset notification sent to you so you can log in and create a new password.

The 2024 dues are \$80, \$70 for AHCA and \$10 for AHCNE.

While we do encourage on-line renewals and payment with a credit card, any member that prefers to pay by check may do that by mailing a check. You can mail your check to either Mike Schneider or to me. Our addresses are as follows:

\$80 Check Payable to AHCA
Mail Check to Mike Schneider at *3416 Barbour Lane, Louisville, KY 40241.*

\$80 Check Payable AHCNE
Mail check to me at *17 Bittersweet Lane, Hancock, NH 03449.*

Once your payment is received by either Mike or me your 2024 membership will be updated in the CE system.

If you have any questions about the membership process, please email me at linda.m.hakala@gmail.com or call me at 603-398-4421.

We look forward to having you as a member in 2024!

Linda Hakala
AHCNE
Treasurer/Membership Director

AHCNE 2023 Fiscal Year Financial Report

01.Oct.2022 – 30.Sep.2023

For the fiscal year ending 30.Sep.2023 total cash proceeds for the club was \$6,968. AHCNE main operating account was \$5,425 and Summit was \$1,543.

AHCNE main account positive cash flow for the fiscal year is primarily due to receiving the club's portion of Enclave 2022 proceeds of \$6,899. There was no unusual expense spending in the year.

Summit 2023 net proceeds of \$1,543 is before payments to the Club of \$1,500 and charity funds of \$1,135 that will be paid in Fiscal 2024. After these payments are made Summit 2023 will incur a loss of approximately \$1,000 that will be funded from the Summit bank balance.

For year end September 30, 2023, the Club's cash balance was \$29,468 and Summit was \$3,433.

Austin Healey Club of New England, Inc.			
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023 Fiscal Year Financials			
	Main	Summit	Total
Beginning Balance 01.Oct.2022	24,043.61	1,890.26	25,933.87
Income			
Dues National	2,920.00		2,920.00
Dues New England	3,435.00		3,435.00
Event - AHCNE Birthday Celebration	1,140.00		1,140.00
Event - Summit 2023		16,574.00	16,574.00
Event - Enclave 2022 Proceeds	6,899.08		6,899.08
Charity - 2022 Surgical Intensive Care Unit	250.00		250.00
Charity - 2023 Work Vessels for Veterans	360.00	1,135.00	1,495.00
TOTAL INCOME	15,004.08	17,709.00	32,713.08
Expenses			
Administration	(382.63)		(382.63)
Supplies	(265.75)		(265.75)
Event - AHCNE Birthday Celebration	(1,973.53)		(1,973.53)
Event - Summit	(1,500.00)	(16,165.97)	(17,665.97)
Event - Area Wings	(31.00)		(31.00)
Charity - 2022 Surgical Intensive Care Unit	(454.00)		(454.00)
Meetings Delegate	(358.45)		(358.45)
Name Tags	(166.95)		(166.95)
National Dues	(2,920.00)		(2,920.00)
Newsletter	(1,315.60)		(1,315.60)
Website	(211.44)		(211.44)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(9,579.35)	(16,165.97)	(25,745.32)
NET PROCEEDS(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	5,424.73	1,543.03	6,967.76
CASH Balance 01.Oct.2022			
Beginning of Year	24,043.61	1,890.26	25,933.87
Net Proceeds (Expense) To Date	5,424.73	1,543.03	6,967.76
Ending Cash Balance 30.Sep.2023	29,468.34	3,433.29	32,901.63

This 1956 Austin Healey 100 BN2s Will Be Correct In The Details, But Not Too Nice To Drive

By David Conwill & Matt Litwin

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This car started with the opposite of previous-owner syndrome. The previous owner, the fellow who sold this 1956 Austin Healey 100 to current owner/refurbisher Ken Gypson of Poestenkill, New York, did right by the car in his turn, but Ken's determined to take it just the next step yet.

“The one thing I want to be perfectly clear: It's not a restoration, it's a refurbishment. I don't want to restore it to the point where I'm afraid to drive it. If I'm afraid to drive it, I can't own it.”

Ken has had several “Big Healeys” in his life, going back to his youth when they were still available in knockabout condition at entry level pricing. As such, he's no stranger to their innards and he recognized a good foundation to build a correct driver when he saw one.

“After not having a Healey for 10 years, I searched for one and my son found this online. I test drove the car. The guy I bought it from had rebuilt the lower end of the engine and did all the rusty metalwork on the floor and the fenders. He did an outstanding job on the rust repairs, and it ran well.”



The engine work had been done with the powerplant in situ and the rust repairs had been accomplished without disturbing most of what was a thoroughly used, if functional, car. Maybe things would have remained that way had not “something funky with the clutch” arisen.

