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## **STATE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year. For me the first sighting of a ten wheel snow plow loaded with car eating salt means the end of the driving season. Not necessarily the end of Healey club activities. I want to remind members that our Annual General Meeting takes place at 10:00 AM on January 20th via Zoom. No need to be concerned about weather or travel. Turn up the thermostat, fire up the computer and share your thoughts about the future of the club. The AGM is where important matters concerning the club are introduced, debated and decided. If you have ideas for events or activities the AGM is where you can introduce them. Not happy with something, club related, speak up. I see the AHCNE, 2024 calendar is filling up but there is still time to plan a wing event and I encourage you to suggest something. Summit 2024 is planned for May, a departure from the past few years, but certainly not a first. I am sure you will be excited about the venue and activities being planned for Summit 2024. Something

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new for 2024 is winter valve cover racing. Roy Crane and Peter Sturtevant have teamed up to challenge members to a day of spirited VCR racing in Peter's heated garage on February 10th, snow date February 17th. There is still time to build a race car for this event and get it ready to hit the track at Summit 2024. See club website for VCR rules and regulations. Peter Sturtevant will continue to host monthly Tech Sessions in 2024. If you have not joined one of these sessions I encourage you to do so. If you have a technical question regarding your Healey it can probably be answered by the panel of experts with help from fellow club members. Wishing you a Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing you on the road in 2024.



Best, BLK

**Bruce L. Ketchen**

*President AHC-NE*

*January 2024*

## New Members

Robert Stover	Center Valley, PA	NER - Wing 1
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**For Sale:**

*Putzkes-Fahrspass bra for an Austin Healey 3000 BJ8. This is custom made for a single light BJ8. It is brand new and never used. The original cost with shipping was \$375. Selling for \$250. Contact Dave Bevan at 203-733-8493.*



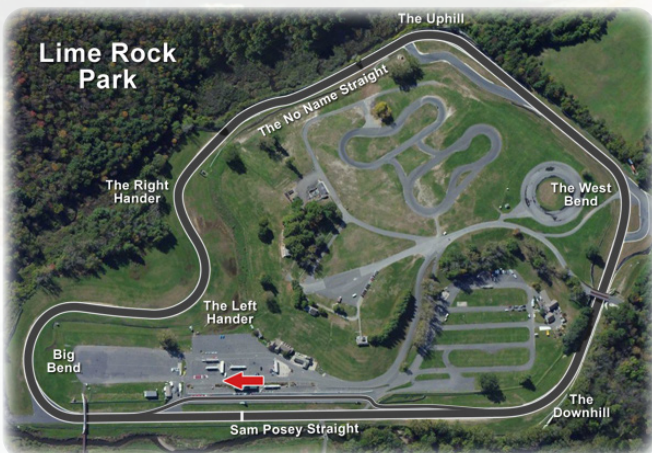
**For Sale:**

*Moss part #211-036 DVD on overhauling, tuning, and maintenance of S U Carburetors. \$37.50 from Moss. The DVD is in excellent condition with the plastic case and a 4 page written manual included. \$15.00. I will mail it to you n/c with purchase.*



**Summit 2024 in Beautiful Simsbury, CT  
Third week of May 2024**

*Will Include a special day at Lime Rock Park  
Other Details and Registration coming shortly!*



**Free to club member:**

*Black leather jacket size XL with Austin Healey Club of America stitched on the left side. It's in good shape. I can drop it off at the annual meeting if you attend or I can mail it to you if pay postage.*

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## Simsbury Summit 2024 – May 20th to 24th in Simsbury, CT

Come join the Austin Healey Club of New England at historic Simsbury, CT the third week of May for “Simsbury Summit 24” at our host hotel the Simsbury Inn.



An award-winning town, Simsbury is listed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of its "Dozen Distinctive Destinations." Also, federally designated as a "Preserve America" community, the town features a charming downtown filled with historic homes and fine restaurants, while the farms and open space harken back to their agricultural roots. Simsbury lies in the northern end of the Farmington Valley. The east side of Simsbury, going toward the Capital city of Hartford, is flanked by Talcott Mountain, part of the Metacomet Ridge. This mountainous trap rock ridgeline stretches from Long Island Sound to nearly the Vermont border. Notable features of the Metacomet Ridge in Simsbury include Heublein Tower, Talcott Mountain State Park, Penwood State Park, and the Tariffville Gorge of the Farmington River.

You may learn about everything Simsbury has to offer at <https://www.simsburycoc.com/>



On **Monday evening**, after the Welcome Reception at your host hotel the Simsbury Inn <https://www.simsburyinn.com/> you will have a chance to experience our group dinner (pizza, salad, wings, sodas and cash bar) at the Iron Horse Pub of Simsbury <https://ironhorsesportspub.com/> where good times and great food come together!

On **Tuesday morning**, we will have a very special day at Lime Rock Park which is a natural-terrain motorsport road racing venue located in Lakeville, Connecticut, a hamlet in the town of Salisbury, in the state’s northwest corner. Built in 1956, it is the nation’s third oldest continuously operating road racing course.

For those who would like to test their driving skills in their classic Healey, you may enjoy Track Tapas, which is a two-hour educational experience behind the wheel of your own Healey on both the FCP Euro Proving Grounds and the 1.5-mile road course. Suitable for beginner- or intermediate-level track drivers, all sessions include expert coaching from our pros. More





details are at: <https://limerock.com/drive/driving-programs/track-tapas-info/> Due to limited space the Tapas program will be available on a first come/first serve basis.

If you prefer to watch, Lime Rock provides stunning views of the track and during the lunch break, we will be offered Healey only parade laps of the track.

**Tuesday afternoon**, Upon leaving the track you will have the opportunity for a picnic lunch, before we start the fun rally back to the Simsbury Inn on some of the best “Healey roads” in the Northeast. Dinner will be on your own or with Healey friends at many of the excellent restaurants in the area, followed by hospitality back at the hotel.



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**Future Exhibitions**  
Modern Day Monet – THE 1st ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION  
April 25 – May 26, 2024

**Wednesday morning**, will be another fun filled day, where you may choose to tour Hill-Stead Museum to see the Modern Day Monet exhibition <https://www.hillstead.org/> which is a Colonial Revival house and art museum, set on a large estate at 35 Mountain Road in Farmington. It is best known for its French Impressionist masterpieces, architecture, and stately grounds. Travel and Leisure magazine recently named the Hill-Stead museum the #1 small museum in America.

The other choice, is the New England Air Museum which is a facility dedicated to showcase the wonders of the aerospace world. Located at Bradley International Airport, it was built in 1959. It is home to 26 helicopters, 66 airplanes and other flight-related paraphernalia. More details are available at <https://neam.org/>



**Wednesday afternoon**, after your museum tours, you will have a chance to experience some of the best ice cream from the Tulmeadow Farm which started in 1768. <https://www.tulmeadowfarmstore.com/>

Once you have digested your ice cream, you will have a chance to enjoy a hayride and farm visit at Flamig Farm in West Simsbury. Check out their embedded video on their website: <https://flamigfarm.com/>



**Wednesday evening**, your fun doesn't end there, because after dinner on your own. We will have our ever-competitive Valve Cover Races at the Simsbury Inn in the Evergreen Restaurant. The VCR rules are published on our website and this event never disappoints.





