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Exhaust Notes

AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

STATE OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings:

As you know AHCNE has been operating without a vice president since I took office. I am pleased to announce that Art Harvey has agreed to take on the VP position for the balance of my term which will expire at the next Annual General Meeting. Art has been an at-large director of AHCNE for many years and is very familiar with the workings of the club. He has already responded to my request for assistance in clarifying the functions of the Wing Coordinators. More on that in this edition of the HEN. Please join me and the board in welcoming and supporting Art in his new role.

Just a few short weeks now until we meet in Mystic Connecticut for Summit 2023. Jud Perkins and the Summit planning team have spent countless

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hours this summer to make this a memorable event. The highly rated host hotel offers very good accommodations and provides easy access to all Summit events. The Mystic area is recognized as one of America's most popular vacation destinations. No surprise as it checks all the boxes with award winning restaurants, a vibrant arts community, Mystic Seaport - the nation's leading maritime museum, boat tours, Mystic Aquarium and the historic downtown shopping district to name a few. Hope to see you in Mystic.

Thanks to David Walsh for hosting a Wing 4 breakfast in Wareham, MA on August 15th. Despite the rain, nine participants enjoyed a hearty breakfast in a wonderful little off the beaten path restaurant. Tip of the hat to you David. Please consider hosting a breakfast for your Wing.

This summer I have had a bitter sweet experience helping Steve Bell pack for his move to Florida. Steve was one of the first people to welcome me to AHCNE. His warm welcome, enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to share his knowledge encouraged me to become active in club events. Over the years Steve collected a huge number of NOS Sprite parts that he purchased anywhere he found them.

Wing Coordinators

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

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He is legendary for sharing his parts stash with fellow club members. Steve is responsible for building the world famous Hotwheels track and providing the Hotwheels Healey cars used at many club functions. He is currently the AHCNE club delegate to AHCA, where he has deftly represented our club's interest for many years. Steve, peering over the windshield of his beautifully restored Bugeye Sprite, which he playfully registered with the license plate "not 948", is an image etched in the minds of many. Steve and Sue may have left New England, but I am sure we will see them at many Healey events in the future. I actually think we will see Steve and Sue back in New England some scorching hot Florida summer. I hope I am right. For now, Steve, thanks for your friendship, advice and counsel.

Over the next few weeks I plan to get the Sprite serviced for Summit and end of summer club activities. Hope to see you on the road.

Best, BLK

Bruce L. Ketchen

President AHC-NE

September 2023



New Members

Joshua & Andrea Simonin	North Dartmouth, MA	NER - Wing 4
Wayne Terwilliger	Dayville, CT	NER - Wing 3
Mike Lunder	Swampscott, MA	NER - Wing 5

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)	Steve Bell	508-947-6499	scbell1@comcast.net
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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,

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The registration form and schedule of event hyperlinks below:

Registration Form

A Mystical Healey Summit - Schedule of Events

		Austin Healey Club of New England SUMMIT 2023 Sept 24-28, 2023 www.ahca-newengland.org		For Registration Use Only REGISTRATION# Dated Rec'd Check #/Amount			
REGISTRATION This is an interactive form that can be filled out online at www.ahca-newengland.org and printed or print form and fill in by hand. Shaded areas need to be filled in. Mail completed form & check to address below or email form & pay by PayPal as noted below.							
Name		Spouse/Guest		Date			
Please Print/Type Name(s) as you wish them to appear on Name Tags							
Address/City/State/Zip							
Additional Adults or Children							
Phone Number				E-Mail Mandatory			
Club Affiliation Use Drop Down			Trailer Parking Yes/No				
Healey Model/Year Use Drop Downs		1st Car	1st Car Year	2nd Car	2nd Car Year		
EVENTS YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN Please Select from Drop Down Box or Write in Number of Attendees/Participants							
Welcome Reception	Sunday Evening	6:00pm		Presentation Tribal History & Mystic Area	Monday Afternoon 3:00pm		
Rally	Monday Morning	9:00am		Entering a Valve Cover Racer	2 Classes 4 Cyl & 6 Cyl Tuesday Morning 9:00am		
Tech Session	Monday Afternoon	3:00pm		Winery Visit	Wednesday Afternoon 2:00pm		
REGISTRATION FEES, EVENTS & MEALS							
Make Check Out to: AHCNE SUMMIT 2023 Mail Registration form & check to: Cheryl Harvey 17 Wentworth Lane Derry, NH 03038 Phone EMAIL: AH2023summit@gmail.com Pay by PayPal: Email form & send paypal payment to: AHCNETreasurer@yahoo.com Note in comments who is sending funds.		Registration Fee Non-Refundable after 8/31/2023 Registration Fee for children under 16 free		Cost	Qty	TOTAL	
		Early 1 Car & 2 Adults Before 7/1/2023		\$85			
		Registration 1 Car & 2 Adults 7/1/2023 - 8/31/2023		\$95			
		LATE 1 Car & 2 Adults after 8/31/2023		\$105			
		Additional Adults (per adult)		\$25			
		Additional Cars (per car)		\$25			
		Pizza Party		Per Person	\$25		
		Monday 6:00pm		Per Child 3 - 13	\$5		
		LIMIT 120		Per Child < 3	\$0		
		Mystic Aquarium		Per Person Senior > 62	\$30		
		Tuesday 11:00am		Per Person 14 - 62	\$34		
				Per Child 3 - 13	\$24		
				Per Child < 3	\$0		
		Mystic Seaport Car Show		Per Healey/Other British Car Fee for 1 Healey & 2 Adults	\$25		
		Fee includes Seaport Admission		WALK IN Non Car Show Entrant Group Rate PER PERSON	\$24		
		Wednesday 10:00am		Group Rate PER CHILD 4-17	\$18		
				PER CHILD < 3	\$0		
		Banquet Wednesday		Per Person Beef	\$63		
		Wednesday 6:00pm		Per Person Chicken	\$63		
				Per Person Fish	\$63		
		Per Child > 5 yrs	\$63				
		Per Child < 5 yrs	\$0				
50/50 Tickets		ONE Ticket	\$1				
		SEVEN (7) Tickets	\$5				
		FIFTEEN (15) Tickets	\$10				
		THIRTY-FIVE (35) Tickets	\$20				
You must pre-register & pay for these events. Registration Fee NON-REFUNDABLE after 8/31/2023. Meals NON-REFUNDABLE after 8/31/2023 unless they can be sold to other attendees							
Dietary Restrictions, Please Note							
After your Registration Form and Payment are received you will be emailed your official Summit Registration number and Hilton reservation instructions.							

Selling My Healey Part II

Rich Ray

Perhaps if you are an avid reader of Exhaust Notes you might remember my first article on selling my 1965 BJ8. We decided to sell our house in Atkinson, NH with 3 garages and do the dreaded “Downsizing” drill that many of a certain age decided to undertake. Last fall I placed an ad in the Healey Marque magazine, an ad in th Healey Exhaust Notes, and an ad in Hemmings Motor News. Hemmings lost my ad and never published it. I had 3 or 4 members come to take a look at it, but by that time the streets had a salt coating, and I could not offer test drives. Winter came and went and our Healey of 22 years sat in the garage. I received a call in March from a club member who was not local, in fact he lived in Canada. He had the ad from the Marque and expressed sincere interest in the car. I took a pretty good “Walk-around” video and I did a cold start video for him, but the streets were still salted. He contacted me by email and said he wanted to buy the car! No test drive was necessary! He asked us to store the car for him until July. He asked for help with selling documents that would enable him to get the car through both U.S. and Canadian customs. It was a daunting task, but the buyer did most of the heavy lifting. I emailed him copies of the unsigned title, current registration, and my homemade Bill of Sale which included the selling price of the car. He wired a \$3,000.00 deposit to my bank account to cement the deal. He wired the remainder of the purchase price to account in July before he picked up the car. He arrived in August with a friend and stayed in a local motel. He took the Healey and me on a drive around Atkinson and loved it. We had dinner at our house and he picked up the Healey at 8:30 am to drive it 400 miles home. It was hot that day and he made the trip with the top down. He made the drive without any issues. Mary Jo and I intend to visit him next year in Canada, where he owns a Bed & Breakfast. Like most “Healey people” he is a delightful guy.



