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Exhaust Notes

AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

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Fall signals the end of the driving season for many, but it is also a time to reflect on another driving year and quality time with car friends. I want to thank everyone who participated in our Summit 2023 in Mystic Connecticut. Planning for this event started almost immediately after our time in the Poconos. Coming off a very successful Enclave 2022, it would have been easy to take a breather and skip Summit in 2023. Jud Perkins would hear nothing of this and jumped in to spearhead planning and execution of what turned out to be a spectacular event. Watching Jud work and being part of the planning team was truly special. I encourage each of you to get involved in event planning, whether it is a major event like Summit or Enclave, a Wing level event,

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or just a drive with a few friends. Participation in group events adds greatly to the Healey experience. Speaking of that, a special shout out and thank you to Ken and Nancy Gypson for hosting a gathering at their beautiful Poestenkill, NY farmhouse and sharing their car collection and stories of their involvement in the early years of AHCNE. Regrettably as we end the driving season in the northeast, it is time to prepare for winter storage. Moss Motors, our longtime sponsor and faithful supporter, has published suggestions for proper storage. Look them up and be sure to thank them and patronize all our sponsors. Hope to see you on the road.

Best, BLK

Bruce L. Ketchen

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A MYSTICAL *Healey* SUMMIT 2023

A Mystical Healey Rallye

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On a rainy Monday morning, 15 driver/navigator teams of Austin Healeys, other fine classic cars and BJ9's gathered for the Mystical Healey Rallye meeting. Jud Perkins laid out the basic rules for this rallye: just follow the driving directions and answers a few questions. Oh, and along the way, count all the "tractor crossing" signs on the route and try to put pictures of six (6) random sights of interest in the correct order as seen in the Rallye.



Due to the weather, many teams decided to drive a BJ9. For those who did not have the option of driving an alternate car, or who merely preferred to drive the rallye at a slightly less damp time, Jud offered the option of driving the rallye on Tuesday. A few teams did take him up on that offer.

The Rallye brought drivers through the village of Noank, along Mystic's scenic River Road to B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill, and to Buttonwood Farm Ice Cream. The owner of Buttonwood had graciously come in two hours prior to his regular opening time, so that our rallye teams could treat themselves to his locally famous ice cream. The route ended at Stonington Point, where the teams had the opportunity to visit the lighthouse, check out the exhibits, and climb the 29 steps and a short ladder to the top of the lighthouse to enjoy the view.

After having driven the rallye route many times over a period of six months, the Rallye Team thought they had put together a route that highlighted several of the area's scenic roads and combined them with questions which would not be too difficult to answer. And that proved to be true.... with the exception of Question # 9 "**What is free for the taking?**". That question stumped many of you and provided the Rallye Team with many a chuckle at the very creative answers the navigators entered. "Mulch, Pollen, Advice, Old Dinghy, Telephone Pole, and The View". However, the question referred to a **Little Free Library** along Prospect Hill Road and the answer was of course "**Books**".

The Winners of the Mystical Healey Rallye are:

1st Place: *Wayne Bugay and Bev Sealand*

2nd Place: *Linda Hakala and Bob Britton*

3rd Place: *Dave Siwa and Barb Siwa & Annette Pollauf*

Many thanks to everyone who contributed and/or participated in the Rallye!



Pizza Party and Movie Night

Presented by K&T Vintage Sports Cars

Jud Perkins



On Monday evening Summiteer's had the opportunity to enjoy pizza from Mangos Pizza at the luxurious Mystic Cinema. Mangos was recently voted in Connecticut Magazine as one of the finest pizzas in the state. In the same issue the theater was voted one of the best theaters in Connecticut.

Bob Britton led the evening off with a brief video about Work Vessels for Veterans, our 2023 designated charity. Work Vessels for Veterans is in Mystic and provides veterans with the tools and mentoring to establish their own businesses. They have successfully provided boats for commercial fishing operations, ATVs to give disabled farmers access to their lands and other tools. This year the club donated a portion of the proceeds of the Formula 1 auction and the 50-50 auction to Work Vessels for Veterans. Art Harvey, winner of the 50-50 auction graciously donated his 50% winnings to this deserving charity. Ninety-nine percent of the charity's revenues go directly to the Veterans in need.