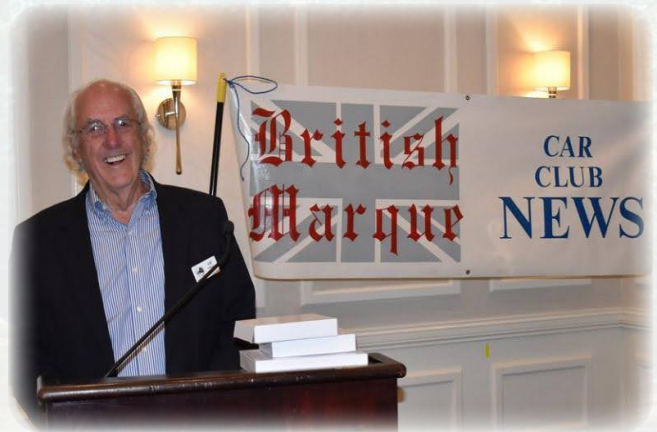
Our final full day, **Thursday morning** of Summit 2024, includes both an automotive technical session and an informational session by the Simsbury Historical Society at the hotel. Late in the morning, we will be staging our cars by class for the short drive to the Simsbury Historical Society museum property.



**Thursday afternoon** will be our popular car show, where you will be competing for class honors, and the Dominic Falconeiri memorial Best of Show Award.

Our Simsbury Summit 2024 Awards Banquet will be in the Simsbury Inn, Laurel Ballroom followed by hospitality in the hotel's Evergreen Restaurant.

There are two nights with dinner on your own, where you can experience the diverse culinary landscape of our award-winning food and drink scene in Simsbury. With farm and sea to table, Italian, international cuisine, classic pub fare and an array of sweet shops,



We look forward to seeing you the Third week of May for "Simsbury Summit 2024." Registration and tentative schedule will be published shortly.





## Bugeye Guys

*Frank Jacques*

For seventy-five years, Saturdays have always been my favorite day of the week. So many great moments have happened to me on that day. From childhood Saturday mornings with Hopalong Cassidy through the years to Saturday the 9th of December.



Bruce Ketchen and Pete Sturtevant and eighteen members of Austin Healey Club of New England participated in a tech session to get my 1960 Bugeye running after 24 years in storage.

Aside from unsticking a valve, a new starter, and to top it off they reset the timing after adding new ignition wiring to the distributor. They even began bodywork!

Bugeyes have been part of my life since I began driving 60 years ago. Over those many years I've owned and restored nine of the froggies, even raced one (on Saturdays) in the late sixties.



Now I have two more Bugeyes just sitting in my barn waiting for restoration, but it's so frustrating, my health just won't allow me to do the restorations on these classics....

Knowing my predicament, the Club jumped at the chance to help me get this great project to a point where a new owner could bring them back to the condition they deserve.

Our next AHC restoration project continues with another tech session on January 3. Installing and tuning the newly rebuilt SU carbs from Bob Abbott at British Car R&R, plus installing the radiator with the hoses. One of many, many, resources AHC of NE has to offer its members and British car enthusiasts. For another example, is the guidance provided to me necessary to obtain the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Certificate Factory Record better known as the "Heritage Certificate" from the UK's British Motor Industry Museum for both my 58 & 60.

I applaud ACH's initiative to provide these exceptionally valuable tech sessions to Austin Healey enthusiasts. These friendly get togethers are not only of great value to both neophytes as well as experts, but they also provide a pleasant forum for discussions of common interest, many times offering solutions to common problems.

Looking forward to the next tech session, remember coffee and donuts are on me.







## AHC Club of NE 2023 Member Survey

AHC NE Member,

Thank you for your support of our club. Please complete this survey, to support our Planning of events in 2024, which you are most interested.

**We reached the century mark, with 100 members completing this year's survey. Thank you to all those who completed our survey.**

**Q What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the National Austin Healey Club of America?**

A large group of individuals dedicated to being caretakers of all things Austin Healey Conclave

Friendship and support from like-minded people who love the Austin Healey and want to preserve them for future generations. As a newer member it's also great to be able to get advice from folks who have owned and worked on them for years.

Governing body for a group of regional enthusiasts with lots of passion for the brand.

It is an association of club members who value the Austin Healey brand and seek to collaborate on keeping as many of vehicles as possible on the road.

Resource for information on our cars and quarterly magazine

The Healey Marque magazine

The incredible community as well as the beautiful cars.

The Largest Austin Healey club in the World

The place to turn to when needing parts, tech. support, contacts for all Austin Healey autos.

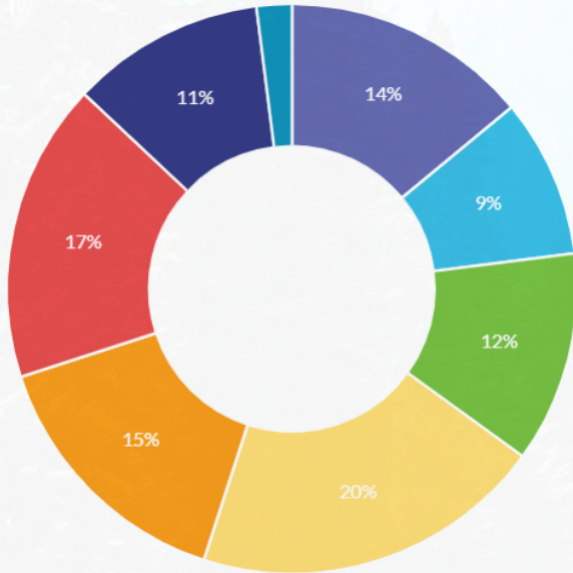
They are the top of the list for AHCA club and play a leadership role in club policy and national events. It all started with them. Glad to have and see their direction for us all.

They do very little in the way of supporting local clubs and all we get is a magazine for our AHCA dues.