“My friend Dave Frye and I pulled the transmission and found the clutch release bearing bushings were worn.” That work also revealed that the original Lucas wiring harness, while undoubtedly functional, was “a total rat’s nest.” Ken sourced a replacement through British Wiring in Bally, Pennsylvania. “In order to install that, we pulled the engine.”

Pulling the engine led to a thorough cleaning and detail painting of the chassis, including a color change on the underside of the body to Red. The topside of the body will remain unchanged until the mechanical refreshment has been sorted.

“Our plan is before we paint the body is to test drive the Healey and make sure everything is copacetic. We don’t want to paint the exterior and then have to take the engine and tranny out; it increases the chance of denting or scratching something. The aluminum dents really easily.”

Engine refurbishment included a valve job and a rebuild of the SU carburetors by Joe Curto of British Superior in Flushing, New York. Rebuilds are mostly a matter of replacing the brass throttle bushings and cleaning up the aluminum castings, though Ken says occasionally overzealous amateurs will also damage the SU’s needle valve.

The chassis will also be ready for the refreshed engine. “It’s got brand-new wire wheels, new bumpers, shock absorbers, brakes, master cylinder, wheel cylinders, clutch throw-out bearing, pressure plate, and brake reservoir.” It helps that aftermarket support for the Big Healeys is robust. “It’s pretty easy to get parts,” Ken says. California- and Virginia-based Moss Motors is another key supplier to the project.

British Icons – Audrain Newport Concours October 1st

Pete Sturtevant

I was recently invited to be a Concours judge at the Audrain Newport Concours on October 1st at the Breakers mansion in Newport, RI. For those who attended Healeys@Newport Summit 2021, you may recall Donald Osborne was our special guest. He brought the Audrain Museum’s gorgeous Austin Healey 100 to our car show at Independence Park in Bristol and hosted us at the Audrain Museum in the afternoon. Donald was impressed with the quality of our Healeys at our car show and the graciousness of our members.



Nic Waller, Executive Director of the Audrain Newport Concours, and Donald contacted me earlier this year ask if I would be interested in volunteering to be a Concours Judge. I was honored and humbled to be asked, and I accepted immediately. We agreed the British Icons class would be best for me to be part of the Concours Judging Team.

Our team met Friday morning to review all the expectations and requirements for the Concours Judging. It was an amazing to be in the company of the “who’s who” of automotive experts, including Chip Foose, Wayne Carini, Ralph Gilles, and Lynn St. James, to name a few. McPherson College sent four of their students and their advisor Amanda Gutierrez, VP of Auto Restoration to be part of the judging team. Our British Icon class was led by Dean Cusano, CEO and co-creator of Motorcars Incorporated in Plainville, CT a premier Jaguar restoration business, along with Keith Duly, Mike Tillson, and me.

Sunday morning Concours started before sunrise, and fortunately sunny skies were in the forecast. There was rain in Newport on both Friday and Saturday of the Audrain Concours Motor Week and the grounds of the Breakers facing the Atlantic were wet. The staff had to lay down sheets of wood from the Bellevue Ave to the back of the Breakers, so the Concours cars would not get stuck in the wet grass, as they were aligned by class. There were over thirty classes of cars, with close to four hundred classics, to be judged across six different categories on a scale from 1 to 10. Each owner was present to share the details of their car for consideration, as we started to judge. Our British Icon team of 4 collaborated, as we inspected each car in around ten minutes. As a comparison, Austin Healey Concours is on a scale of 1000 points, and takes several hours to be judged by a team of up to six judges who are specialists in the Marque.

There were eleven British Icons in our class, ranging from 1935 to 1971, with four Jaguar’s, two Austin Healey’s, and one each: Aston Martin, Lotus, Morgan, Morris Minor, and Riley. We had a very impressive class of British Icons to judge, to say the least.

Year	Brand	Model	Style
1935	Riley	MPH/Sprite	Roadster
1951	Jaguar	XK 120	Roadster Convertible
1952	Jaguar	C Type	Roadster
1958	Jaguar	XK150	DHC
1958	Austin-Healey	Sprite Mark I	Convertible
1960	Austin Healey	BN7 3000	Two-Seater Roadster
1962	Morgan	Plus 4	Le Mans Roadster
1965	Lotus	Elan S2	Roadster
1967	Aston Martin	DB6 Volante	Convertible
1967	Morris Minor	Traveler	Woodie Wagon
1971	Jaguar	E-Type	Roadster

After a very detailed analysis by our British Icon team, we chose these three podium winners:

1st Place
1935 Riley MPH/Sprite
The Frank Rubino Collection



2nd Place
1958 Austin-Healey Sprite Mark I (501)
David Silberkleit

3rd Place
1952 Jaguar C Type
Thomas Jaycox Sr.

It is quite a tribute to a little Austin Healey Sprite coming 2nd in class of these British Icons, with great stories and race history some worth millions of dollars. Our club member, David Silberkleit (Bugeyeguy) did an excellent job in presenting the history of the first production Austin Healey Sprite 501. 501 also achieve a Gold Concours award at Enclave 2022 in the Poconos.