Last fall I had put a comprehensive list of the car’s features together. I took some “Beauty shots” in front of the Atkinson Country Club. The car looked great on a beautiful fall day. I shared how the car was maintained by Bob Abbott of British Car R&R and mentioned to perspective buyers that they could call Bob for his opinion on the car’s condition. I think Bob and his partner Dave Altman sell more Healeys than anybody in the Northeast. I discussed my selling price with Bob and he said it was the right number. I watch the Healeys that sell on the Bring a Trailer auction site. The first article in the Marque is Rick Neville’s Auction Report. I also read Hemmings every month. With all things considered, I came up with my selling price of \$44,000.00.

The August, 2023 issue of the Marque had it’s featured article about suggestions for selling your Healey. Keep Jeff Zurschmeide’s article for when the day arrives. Keep Rick Neville’s article from the February 2022 Marque about selling the late Nick Zarkades’ Healey on the Bring a Trailer auction site, if you choose to sell your car using an auction site. It takes nerves of steel to auction your car.

One thing I did that reaped dividends on the sale is I had my car detailed by a business Bob Abbott recommended. They did a marvelous job using the clay bar to make the paint look like the day it was sprayed on the car! The chrome wire wheels looked new. The engine compartment looked great. The interior never looked so good. The cost was \$400.00.

So, that’s my story. I will remain a member in the club. The assistance I got from members and the great Healey adventures and friends are priceless. Do we have any regrets... not really. If you have any questions email them to me and I’ll get back to you. Richray210@gmail.com

Scandinavian Healey Tour

Bob Britton

Part 1 - Oslo to Geiranger

Linda Hakala and I signed up several years ago to attend the European Healey Meet in Geiranger, Norway. While scheduled for 2022 the meet was delayed a year due to Covid. This event is held every 4-5 years and is hosted by one of the European Healey clubs somewhere in Europe and this year the Norway Healey club was the host. In all 250 Healey's attended the meet from all over Europe, the US, Canada and even Australia. We joined 30 other Healey and one Cobra owner from the US and had our 1962 Healey 3000 MK II shipped over in a container from Newark NJ along with 5 other Healey's to Oslo, Norway. The rest were shipped from either LA or Savannah. In addition to attending the Healey meet our trip also included an extended tour of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden.



Picking up the Healey upon arrival in terminal

After arrival in Oslo, Norway we picked up our Healey the next day at the port and spent the following day touring the Fram, Kon Tiki and Nordic Folk museums. The next day we began our driving tour by heading to Lillehammer, the site of the 1988 Winter Olympics. Due to the number of Healey's in our touring group we split into smaller flights of 5 or 6 cars. I was the Flight leader for the Green Group.

Along the way to Lillehammer, we stopped at a glass factory for a tour and to join a local club's car show. The local car club was the Norwegian American Car club. Seems American classic pony cars are popular in Norway. We enjoyed chatting with our fellow car enthusiasts.



Healey Car show at the glass factory.

The next day we were off for a long trip to Geiranger for the start of the European Healey Meet. Along the way we stopped at the Stave church in Lom, Norway for a private tour. This wooden church built with pine and oak timbers was erected in 1170 and is still standing strong.



The Stave Church

From the lush green valley, we drove up into the snow-covered mountains with some snowbanks that were 6 feet or more along the roadway. The landscape at this elevation was quite barren except for the vast snow fields. Temperatures dropped into the low 40's the higher we ascended the mountains but most of us had our tops down the entire way.



Snowbanks along the way to Geiranger

The European Healey Meet was based in the fabulous Union Hotel overlooking the most spectacular Geiranger Fjord. The meet ran 5 full days with a variety of events including of course a car show, various rally's that took us up stunning mountain roads and lush valley's, gondola rides to the top of majestic mountains, a boat tour along the Geiranger Fjord to view rushing waterfalls and of course the grand banquet dinner. We were lucky to get a room in the host hotel as many in our group had to stay in another hotel down the road from the Union. The food was excellent, especially the buffet breakfast and dinners. Linda counted 28 options for dessert one night! Oh, weight gain was inevitable!