Q2

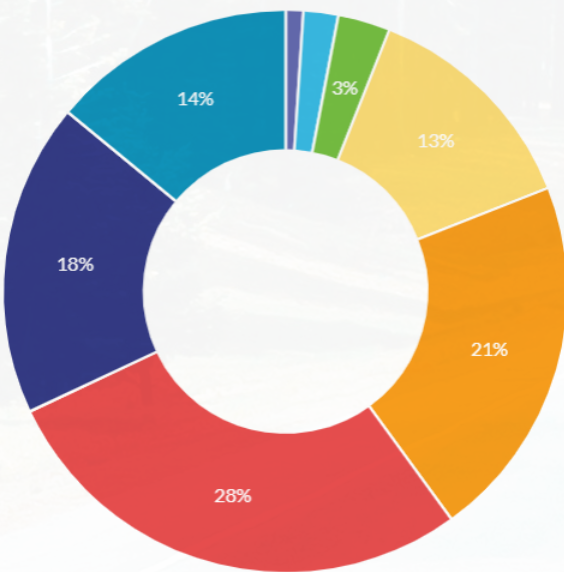
### Which Wing or Region do you live? Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
Wing 1 - Southeast NY, NYC, Long Island, Fairfield County CT, NJ & Pa	14
Wing 2 - I-91 Corridor, Central CT, Central MA	9
Wing 3 - Eastern CT, Southwestern RI	12
Wing 4 - HEMRI - MA South Shore, Cape Cod, North and Eastern RI	20
Wing 5 - Greater Boston, MA North Shore	15
Wing 6 - New Hampshire, Maine and Canada	17
Wing 7 - VT, Western MA, Eastern NY and Mid NY	11
I live outside of New England	2

Q3

### What's your age? Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
Less than 50	1
51 to 55	2
56 to 60	3
61 to 65	13
66 to 70	21
71 to 75	28
76 to 80	18
81 and over	14

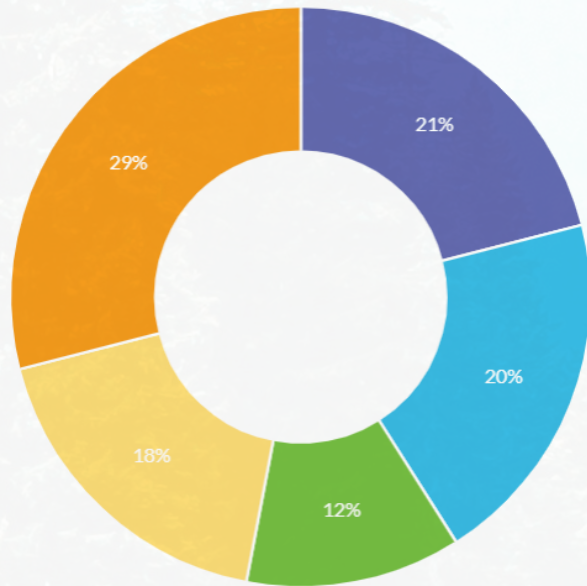
The average age of our members is 71 years old, ranging from 19 to well over 81 years old.



Q4

I have been a club member for \_ years

Multiple Choice



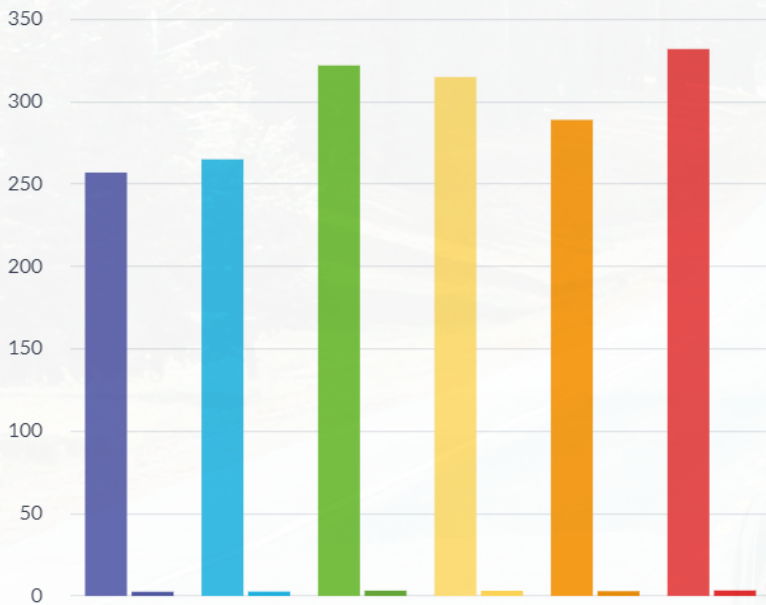
Choice	Total
0-2 years	21
3-5 years	20
5-10 years	12
10 - 20 years	18
21 years or more	29

Our second largest category of membership is 2 years or less, with an excellent average of 11 years in total.

Q5

Events I'd like to see more of in 2024. Rank your interest (1 highest, 6 lowest):

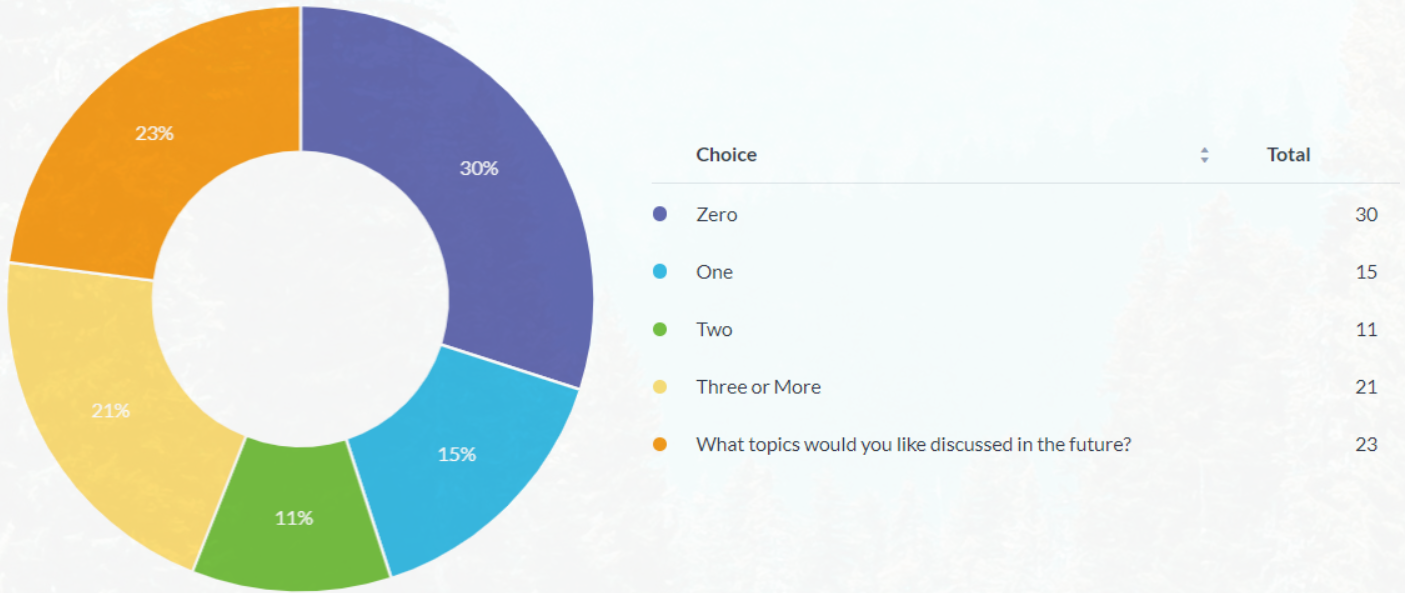
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Choice	Score
Driving Tours	257
Tech Sessions	265
BBQ's at members homes	322
Visits to a Winery	315
Visit to Historical sites/Places of Interest	289
Events during the week	332

Events during the week are the preferred interest for 2024, followed by BBQs at members' homes, and Winery visits.