The Best of Show Award was won by a gorgeous dark blue and silver 1938 Delage D8-120 'de Villars' from the Curvaceous & Streamlined class. As you will see in the picture, the car is stunning. Commentary and awards were presented by Jay Leno, Donald Osborne, Nic Wallers, and Miss RI. You can see all the results of the Audrain Newport Concours at 2023 Winners — Audrain Newport Concours and Motor Week (audrainconcours.com)



To say the least, to play a small part in the Audrain Newport Concours Motor Week, was a “Bucket List” item. Being a Concours Judge was a highlight of my automotive pleasure and history. If the opportunity ever arose again, I would be honored to participate again as a concours judge.

Gerry Giroux is selling a variety of Healey parts!

Email Ggiroux46@roadrunner.com
with your needs.

Some highlights include:

Complete 3000 rear axle Mk III, Mk III top frame, roadster doors, seat frames, early 100 6 engines and gallery heads, 6cyl roadster aluminum center panels, one rear center panel (jump seats), Lots of small parts, trim, etc. Also some Jaguar Mk 1 parts.

Interesting Backstory on Gerry's Healey Collection:

Gerry bought his first Healey, a 100 6, in 1971. During this time he was in the USAF at Otis AFB on Cape Cod, after coming back from Vietnam. He was not aware of any part sources at the time, but local scrap yards had 100s in them. Patients gave him parts and one told him about a 100 6 on the Artillery Range that had been abandoned. He pillaged that at some risk! After discharge, he continued this activity through the 1970s and 80s, resulting in a large collection of 100 6 and 3000 parts. Many parts in his collection now will not get any use, so he has decided to sell some.

*Twas the week before Winter (December 21)
and scurrying around the garage was the mouse,
He was homeless and cold and looking for a Winter house,
Our Healeys were prepped, car covers in place,
and battery tender turned On,
But I feared to need more protection from the chewing,
pooping and stinking little grey mice.*

Ted E Cryer

It is sad enough to not be able to drive our Healeys for 4-5 months but a scary proposition to think of them all alone and subject to the critters that may inhabit the seats, upholstery, convertible top, engine compartment or any available space.

I have never had damage to any upholstery but did discover a mouse family had taken up residence in the heater box of our TR4 the first time I open the dash vents in the spring. Agggghh! I ultimately had to remove the heater, sand it to bare metal and repair it. A member of our local club found that chipmunks had destroyed the seats in his TR4 and they had to be completely stripped and everything replaced new. During the five years I worked at an auto upholstery shop the rodents we could count on regular work from rodent infestations. Even the headliner in a Roll Royce Corniche. No respect for money or status, I guess.

So, here are some tips, experiences and products I have used and discovered to help us cope until the first unveiling in the spring.

Traditional Protection:

- Moth balls or flakes and ammonia. I have had limited success with these.
- Clothes dryer anti-static sheets. I have not tried but hear good things.
- Dog hair has worked extremely well for me over the years, even for cars stored outside.
- Essential oils of peppermint or mint.

New Products:

- *Rat Magic Repellent*, by Bonide, available in Lowes or Home Depot. Provided excellent protect to our TR4 stored out doors last winter in a Shelter Logic tent. Comes in one pound granular pellets or a bag of pouches. I placed pellets in coffee can lids next to seats and scattered pouches all over the interior, trunk and engine compartment. Also put under the car and near any possible entry into the tent. Cost is \$20-\$25.00
- *Magic Mint*, available in Lowes or Home Depot. Comes in 1 gallon spray bottle and 8 oz, concentrate to mix. This will be my first winter to use this and like that it can be sprayed around, or in, the car and possible entry areas. Cost is \$20-\$25.00
- *Fresh Cab Repellent* – available at Tractor Supply Store. Friends have used for a number of years in their barns with good results. Used by farmers. Cost is \$18.00. Tractor Supply has a variety of similar products.



Delegates Meeting held on the weekend of 11-11-2023 and 11-12-2023.

Roger Hamel opened the meeting with a thank you to Pete Sturtevant for coordinating the zoom portion and to Gannon Switzer for his on site work in providing the sound system and zoom connections and also moderating the meeting. Jo and Jim Switzer were also thanked for all of their work in making the delegates meeting possible in Plainfield, IN.

Roger mentioned that we will observe Roberts Rules of order and he passed out a summary of the same.

Edie Lowery conducted a roll call of the clubs present. A quorum is present.

Four clubs did not provide the by-laws required forms so they were voted into suspension. Low Country, Bonneville, Central Illinois and St John's were the clubs not complying with the bylaws.