Bob then introduced a video on Bob and Linda's recent trip to Norway with 30 other Austin-Healey's. The video was produced by tour participant and club member Barbara Siwa. It featured a dizzying view of the spectacular scenery the group observed in Norway and Sweden. We were to be joined by two other members of the group from Michigan but their Healeys, Bob and Linda's and the Siwa's are still tied up in Customs in New Jersey. Bob said he took a picture of his odometer when he dropped the car off for shipment. He is eagerly anticipating checking the mileage upon the car's return.

The feature film for the evening selected by our in-house movie historian Rick Neville traced the development and evolution of the British Sports Cars beginning in the post WWII period up through the 1960's. It portrayed how the Austin-Healey was a critical piece of the evolution from the MG's, Healey's, Triumph's, and Jaguar's. The video was produced by the BBC and features lots of salty character's including interviews with rally drivers and owners of British cars. Pat Moss, Sterling Moss's sister was the first women

winner of a major rally of the era in an Austin Healey. Did you know many of the parts in early Healey's came from a failed attempt by the Austin Motor Car company to build a sports car. For those who missed it or would like to see it again it is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzoolNs7sHQ>



Owning a British car of this era was described in the film as "the most exciting thing you could do with your trousers on".



Valve Cover Racing

Presented by Bill Rawles Classic Cars LTD

Bruce Ketchen

The VCR track team gathered in the Schooner Ballroom at 7:30 AM on Tuesday to assemble the valve cover race track which debuted at Enclave 2015. Track builder Jim Begin was there as was the official track electrician Ernie Connor who recently updated the timing lights. Twelve VCR cars weighed in and were inspected for compliance with VCR basic rules. Bob Britton set up the brackets for the four and six cylinder competition. Official starter, Dave Jamieson manned the release lever and all was set for the most exciting 24 feet in racing. It was good to see a few first timers in the competition and especially good to see two in the Winner's Circle. Despite a few vehicle malfunctions in which parts left the track, there were no injuries and no protests. Special recognition goes to Cheryl Harvey who patterned her award winning "three masted" car after the Mystic Seaport's iconic Whaling Ship, the Charles W. Morgan. See complete results elsewhere in this HEN.



Summit Car Show

Presented by Moss Motors

Bob Britton



The skies cleared, and the sun finally appeared for the car show after 3 days of off and on rain during Summit 2023. After grouping the cars together by class at the Mystic Hilton, each class drove the short distance to the Mystic Seaport Museum where the cars were displayed in a rectangular layout on the beautiful central green of the museum grounds overlooking the Mystic River. Attendees enjoyed viewing many of the historic ships and buildings at the museum, along with time spent on the show field. The public was very enthusiastic about voting for the car of their choice in each class, as well as picking the Best of Show winner. Beth and Jack Komorowski won the coveted Dominic Falconeri Best of Show award with their stunning 1954 Nash Healey that belonged to her father, which she drove as a teenager. Congratulations to all the winners.

The winners are:

Healey 100 4 Cylinders

*1st Wendy and Todd Davis
2nd Dana and Kathy Booth*

Healey Roadster 6 Cylinders

*1st Jim and Joyce Begin
2nd Dutcha Sliekar-Hersant
3rd Victoria and Will Cooke*

**Healey Convertibles
BJ7 & BJ8 Single Light**

*1st Dave and Mary Bevan
2nd Carl and Pat Jay
3rd John and Maureen Kelly*

**Healey Convertibles
BJ8 Double Light**

*1st Mark and Paige Goulart
2nd Dave and Pam Jamieson
3rd Carl and Amy Carvel*

Sprites

*1st Peter Sturtevant
2nd Lynn and Matt Lee*

**Jensen Healey &
Other British**

*1st Beth and Jack Komorowski
2nd Linda Hakala*

Best of Show

Beth and Jack Komorowski



Healey's at StoneRidge!!