Zero is the largest number of technical zoom meetings which members have participated followed by Three or More with an average of two sessions.

**What Topics would you like discussed in the future?**

Electrical system

General upkeep. The only session I sat in on since I joined AHCNE really got deep into tech stuff. Way over my head.

Tuning, vendors familiar with AH

installing engine/tranny

Restoration tips

Replacing the steering box, Hints when removing an engine, adjusting valves

I think the tech sessions are great, but a lot is beyond me. If possible, some topics that explain more basic maintenance that the casual driver can do without a high-level mechanic.

Modernization of car without diminishing value, Anti-theft systems

Topics are mostly covered I am interested in.

General Healey Maintenance - these sessions are full of great information - even on things I never thought of!

Replacement parts upgrades regardless of concours. What makes the car less of a problem?

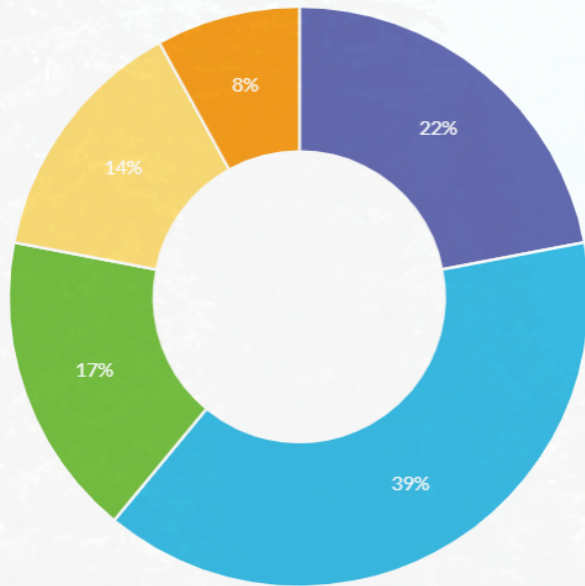
Activities to wake her up in the spring and winterize her in the fall.

How to pull the engine and transmission on a 3000. Perhaps a video of this if too much for a tech session

How are we going to maintain our cars with the aging out of experienced mechanics?

New alternators that look like original generators and overdrive rebuilds





Choice	Total
Zero	22
One	39
Two	17
Three or more	14
Do you have any recommendations to improve the website?	8

New member. Still finding my way around.

I have had issues navigating but I expect everything to be obvious and these days that's not always the way it is.

Not a heavy use

With the steady input of emails on what is happening I don't really have to go to the website often. The website if fine as is IMHO.

More info on cars for sale. Ratings of repair shops. More information about sales and auctions companies' pluses and minuses with examples

Navigation could be improved. Less menu items when opened on left- consolidate or grouped better having/using sub menus when hovering over; archived area by years for previous summit / survey etc. content; Overall menu is too lengthy and hard to quickly find what you are looking for.

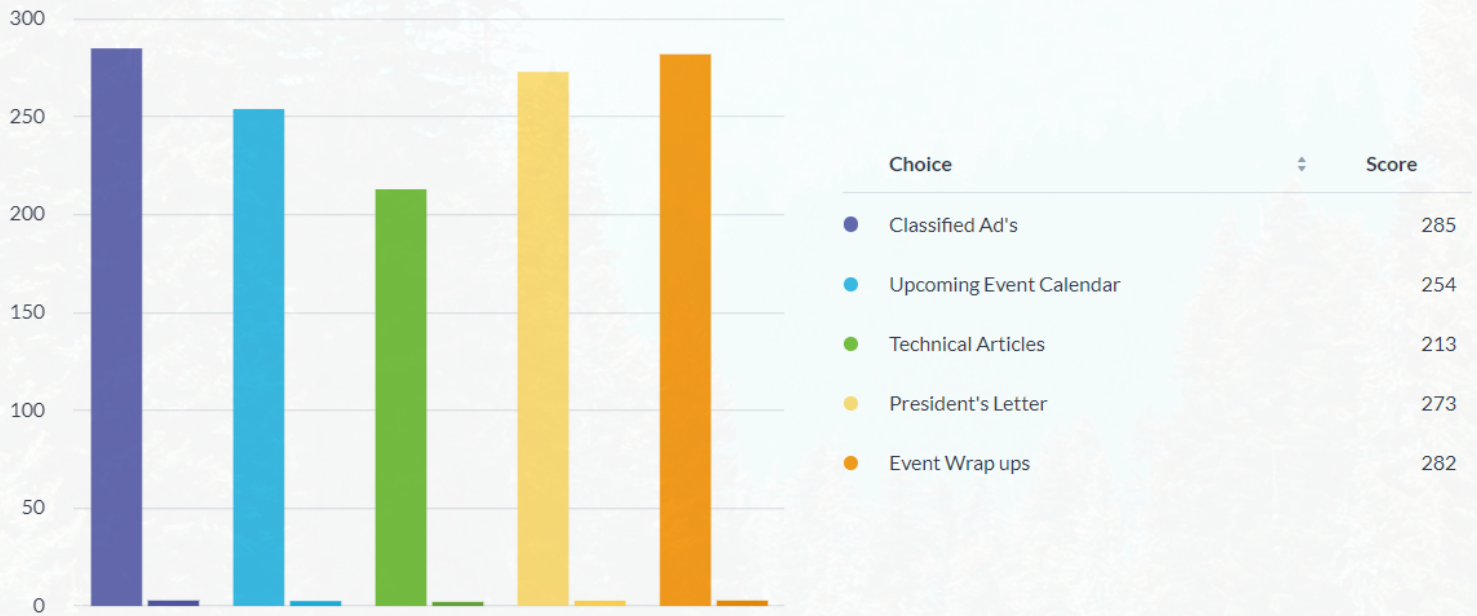
I just need to get familiar with the content and access to the site.

No. Great website.