The local area clubs gave brief reports on their club activities throughout the year. Some of the clubs had well over \$10,000 in their accounts. Some of the clubs were very active through the year and a few clubs are struggling to get member participation. Manitoba was one of the active clubs. They hosted a tour of an antique airplane museum, did a ride on an antique train and had an event they called Healeys and Horses. They attended a polo match. Quebec hosted a Formula 1 race in Montreal. Minnesota club mentioned that they have a lot of dedicated Healey racing enthusiasts. South Texas does an annual highway cleanup program, which is very well attended. The Wisconsin club is getting a lot of help from the other clubs in the region for the coming Conclave in Wisconsin.

Jeff Porada – VP Safety – stressed how important it is to maintain the safety equipment on your Healey, especially the braking system. AHCA is a member of the SEMA organization. SEMA works on keeping the governmental control of our hobbies as limited as possible. **He suggested that participating in Gymkhanas is a great way to keep your Healey in reliable condition.**

Neil Anderson – VP Conclave – Neil is working on a conclave for 2025 which will be held in Branson, MO. Neil and Jake Jacobs met in Branson a few months ago to work with the hotel Chateau on the Lake. The hotel has been excellent to work with. An excellent video was played showing the benefits of having a conclave in Branson. Motion made and approved to accept this proposal for the 2025 Conclave. **It should be noted that no ONE club has stepped forward as the host. As such, Neil Anderson will continue to enlist support from area members.**

Roger Hamel – Roger appointed Steve Bell to fill out the term for Ray Donovan, who had to retire early. Roger mentioned he has asked Steve to work on the 'local only' program and get it streamlined. Steve also mentioned his focus will be on supporting local clubs in any way possible to make them prosper.

Mike Schneider – Membership Director – I talked about problems with Club Express and the efforts to deal with the short comings of the reporting process. The 'local only' people who are members of our local area clubs but not a member of AHCA are not listed in Club Express. **It was reported that members have reported receiving multiple copies of the Healey Marques due to how listings are organized under Club Express. This as at quite an additional expense.**



Pete Sturtevant – VP Promotions – Pete discussed the benefits of the website, which are many. The website now has a marketplace. There have been eight Healeys sold that were listed in the Marketplace on the website. There is a calendar of regional events. Micro-sites are available to local clubs. A local club can have their own website on the AHCA website at no cost to the local club. Pete assists with that effort. Pete passed out post cards that have been printed. These post cards are for sharing with prospective members to the AHCA and local area clubs. The recipient will receive a special code that will allow them to log in and sign up for a free membership for the balance of the year.

Pete Sturtevant – Regalia – Pete mentioned that we now have an agreement with Lands End. Anyone can go to the Lands End website and order any item with the AHCA logo. **Local clubs can also add their logos to Lands End for a nominal cost. AHCA receives no financial compensation for these sales.**

Edie Lowery – Secretary – Edie mentioned several ways that she communicates with the delegates and club officers. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the website in the coming weeks. She also collects the bylaws required reports from the local area clubs including the list of officers for each club.

Bev Sealand – Treasurer – Bev passed out a copy of the financial statement of the AHCA. Income is slightly above the budgeted amount and expenses are a little under budget. AHCA is financially solid. **She reminded those with guests as to additional costs for weekend meals.**

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that the AHCA officers have a zoom meeting each month. Any AHCA member can request a few minutes at the start of the zoom meeting to make a presentation to the officers for consideration.

Gary Feldman and Bill Borja – Insurance – We had to change insurance carriers in 2019. Bill and Gary found some coverage from other insurance companies during that time frame but it was far more expensive than we had been paying. It was more than twice what we had been paying. This year we went with JC Taylor for our liability coverage. The policy with JC Taylor did not include covering gymkhana's. That coverage had to be purchased separately through K&K Insurance. That coverage is paid for by event. If a club hosts a gymkhana then they will have to pay about \$350.00 per day for the coverage. **It was noted that AHCA is now able to make quarterly payments for this coverage which means local clubs will be billed accordingly.** Insurance coverage for other speed events is not available at this time. Other speed events would be hill climbs and TSD rallies for example. **We were reminded that static events do not require an insurance certificate UNLESS required by the host site.** D&O (directors and officers) coverage is in place for the AHCA and all affiliated local area clubs. Bev Sealand, treasurer, is bonded.



Vince Barnell – Advertising – Vince is soliciting more advertisers and sponsors for the Marque, conclaves and the website. He has been checking on ad rates that other clubs charge. As a result of this effort he will be revising our ad rates. He is also going to create an ad kit that can be used for getting more advertisers. **Also under consideration is additional advertising opportunities with the EZ Quarterly digital magazine and the annual Calendar. He suggested AHCA may want to look into retaining an advertising company for maximum effect.**

Reid Trummel – Editor – The Marque magazine is going well. He wants to hear from members for ideas for publication in the Marque. Reid presented his budget and he is ever so slightly over budget due to increase in postage costs. This year over 600 pages have been printed. Reid is also producing the E-Zine. This is a quarterly publication available on the website only. The last E-Zine was 100 pages long. Eileen Wetzel asked Reid to provide some articles on racing in the US. Eileen is now in charge of that effort.