Amy Carvell

We left the Mystic Seaport on our way to the Saltwater Farm Vineyard and made a brief stop at StoneRidge Retirement Community. Amy and Carl Carvell have lived there for three years and their white BJ8 has lived in one of the carports!! They made arrangements for our Healeys to gather on the Fire Road which circles the StoneRidge campus. Light refreshments were available and this gave the 300+ residents a brief chance to visit our cars - - - and remember their own early years. Residents and car owners mingled and enjoyed the glorious afternoon and the 25+ beautiful cars. Then on to the Winery for our last stop of the day!!



Saltwater Farm Vineyard

Presented by British Wiring

Amy Carvell



Our last stop of the day was the beautiful Saltwater Farm Vineyard which is set on more than 100 panoramic acres, 13 of which are planted with five varieties of grapes, and bordered by tidal marshes, a cove and vistas of Long Island Sound. The centerpiece of the bucolic property, which was a small private airport dating to the late 1930's, is a World War II vintage hanger, designed by the late architect John W. Lincoln. The hanger, which opens onto stone terraces and the vineyard has been preserved and converted into a winery. We learned about the wine produced on site and enjoyed samples while relaxing in this lovely spot.



Info Session

Presented by Sports Car Art

The Mohegan Tribe – The Stonington Area

Jud Perkins



David Eichelberg, the Outreach and Traditions Specialist and member of the Mohegan Tribe, gave a presentation on the history, traditions, and businesses of the tribe. The first chief of the tribe was chief Uncas born in 1588 and who was originally a member of the Pequot (Foxwoods) tribe. Chief or Sachem Uncas left the Pequots, moved across the Thames River with a few hundred other tribal members, founded the Mohegan Tribe and settled on lands where the Mohegan Sun Resort is today. In the early tribal days Uncas associated the tribe with the British. He believed tribal members should assimilate with the settlers and worked hard to do so. During the American Revolution the tribe supported independence. Today the tribe has approximately 2,500 members.

The tribe opened the Mohegan Sun Casino in 1996, after receiving federal recognition. Today, the casino holds 364,000 square feet of gaming space, a 10,000-seat arena, 100,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, numerous restaurants, and retail space.

David's entertaining presentation included a drum chant in the Mohegan language, the display of several artifacts of the tribe, a discussion of tribal history and the numerous ventures the tribe is engaged in. Currently, in addition to the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino, the tribe operates casinos in Pennsylvania, Atlantic City and is building a destination resort and casino in Korea.

An underlying principle of the Tribe is to give its members the tools for their success. The tribe provides medical care, day care and scholarships for its members. Lynn Malerba, the first women Sachem of the tribe is currently Treasurer of the United States.

Chelsea Mitchell, representing the Stonington Historical Society, followed David with a presentation of the history of the area. She pointed out surprisingly that Mystic is not a town, but is an area within the towns of Groton and Stonington. The dividing line between the two towns is the Mystic River. She told the story of the area using ten pictures of historical people and places.



The area was originally settled in colonial times by the British. During the revolutionary war, the British navy bombarded the area with cannon fire causing little damage and were eventually driven off by return fire. They left without attempting a landing. Following independence, the area became a rail hub for people traveling to Boston and other points north. Boats would bring passengers from New York to Stonington, where they would embark on trains for the journey North. Houses were located so close to the tracks that a common problem was ciders from the trains setting the tightly packed houses along the line on fire. The completion of bridges between New York and Stonington ultimately led to the railroads' demise. The area was also settled by Portuguese fisherman and annually a blessing of the boats takes place in the harbor. Mills were a large part of Stonington's history with the Velvet Mill producing velvet and being a major employer in the area. The Velvet Mill has been converted into retail and restaurant spaces. Today the area features restaurants, shops, and upscale residential areas.

Tech Session: Brake Lines

Presented by: Tim Beachboard, Owner, Federal Hill High Performance Alloy Brake Lines, Oxford, MA

Bruce Ketchen

Most automotive enthusiasts associate high performance with going fast. Our Summit 2023 Brake Line Tech session focused on stopping. Many early brake lines were made from steel which is prone to failure from rusting and is difficult to bend without crimping. Stainless steel lines helped to solve the rusting problem, but can be difficult to form and install. High performance manufacturers including Aston Martin, Porsche and Audi use alloy brake lines for strength, ease of installation and durability. Tim provided tech session participants with a Flare Identification Chart which is helpful in understanding various flare profiles and selecting diameter, thread pitch and length of replacement nuts. Practical tips on cutting and preparing tubing for flare forming and flaring procedures were also discussed. The Federal Hill Flare Identification chart and a complete list of high performance alloy brake lines and fittings for R&D departments, manufacturing facilities, military and the DIY handyman looking for the best quality brake line is available at: www.askus@fedhillusa.com. For a limited time, Federal Hill is offering a 20% discount on their products if you mention “Austin Healey Club”.