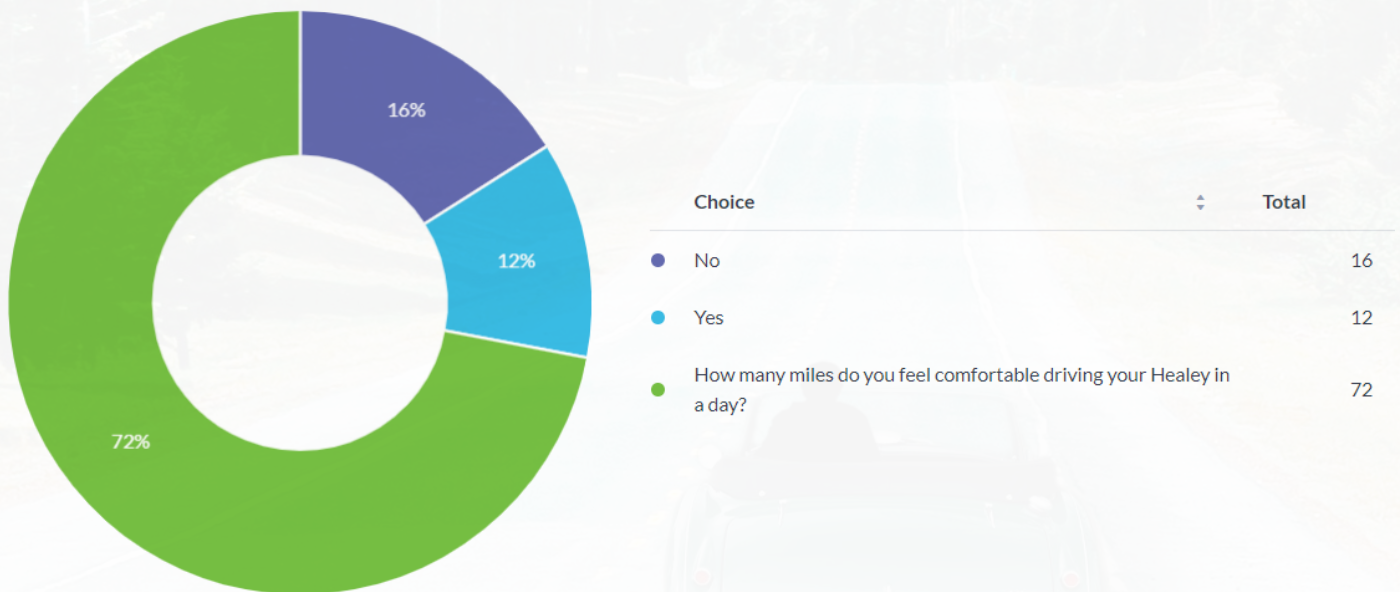


**Q8** Healey Exhaust Notes, our monthly newsletter, I enjoy the following articles (rank your preferences)  
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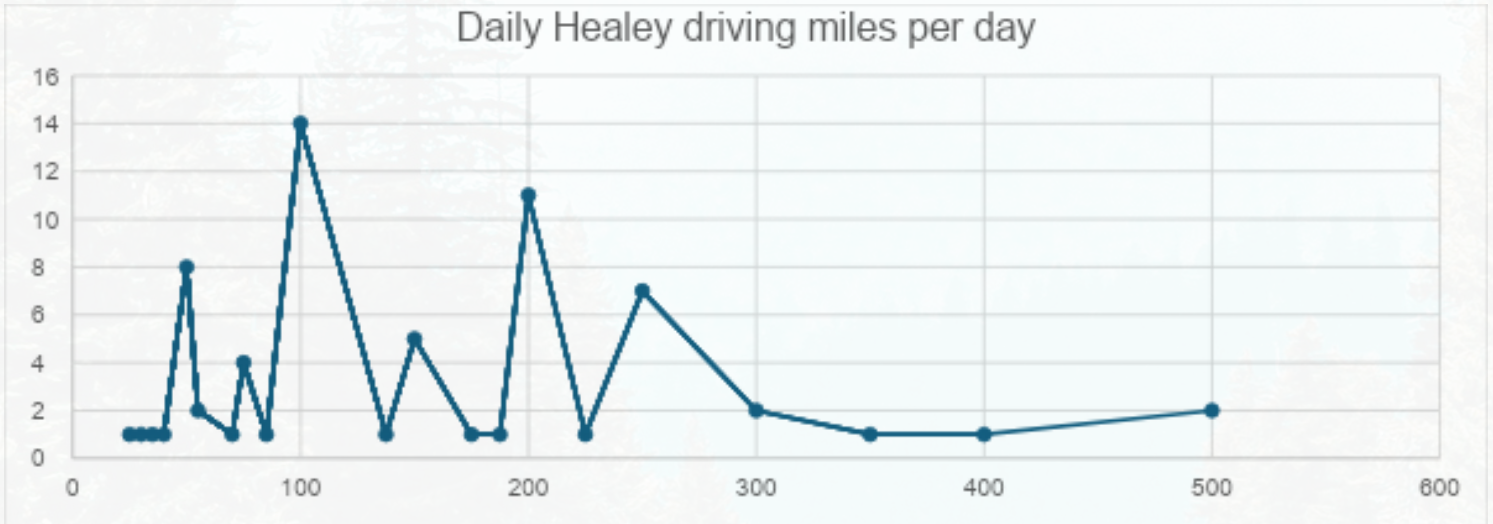
Classified Ad's are the most popular articles followed by Event Wrap ups.

**Q9** My Healey is registered and road worthy.  
Multiple Choice



84% of our members who answered the survey Healeys are registered and road worthy. Many of our owners feel comfortable driving their cars hundreds of miles per day and on average 153 miles any day. The next graph details the answers and of how many miles they are comfortable to drive a day. Twenty five members are comfortable driving their cars 200 miles per day or more. The largest group (14) answered 100 miles per day. This is a great indication of the reliability of many owners of Healeys.





**Q10 Suggest an event you would be interested in hosting in 2024. Feel free to introduce new ideas for events. The club is available for planning, support, and publicity of your event.**

- Arrange a breakfast meeting at a Canton, Ma diner. In winter it would be breakfast only. In Spring Summer or Fall it could be followed by a drive.  
Host a mini tech session at my garage using my car or another members car to demonstrate how to perform a pre-purchase inspection and/or prepare your car for sale.
- A private "After the show" get-together event (in Ridgefield) after a scheduled Sunday AM's New Canaan CAFFIENE & CARBURATORS.
- Host another meet at my home with (hopefully) good weather. Tours of southern VT and adjacent New York
- I'd help sponsor a lunch with a speaker at a local restaurant and maybe a short rural drive after lunch.
- In the past I have hosted a "South Coast Ride" through Little Compton, Westport and Dartmouth and would be open to doing that again.
- Social get together/ beach tour thru Rye, Seabrook, Hampton beach. I recently built a large 2-car garage with a lift if we want to do a maintenance or tech session with a cookout, or somehow combined with the beach tour.
- Someday....Picnic at my property in Wells/Poultney, Vt
- Tech Sessions



## Q11. The thing I like best about the club is?

Camaraderie, valuable information, its activities, the cars, and willingness to help.  
Club events on weekends and Summit and technical support

Depth of knowledge of members and willingness of Club officers to devote the time to make interesting things happen.

Friendships!!! and advice

I like the communication of events and other topics of interest on Austin Healey's and its owners.

Its members and their willingness to share their knowledge and enhance for all the experience of owning a Healey.

Makes me realize I'm not the only person crazy enough to care about British cars.  
Meeting other Healey owners.

Member participation in events

New here in last two months. Was at Mystic on last day. Was looking for a car. People were great!  
Looking forward to more interaction at activities.

Technical info and member support

The camaraderie and getting together for events. Sharing stories and maintenance experiences.