Bonnie Ayer – DMH Memorial Fund – A number of years ago the DMH Memorial Fund paid for some stained glass windows to be placed in a church in Perranporth, England. The church has since fallen into disrepair. There is reportedly a lot of mold and other types of fungus all over the church. Peter Healey is working on finding another location for the windows in the event the church is taken down.

McPherson College receives a \$6000.00 scholarship from the DMH Memorial Fund each year. This college is in McPherson, Kansas. It is the only college in the country which offers a traditional four year degree majoring in auto restoration. Recently the students at the college entered a car they restored in the famous Pebble Beach car show. They won second place honors. These students would be a 'gold mine' for any restoration shop.

In addition to all of this work Bonnie is also noticing that many of our members are passing away. She mentioned a few that are known nationally. Cyndi Marble, Karen Richmond, Anne Jones and Kay Healey. She agrees that the Marque shouldn't turn into an obituary source but she would like to develop a process in which this information can be shared with all of the members of the AHCA.

Bill Walton – CE Trainer – Bill said that local area clubs should send their updated officer lists to Pete Sturtevant so they can be listed on the website. Bill will host a number of zoom training videos including how to renew online. A video will also be made showing a local area club membership director how to process a renewal online. Another video will be available showing members how to update their personal information on the website. Keeping this information current will make the online membership directory more helpful. Bill also maintains the Healey Marketplace on the website. Send ad information to Bill so he can put it in the Marketplace.

Steve Byers – Delegate at Large – Steve is the delegate for all of the national members who are not affiliated with a local area club. Steve is using Club Express to send emails to the national members several times per year. Brad Swiggart suggested encouraging national members to join an area club near them.

Steve Kirby – West Coast Promotion – Steve mailed a letter and a Marque to Healey owners in the California area who are not already AHCA members inviting them to join AHCA for a free year of membership. The results of this effort will be tracked to determine if this is worth the effort and expense.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that the Bluewater/Sarnia club has closed. The members will be moved to national member status.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that there are two winners that will participate in the Formula 1 Parade in Montreal this summer. Judd Perkins and Brad Swiggart are the two winners. The Formula 1 races in Montreal will be on Youtube. There will be 3 Formula 1 races in the US this year. Miami, Houston and Las Vegas.

Bill Borja and Neil Anderson – Conave 2023 report – Crystal River Conclave was a success. There were 97 (127!) Healeys and 183 people participating, **which was a bit disappointing**. The conclave generated about \$7000 profit, of which half was sent to the AHCA. **Bill then presented The Best of Show Award to Bruce Gearn, who was present as Delegate**

Mike Swanger – Conclave 2024 – Conclave 2024 will be held in Elkhart Lake, WI. There will be a race course re-enactment tour around the countryside and in town. There will be a car show with all of the cars from DMH. Conclave 2024 is working with Victory Lane magazine to create The Healey World Challenge, which will be competing on Road America the weekend before Conclave. Mike Swanger said he is expecting to have Healeys from New Zealand, Europe and the US competing on Road America. There will be all of the usual events that Conclave's have. There will also be opportunities to tour some of the best scenery in North America including Door County. The Conclave 2024 website is open and available to accept registrations.



Edie Anderson-delegates handbook- Edie is updating the delegates handbook that is online in Club Express. Edie would like to receive officer updates by January 1, 2024.

Marc Lewis and David Nock – proposal for the 75th International Anniversary Conclave. They are planning on using the same facilities at Lake Tahoe again for this international event. Room rates will range from \$160 to \$300/night plus a parking fee. They are suggesting a committee from the two California clubs and the AHCA meet to plan this event. No revenue sharing agreement has been worked out yet. Seed money has been discussed but both David and Marc said their clubs are capable of funding the event. A motion was made and passed to approve the AHCA officers to work with David Nock and Marc Lewis on this 75th anniversary conclave.

Jeff Porada – Sprite Registry – Howard Collins has agreed to chair the Sprite Registry and he has also agreed to the usual terms AHCA requires in order to be an AHCA approved Registry. **There was a lengthy discussion as to why AHCA needs to be involved with an ownership list and it's possible usefulness. Mike Schneider indicated that he has pertinent information stored in his files.** A motion was made and passed to approve Howard Collins chairing the Sprite Registry.

Jeff Porada-new version of Future 50 needs to be organized. The target audience for this effort is people under 50 years old. A motion was made and passed to create a committee to work on this.

Bob Gilleland – by laws change – an amendment to replace a club member of the nominating committee was made at the delegates meeting in 2022. This is the second reading of the proposed change to the by laws. A motion was made and seconded and passed to accept this bylaws change.