Overlooking our hotel and the fjord

One thing which we had to get used to during our stay in Geiranger was the 20 hours of daylight. This made it challenging to sleep at night, even with blackout curtains, as we needed to keep the curtains in our room cracked open a bit to get the fresh mountain air.



9:45 PM in Geiranger

On the first day the car show was held on the grounds of the Norwegian Fjord Center which was adjacent to the Union Hotel. The center offers a self-guided tour on the history of the formation of the fjords in Norway. In all there were approximately 200 cars in the show. One of the members in our tour group won Best in Class for their modified BJ8 and was also awarded the coveted Best of Show award.

After the car show we were free to drive up to the Dalsnibba Skywalk, which is situated 4900 feet above sea level. It is the highest drivable viewing point of any of the fjords in Norway. The views overlooking the Geiranger Fjord, and the valley below were just stunning.



The view from the skywalk, 4900' above sea level

The drive up from the valley at the head of the fjord to the snow-covered skywalk was exciting in our Healey with the many hairpin turns, switchbacks and steep ascend. It was even more fun coming back down which required a lot of downshifting and breaking. Glad I replaced my brake pads before the trip.



The drive down from the Skywalk

On the second day of the meet, we headed back up the mountain past the Dalsnibba skywalk and continued for another 60 miles or so through numerous tunnels, one which was 7 miles long, and spectacular valleys along several fjords to ride the Leon Skylift to the top of Mt Hoven. This skylift is one of the steepest lifts in the world and ascends from the fjord below almost straight up 3300 feet with only one tower the entire distance. This is not a ride for those with even a mild case of acrophobia. At the top we enjoyed a private luncheon at the mountain top restaurant featuring a delicious reindeer stew before setting out hiking along the many trails on top of Mt Hoven to take in the majestic vistas. The ride down in the skylift, especially for those who had front row views, was quite impressive as well. A day to remember before heading back to Geiringer to get ready for the BBQ dinner at the hotel.



The view from the Leon Skylift

The following day we opted to attend, but not participate in, the Auto Slalom along with fellow club members Dave and Barbara Siwa, the only other members of AHC-NE on the

tour. This event was held in Tafjord and required a ferry ride across one of the fjords as well a drive through one of the darkest and narrowest tunnels we encountered in Norway.



The tunnel to Tafjord

Upon visiting Tafjord we learned at a local museum that was in an old hydroelectric power plant that Tafjord was the site of a tragic event in 1934 when 3 million cubic feet of rock fell over 2000' into the fjord creating a tsunami with waves over 200' high in the fjord and more than 50' high when it hit the village killing 34 people. There are still possibilities of this occurring again within the fjords of Norway.

The next day we ventured on a 2 hour drive to Andalsnes which took us up and down the famous Trollstgen road, known as the Trolls Ladder, featuring 11 hair pin turns and the most spectacular Stigfossen waterfall which dropped over 700'.



Stiffossen Waterfall



The Trolls Ladder

As this was a very busy road we had to be vigilant when approaching the many turns as we were sharing the road with campers, tour buses and an occasional tractor trailer.



A tight squeeze

In Andalsnes we took the Romsdalen Gondola to the top of Mt Nesaksla which is 2300' above sea level and offered magnificent 360 degrees views overlooking the mountains and fjord below.



Bob, Barbara, Linda and Dave enjoying the views

On the final day of the meet, we boarded a tour boat at the head of the Geiranger Fjord for a trip down the fjord to view a number of waterfalls. With snow covering these mountains year round the waterfalls never dry up. The most majestic of the falls is known as the Seven Sisters as there are 7 falls next to each other all cascading down the steep mountain side.



The Seven Sisters

After the boat tour we had a private cocktail party on the veranda of the hotel hosted by our tour leader, Steve Kirby of the Southern California Austin Healey Club, before we all headed to the banquet dinner. After our farewells to many new Healey friends from across Europe we would start off the next day for a two plus week tour of Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

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4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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AHC NE 2023 Event Calendar

September				
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	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
September 15th - 17th	All	British Invasion Stowe, VT	Register — The British Invasion	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
October				
Monday October 9th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
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
December				
Monday December 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net