The interest all the members have to help each other with their cars! And the events of course!

The members and technical expertise

The people and the sharing of knowledge!

The people are super. The level of experience and enthusiasm for the cars is wonderful.

The people. The car is the magnet and the friendships the bond.

The printed publications & the on-line newsletter (especially regarding articles on "bugeyes."

The tech sessions and the knowledge of people on calls. No one talks down to the less experienced.

Wealth of Knowledge

Welcoming and friendly members

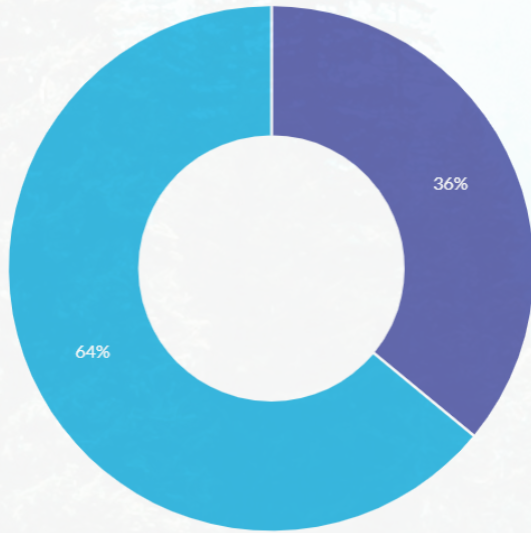




Q12

There has been talk at the national level of cost cutting by offering an electronic only version of the Healey Marque magazine instead of a hard copy. If this were the case, which would you choose?

Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
___ receive the Marque electronically, and not get a hard copy	36
___ continue to receive a hard copy of the Marque, and not receive one electronically	64

Roughly, two thirds of our members still prefer to receive their Austin-Healey Marque magazine in hardcopy, instead of electronically.



**Q13 What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the AHC of NE?**

A collaboration of people keeping the brand and the hobby alive

A great group of people sharing their interest in their Healeys with their friends.

A wonderful group of individuals!

Getting together for a good time and having an excuse to put \$ into my cars.

Great knowledge and resources - tech session and the notes from the calls are great.

Great people with diverse backgrounds but with a common interest in Austin Healey's.

I am impressed by the number of folks that contribute to the planning and execution of events.

Meeting new people at events. Have only attended Mystic event since joining 3 months ago.

LOCAL information, interest & events supporting the Austin Healey marque.

Mostly centered in upper New England. Not enough participants in outlying areas IE wing 1

Not as welcoming as I expected. I reached out several times and never got any response.

Not enough activity or interest. It seems absolutely no activity in Wing 2.

Special interest groups - not always supporting each other.

Tech Sessions and communication about upcoming events

That there is a resource I can access for getting to know more about my healey

THE CLUB REALLY TRIES....AND MAKES A GREAT EFFORT..IN BACKING THE CLUB

The dedication of the officers and volunteers who make them a success. A big thank you to everyone.

The hard work that club officers put into keeping the club going.

The Tech Sessions and the knowledge that members have to share. And the events!

The wonderful locations available for the Summit.

Time individuals put into the Clubs activities to make it interesting for its members!

We have many members in NE. The issue is spreading the fun around.

We, and our cars, are aging but we still have and love the spirit of the club, and the fun when getting together.

Wonderful group of people to whom I'm very appreciative. Years of friendship



## Q14 - The club could be better if?

A meeting every month, (drive, restaurant, etc..) during the diving season,

As a pretty passive participant now it's hard to make this point but I think offering various levels of activities like anywhere from more technical tech sessions to a small group getting together for a casual afternoon drive.

Events like Mystic were modernized. Dinner was extremely boring. Are we simply trying to appeal to older members, or can we find more things to do with the cars or entertainment that is engaging?

Hard to say what might improve on what appears to be a well-run organization.

Have more driving events.

I don't see any need for improvement. I need to attend more of the events that you have planned. Thanks, you guys.

I wish there were a way to attract younger members. Otherwise, I doubt that the club will survive beyond the next 10 years.

I'd like to see more drives in more club wings. The geographical area is big, and the wings should be more active.

if they had a locator button that gave the location of all members and the vehicle they own. Would make it easier to reach out locally within your town.

If we had more centralized events and Wing activities.

It relied. less on "electronic " contact and more on local individual contact.

It was more welcoming and had better social offerings. The tech sessions are fine but not for a newbie who has no connections.

It's great as it is. Sometimes a surprise place of interest attracts us to attend. Perhaps more along the culinary type would be nice too.

Like that you've diversified to be more inclusive of female members and wives

More activities on weekends for younger members who work during the week. Includes Summits!!!

More casual events, drives, shows, tours, etc. within the wing area.

More local events, day driving tips.

More members came to British Motorcars in Bristol.

More members from more populated wings drive down to less populated wings or plan closer events for all. Driving from NY or CT for a rally in NH is tough.

No suggestions



## Q14 - The club could be better if? (continued)

Not better but drop the controversy over the magazine. We live in a world of 3\$ cups of coffee and have cars of great value that are not that expensive to maintain. Try that with an airplane. (I don't have one, but I have friends that do. It's wildly expensive just sitting there and you don't have to tear the motor down every x amount of hours.)

Sometimes I think we need them to keep the KISS principle in mind. Don't try to do too much as none of us is getting any younger!

There were more younger people interested; some events were held at breweries; at events and functions, there was a focus on grouping fairly new members with longtime members to make it even easier to meet new people.

This is a difficult question. Understandably, the club is aging out and coming up with new ideas is difficult. Maybe a few one-night tours would get some interest.

We could attract more & younger members with their families to our events; and tie our vehicles & "brand" to participation in many of the Car Shows held in in our Wing #1 area.

We had more driving events.

Do we showcase our garages... garage open houses...open garages?

yes, there should be a minimum requirement of activity scheduled for each section and make it more of a local camaraderie. It's too piecemeal and compartmentalized.

Younger people could become interested. Let's face it, we got the bug when we were young and bought British cars. Britian doesn't make cars anymore, so the flock thins every year.



**Q15 - Do you have any comments or recommendations on the Wing concept of the club and what changes you would like to see in 2024?**

Again, more events in each wing

Am in Wing 6 and live in NH in the Lakes Region area. Also belong to the BCNH club which is an active and great group of classic car folks. For our NE folks, we are spread out over a large and populated area. But hmmm? Can't be any worse than folks in large states either? I'm happy.

Being WC of NY I hope I get better response to events (only 2 last year) One cancelled only 1 response. Come to the meetings and events!

Excellent concept. Small driving or coffee get together.

Given the large geographical area of the region the wing concept allows for events to be less of a production. Of course, the openness of the wing events to all members provides motoring adventures for the more adventuresome.

I appreciate the Wing concept; however, all Wings are not equally active.

I know our wing #1 is currently without a coordinator and although I am not ready to step up, I am hopeful there will be more events in our geographic area.