Steve Bell – Local Only Insurance program – Steve will make a concerted effort to simplify this project so that is easier to manage and run. The amount for local only insurance was reduced to \$5.00 per local only member **by a vote of the Delegates**.

Mike Schneider – New member type – A proposal was made to allow for a digital only membership for International members only. The motion was made and passed to establish the dues at \$80.00. The International members that sign up for this membership will also receive the annual calendar.

Jim Cox – Driving Awards – Jim suggested some adjustments for the driving award. A motion to accept the changes was made and passed.

Bev Sealand – Credit Card charge backs – local clubs processing events and other non membership functions on Club Express will reimburse AHCA for the expense to use the credit card processing fees charged to AHCA by Club Express. This is an informational situation so no vote required.

Bev Sealand – Budget – Membership Directory is in question. Lots of discussions regarding the expense to print a hard copy of the directory. Estimates range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to print a hard copy. A motion was made to produce a pdf copy of the membership directory and make it available on the website. The motion was made and passed to approve an expenditure of \$3000.00 to produce a pdf version.

Sunday

Roger opened the meeting discussing some Formula 1 auction statistics. Judd Perkins and Brad Swiggart won the two auctions to participate in the parade lap before the Formula 1 race in Montreal.

Edie Lowery – suspended clubs- four clubs are suspended because they did not follow the by laws that require specific reports be provided before the fall delegates meeting. The four clubs are: St Johns, Gateway, Low Country and Bonneville. **Prior to this vote San Diego was able to provide the missing documents and was not included in the vote.**

Gary Feldman – nominations – Honorary membership nominees are: Bill Borja, John Opp, Joe and Martha Chreiton, Bernie Bowersock and Edie Lowery. Motion made and passed to accept all honorary nominations.

Nominations made to replace two members of the nominating committee. Brad Swiggart was nominated to take the 3 year position and Eileen Wetzel was nominated to take the 1 year position. Motion made and passed to accept both nominations for serving on the nominating committee. The terms are normally 3 years. Eileen Wetzel was nominated to take the balance of Jim Richmond's term. Jim Richmond resigned due to health issues.

Nominations for officer positions for the AHCA were made. All current officers were nominated except for Ray Donovan VP Club Support. Ray resigned earlier this year. Steve Bell was appointed by Roger Hamel to complete Ray's term and Steve was added to the officer nominations. A motion was made and passed to accept the nominations for AHCA officer positions.

Bev Sealand – Budget was revised based on Saturday's discussions. Motion made and passed to accept the revised budget. We should end 2024 with a modest plus in the checking account. Interest on reserve income will be reviewed by Bev Sealand. She will make adjustments to improve the interest income.

Bill Walton – Budget – Bill made a motion to have the budget for the following year distributed to the delegates before the Thursday of the delegates meeting so the delegates have time to review the budget and then make the budget the first topic for discussion after the roll call on Saturdays. Motion passed.

Bill Walton – proposal for digital magazine – Bruce Gearns mentioned that should have been discussed during new business. Proposal was tabled.

Brad Swiggart – digital committee – Brad suggested forming a committee to review making a digital only version of the magazine available as a new membership type. Brad suggested that Bev Sealand, Jake Jacobs, Reid Trummel, Steve Bell, Bill Walton and Mike Schneider be on the committee. Proposal was accepted and adopted.

Jake Jacobs – Regional Meets – Jake announced that four clubs are now working on putting on one meet per year. The clubs are Ohio Valley, Miami Valley, Central Indiana and Bluegrass. In 2024 Bluegrass will host Springthing the third weekend in May as the next meet in this rotation. Springthing 2024 will likely be in the corridor area from Bloomington to Nashville to Columbus, IN. The final location will be dependent on hotel availability.

Roger Hamel – next delegates meeting – The delegates meeting for 2024 will be on November 16 and 17th at the same hotel (Spring Hill Suites) in Plainfield, IN.

Revised report, Steve Bell, Delegate



Help Wanted!

Coordinators for Wing 1 (NYC, SE NY, and SW CT) & Wing 2 (central CT and Mid MA)

The Austin Healey Club of New England (AHCNE) is the largest club affiliated with the Austin Healey Club of America with over 350 members, and the largest geographic area. In fact, AHCNE welcomes many members who live outside the six New England states. In order to facilitate in-person meetings and gatherings AHCNE has been divided into seven geographic areas or Wings. This division was initially established using USPS area Zip Codes, but was not intended to create boundaries. ALL Wing activities are open to ALL AHCNE members. For organization and administrative purposes, a volunteer Wing Coordinator position was established for each Wing. The Wing Coordinator is not an activities director, but rather a facilitator and information resource for new and old members. Subject to annual appropriation, a small budget is available to the Wing Coordinator to facilitate gatherings and can be used for reimbursement of certain Wing expenses. The following is not a formal job description, but rather a list of activities where Wing Coordinators can be most helpful to the club:

- Welcome new Members and introduce them to club website and resources.
- Assist members in planning and advertising Wing tours.
- Facilitate member networking.
- Promote two-way communications with club Board of Directors.
- Identify and recruit members to assume leadership roles within AHCNE.
- Encourage members to organize periodic breakfast or dinner gatherings and bring guests.
- Remind members to promote AHCNE at local car events.