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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.

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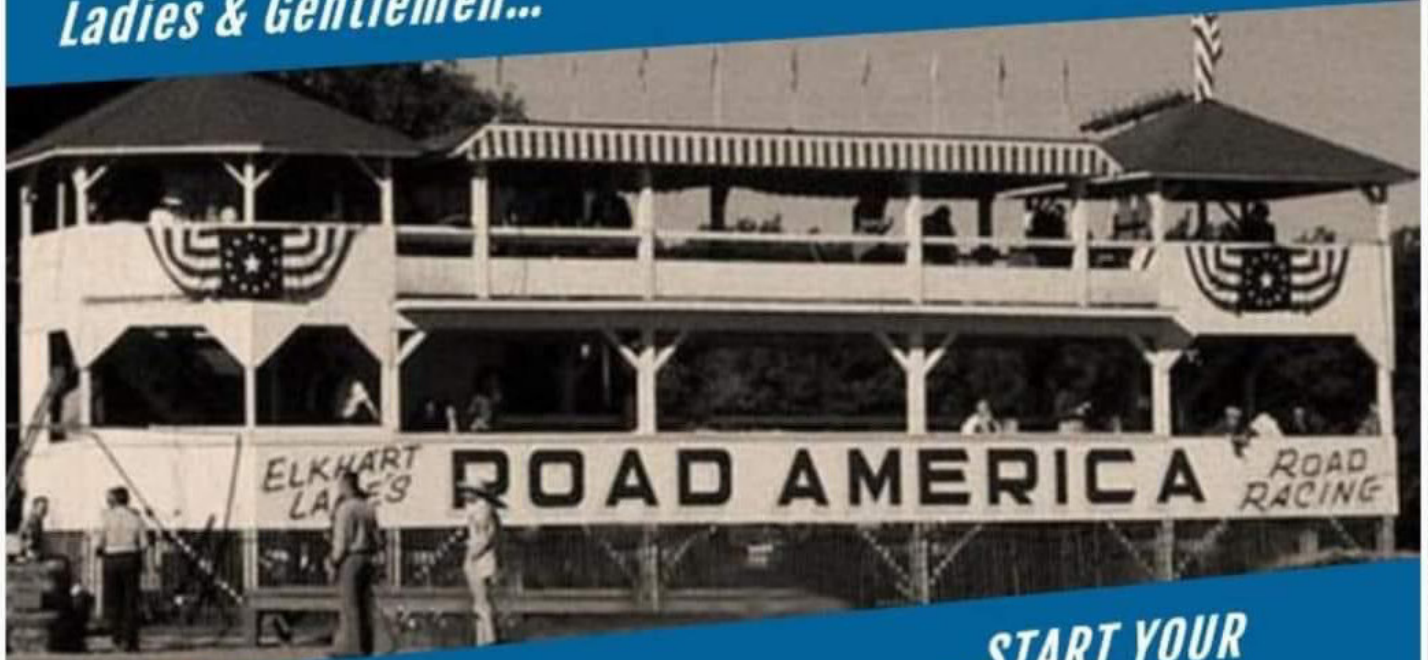
We need volunteers to fill the two Available Wing Coordinators for Wing 1; Southeastern NY, NYC, and Southwestern CT, and Wing 2; Central MA and CT. Please let me know if you are interested or would like additional information. The two previous Wing Coordinators have agreed to support the transition.

Thank You,

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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.

REMEMBERING ROLAND PREVOST



Roland standing with his race car in front of his restaurant, Memphis Roadhouse (Taken in the early or mid-1990s)

Photo from Bruce Vild, Executive Editor and Publisher at British Marque Car Club News

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.

AHC NE 2023 Event Calendar

November				
Monday November 14th 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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