I like the wing concept but sometimes have trouble understanding the boundaries or specific geography of the individual wings.

I think the Wing concept is a good way to be organized. I don't have enough knowledge of how or if the present system should be changed.

I think the Wings are great and this was a very good idea. I'd like to see more Wing events, because it is difficult to make it to all the events you would like to attend, and we don't have that many now.

It is easy to recommend, Hard to make happen. I wish I had the energy to focus on the one club, I belong to several as I have several English car.

Like the idea of the wings to allow more local/regional closer to home activities

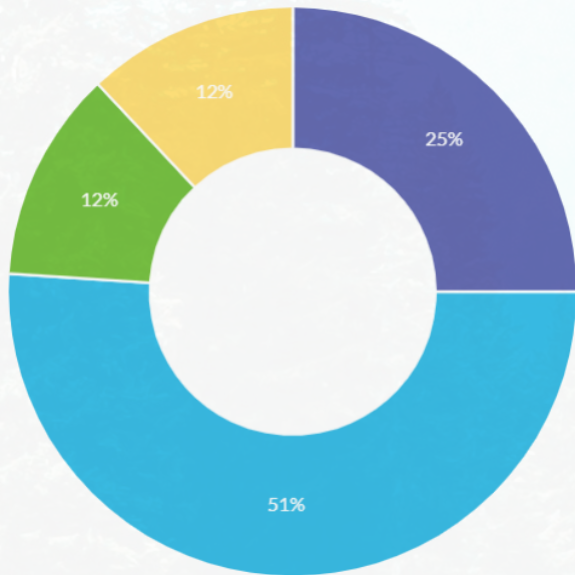
None - I think it works great as is - also in the technical sessions on ZOOM we have the experts from all over New England and Canada - it is great! Maybe a sharing by area on local mechanics etc. who we can bring Healeys to for service - not all of us work on our cars by ourselves.

Obviously more events in Northern NY - Let's do a gathering in the 1000 Islands!

The Wing concept was just window dressing - it didn't really change the structure, let alone improve it. We already had areas and area coordinators. Wing Breakfast meetings

You may already do this but being able to connect with other AH owners in the immediate area.





Choice	Total
I plan on attending Summit 2024	25
I may attend Summit 2024	51
I am not planning on attending Summit 2024	12
I am not attending Summit 2024, because?	12

25% of the members who completed the survey say they plan to attend Summit 2024 in Simsbury CT. If we assume fifty percent of those who said they may attend Summit 2024, that would be 50 registrations.

The reasons they are not planning on attending are:

Conflicting trip.

TO FAR ON A BUSY WEEK-END.

health problems are restricting my travel radius from home. See how I am doing in the summer.

we're in the process of building a new house.

Depending on the date

My wife really disliked the event, and I won't travel a distance that requires overnight stays without her. too far away, too many other things to do in summer.

I will just be returning from Florida.

I'm on a town committee to arrange a memorial day observance.



## Q17 - Do you have a recommendation for our AHC NE official 2024 Charity?

"Clear path for veterans" located at former fort Devens. Good hard working local 501c group. Note old Devens Ayer airfield has Saturday slalom racing. Might be of interest.

ALS or Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Any small local charity rather than a major one

Arthritis Foundation!

For kids! They are the future. Make them happy and even schedule an event that kids can come to, or we go to them?

Guiding Eyes for the Blind located in Patterson and Yorktown NY. They are a non-profit that has been around for about 70 years raising and training guide dogs. I have volunteered and fostered a breeder (brood) and can say it's a wonderful organization providing an incredible service to people in need.

How about a local Ronald McDonald house?

How about one that helps wildlife? Humans can lobby for their needs. Wildlife can't.

I lost my wife to Ovarian Cancer. More research into early diagnosis and treatments are needed, so I would recommend the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition

keep it a smaller charity in the region. Work Boats for Vets was a great choice.

Let's stick with the Shriners. It is about kids, and they are our future!

My only suggestion is rather than donate to an organization with big overhead is to pick a local organization.

St. Jude's Childrens Hospital

Should go to local food shelters not veterans or nurses I have both in my family they have way too many resources- they will be the first to tell you that- so, although any donation is appreciated by any recipient, it should be researched further upon need. There are so many needs out there without any established resources.

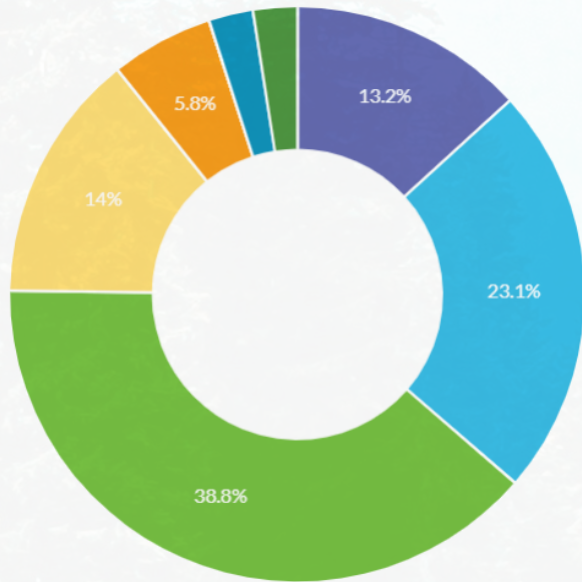
Something in the general area of Simsbury (greater Hartford) since Summit will be there.

Something that is more regional wide, a chain of hospitals, etc. that brings attention to the club via press release on a broader scale.

The local food banks. Every dollar buys a meal for someone going hungry.

Towers to tunnels to support police and armed forces.





Choice	Total
100 (BN1, BN2, M, or S)	16
6 Cylinder Roadster (BN4, BN6, BT7, or BN7)	28
6 Cylinder Convertible (BJ7 or BJ8)	47
Bugeye Sprite (AN5)	17
Square body Sprite (AN6, AN7, AN8, or AN8)	7
Jensen Healey	0
Nash Healey	0
Other	3
I don't own a Healey	3

The 6-cylinder convertibles are the largest percent of Healeys with 39%, followed by 6-cylinder roadsters at 23% and Bugeye Sprites at 14%. Of the 100 members who completed the survey they own a total of 155 Healeys.

Thank you all who completed our annual survey as this is very important information as we prepare for the event and activities for 2024. We encourage you to participate in our 2024 Annual General Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting at:

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

We have three key positions open for 2024:

1. Wing Coordinator for Wing 1 – Southeast NY, NYC, Long Island, Fairfield County CT, NJ & PA,
2. Vice President of AHC New England
3. AHC NE Annual Delegate.