Thank you to your current Wing Coordinators and please reach out to them for ideas for events in your Wing.

Wing & Area	Coordinator	Phone	Email
1 SE NY, NYC, SW CT	Available		
2 Central MA & CT	Available		
3 Eastern CT Western RI	Dutcha	860-859-7476	healeydutch@gmail.com
4 SE MA/ E. RI (HEMRI)	Bruce Ketchen - Interim	617-947-6473	bruce.ketchen@gmail.com
5 Northshore & Eastern MA	Roy Crane	978-761-3930	roycrane@verison.net
6 NH/ME	Bob Britton	603-381-3158	healeybj7@hotmail.com
7 VT Upstate NY Western MA	Ken Gypson	518-423-7565	kengypson@yahoo.com

We need volunteers to fill the two Available Wing Coordinators for Wing 1; Southeastern NY, NYC, and Southwestern CT, and Wing 2; Central MA and CT. Please let me know if you are interested or would like additional information. The two previous Wing Coordinators have agreed to support the transition.

Thank You,

Bruce L. Ketchen
President AHC-NE
bruce.ketchen@gmail.com
617-947-6473

Save the Date

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) Austin-Healey Club of New England, Inc.

Saturday - January 20th @ 10:00 AM

Join the online meeting with PC, MAC, tablet or smart Phone with this link:

Topic: AHC NE 2024 - Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Time: Jan 20, 2024, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221806137?pwd=VmdoSmJHU05VckRKZkhpOVRNM1Awdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 2180 6137

Passcode: 471353

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Minutes from AGM of January 21, 2023, can be found in the Member's Only Section of club website at
<https://www.ahca-newengland.org/agm-meeting-youtube-minutesfinancials.html>

Notice on behalf of the Board of Directors by
Bruce L. Ketchen, President



MEETING



Austin-Healey Sprite Tech Session

Saturday, December 9, 2023 | 9:00 AM
10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA

We are having a tech session in my shop to get AHC NE club member Frank Jacques' Bugeye Sprite, running after a long dry storage.

You are welcome to lend a hand, and get your hands dirty, or just hang out and talk Healeys.

RSVP Pete Sturtevant at healeybn4@comcast.net if you plan on joining our tech session. **Please RSVP by 12/5**



Mid-Winter Valve Cover Racing

Looking for an Austin Healey event, you can participate in, mid-winter?

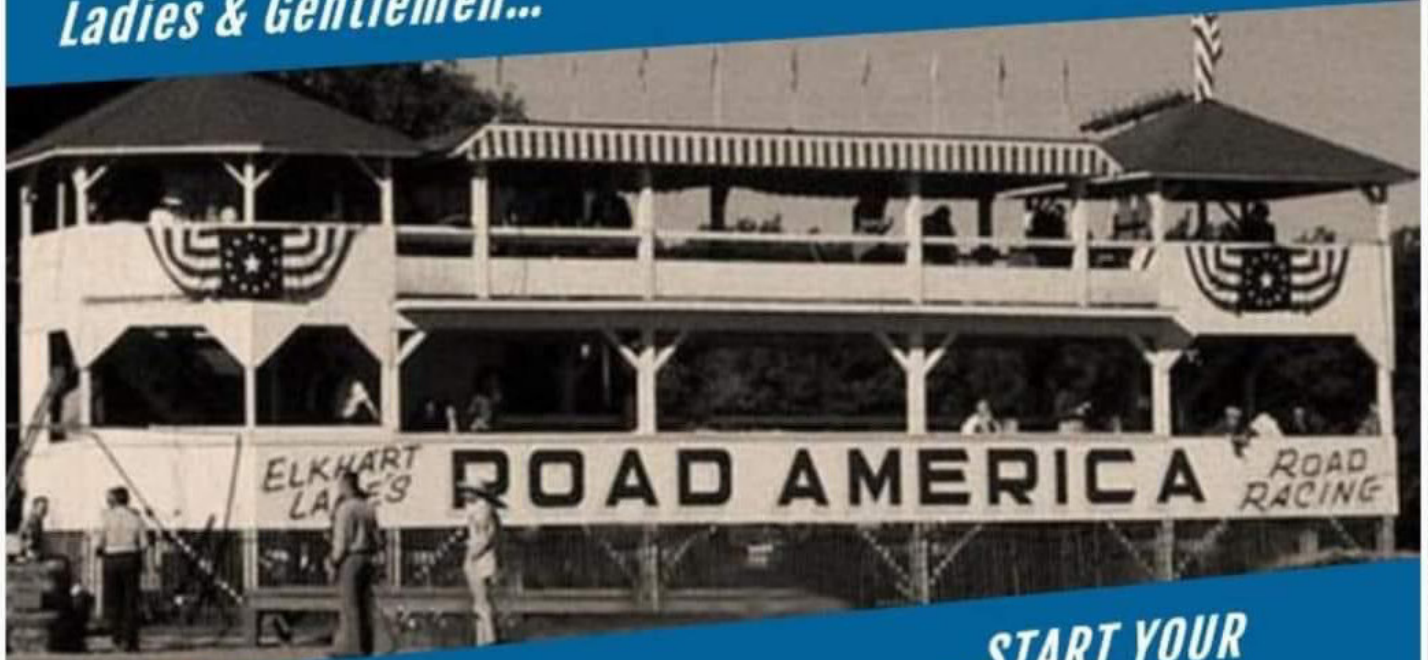
Roy Crane and Peter Sturtevant have teamed up to host the club's first mid-winter valve cover racing event. Peter has graciously agreed to set up the track in his heated garage. For those interested, a meal is being planned at a local restaurant.

February 10, 2024, snow date February 17, 2024 | Starting 12:00 Noon
10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA

Please RSVP Roy by February 7th
roycrane@verizon.net
or 978-761-3930

Austin Healey 
CONCLAVE 24
ELKHART LAKE · ROAD AMERICA

Ladies & Gentlemen...



*...START YOUR
ENGINES!*

The Austin-Healey Club of Wisconsin invites you to Conclave 2024 in historic Elkhart Lake, a Midwestern hidden gem and the home of legendary Road America. Indulge in a week filled with scenic rides, rallies, car shows, entertainment, and much more.

Mark your calendars for this can't-miss event!



SEPTEMBER 15 – 19, 2024

Watch for an all-new event website and registration details coming soon.

AHC NE 2023 – 2024 Tentative Event Calendar

DATE	HOST	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
December				
Saturday December 9th 9:00 AM		Frank Jacques Bugeye tech session	10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Monday December 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
January				
Monday January 8th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Saturday January 20th 10:00 AM		AHC NE 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) via Zoom	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221806137?pwd=VmdoSmJHU05VckRKZkhpOVRNM1Awdz09	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com 617 947 6473
February				
Saturday February 10th at Noon	All	MID-WINTER VALVE COVER RACING	10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA	Roy Crane roycrane@verizon.net
Monday February 12th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
March				
Monday March 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Saturday March ? 10:00 AM	All	Spring Planning Meeting	Zoom details on the home page of the website	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com 617 947 6473
April				
Monday April 8th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Thursday April 18th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/	
	Wing 6	Tech Session - Bristich Body & Coachworks	11 NH Route 119 Wet Fitzwilliam, NH	Mark LeBlanc ceispars@yahoo.com 978-320-9435
May				
Thursday May 2nd 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/	
	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 6th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net

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	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
Thursday May 16th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/	
Monday May 20th - Friday May 24th	All	Summit 2024	Simsbury Inn Simsbury, CT	Robert Scalla
June				
Thursday May 30th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/	
Sunday June 2nd 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
Friday - Saturday June	All	British Motorcars in Bristol https://britishmotorcarsinbristol.com/	Show Field Colt State Park Bristol RI	Ernie Connor ernie.connor@verizon.net 401-480-9838
Monday June 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Thursday June 13th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/	
Saturday June 15th 8:30 am	All	Rallye for the Cure	New Country BMW 1 Weston Park Rd, Hartford, CT	
Sunday June 23rd 9 AM - 1 PM	All	Larz Anderson British Car Day https://larzanderson.org/2022lawevents/britishcarday22/	15 Newton St. Brookline, MA	Steve Bell scbell1@comcast.net 508-947-6499
Thursday June 27th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/	
July				
Sunday July 7th	All	Bay State Antique Auto Club Show	https://www.bsaa.com/	Endicott Estate 656 East St, Dedham, MA
Monday July 8th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Saturday July 20th, 10AM- 3PM	All	BCNH- Show of Dreams https://www.bcnh.org/show-of-dreams/	Alvirne Hills House Field, Hudson, NH	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
August				
Monday August 12th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net

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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
September				
August 30th - September 2nd	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	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
September 13th - 15th	All	British Invasion Stowe, VT	Register — The British Invasion	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
September 13th - 15th	All	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend featuring Austin Healeys	Elkhart Lake WI	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend featuring VSCDA - VSCDA
September 15th - 20th	All	Conclave 2024 - Elkhart Lake, WI	Home - Conclave 2024 (2024conclave.com)	
October				
Monday October 7th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
November				
Monday November 12th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
December				
Monday December 9th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net