If you have interest in any of this opportunities, please reach out to any of your officers; Bruce Ketchen [bruce.ketchen@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.ketchen@gmail.com), Art Harvey [aharvey@rdi.qozzy.com](mailto:aharvey@rdi.qozzy.com), Linda Hakala [linda.m.hakala@gmail.com](mailto:linda.m.hakala@gmail.com), Bev Sealand [bevsealand@gmail.com](mailto:bevsealand@gmail.com), Pete Sturtevant [Healeybn4@comcast.net](mailto:Healeybn4@comcast.net), Rick Neville [healeyrick@yahoo.com](mailto:healeyrick@yahoo.com), Bob Britton [HealeyBJ7@hotmail.com](mailto:HealeyBJ7@hotmail.com) and Jud Perkins [juds3000@comcast.net](mailto:juds3000@comcast.net)



Thank you for your continued support of AHC NE



# Help Wanted!

## Coordinators for Wing 1 (NYC, SE NY, and SW CT)

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	Robert Scalla	860-658-0072	<a href="mailto:robertalanstart@gmail.com">robertalanstart@gmail.com</a>
3 Eastern CT Western RI	Dutcha	860-859-7476	<a href="mailto:healeydutch@gmail.com">healeydutch@gmail.com</a>
4 SE MA/ E. RI (HEMRI)	Bruce Ketchen	617-947-6473	<a href="mailto:bruce.ketchen@gmail.com">bruce.ketchen@gmail.com</a>
5 Northshore & Eastern MA	Roy Crane	978-761-3930	<a href="mailto:roycrane@verison.net">roycrane@verison.net</a>
6 NH/ME	Bob Britton	603-381-3158	<a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a>
7 VT Upstate NY Western MA	Ken Gypson	518-423-7565	<a href="mailto:kengypson@yahoo.com">kengypson@yahoo.com</a>

We need a volunteer to fill the one available Wing Coordinator for Wing 1; Southeastern NY, NYC, and Southwestern CT. Please let me know if you are interested or would like additional information. The Wing Coordinator has agreed to support the transition.

Thank You,

**Bruce L. Ketchen**

President AHC-NE

[bruce.ketchen@gmail.com](mailto: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

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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 "double dip" Tech Session Wednesday, January 3rd – 10AM 10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA*

On December 9th at our last tech session, we got Frank Jacques' Bugeye Sprite engine running. We determined to keep it running the carbs needed to be rebuilt. Bob Abbott from British Car R&R is rebuilding the carbs. After some additional maintenance items and reinstalling the carbs, we plan to have the car running on its own.

Club member Ted Stanton has a 100 engine which has been sitting for 40+ years and we will be seeing if we can get the motor to turnover and what condition it is in for a rebuild or "boat anchor".

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

We will plan to have a group lunch at Kelly's of Norton, if you are interested.

RSVP Pete Sturtevant at [healeybn4@comcast.net](mailto:healeybn4@comcast.net) if you plan on joining our tech session and/or lunch. Please RSVP by New Years Day



## *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.

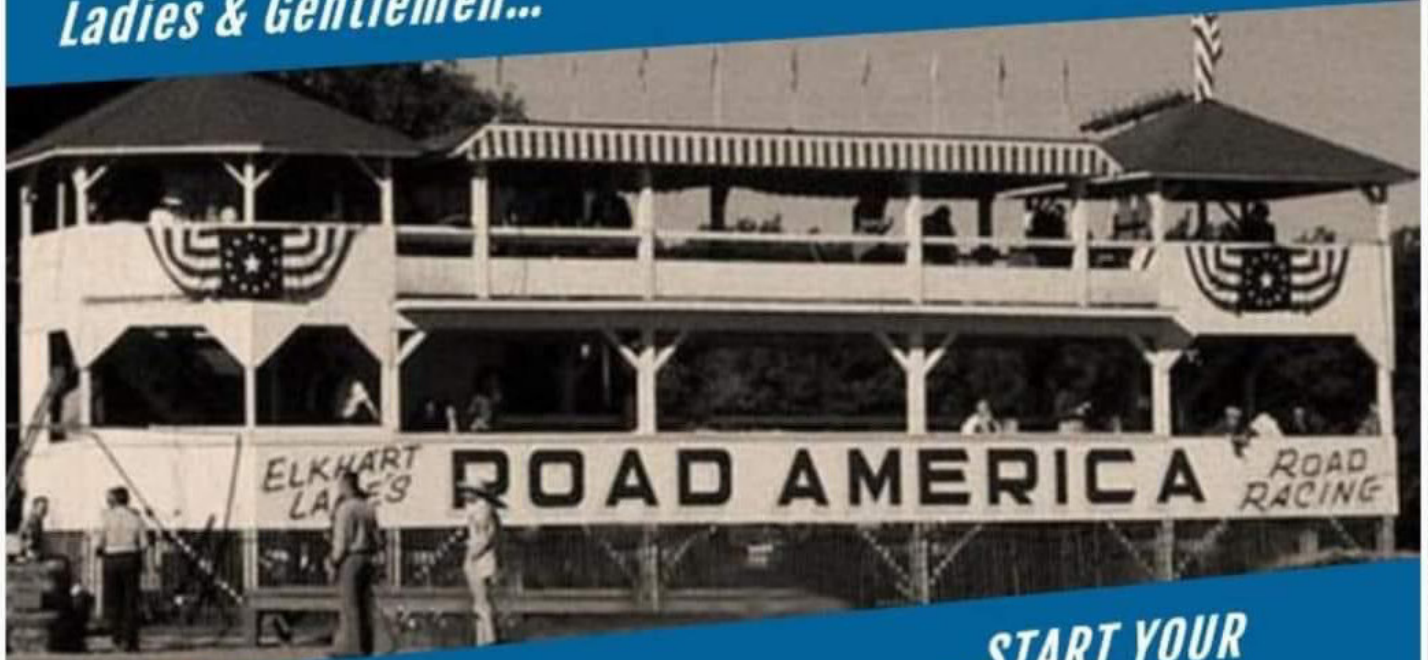
February 10, 2024, snow date February 17, 2024 | Starting 12:00 Noon  
10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA

**Please RSVP Roy by February 7th**  
[roycrane@verizon.net](mailto:roycrane@verizon.net)  
or 978-761-3930



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**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 2024 Tentative Event Calendar

<b>January</b>				
<b>Wednesday January 3rd 10 AM</b>	<b>Wing 4</b>	<b>Austin-Healey "Double Dip" Tech Session</b>	10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA,	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Monday January 8th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Saturday January 20th 10:00 AM</b>		<b>AHC NE 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) via Zoom</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221806137?pwd=VmdoSmJHU05VckRKZkhpOVRNM1Awdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221806137?pwd=VmdoSmJHU05VckRKZkhpOVRNM1Awdz09</a>	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com 617 947 6473
<b>February</b>				
<b>Saturday February 10th at Noon</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>MID-WINTER VALVE COVER RACING</b>	10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA	Roy Crane roycrane@verizon.net
<b>Monday February 12th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>March</b>				
<b>Monday March 11th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Saturday March ? 10:00 AM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Spring Planning Meeting</b>	Zoom details on the home page of the website	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com 617 947 6473
<b>April</b>				
<b>Monday April 8th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
<b>Thursday April 18th 4 pm</b>	<b>Wing 4</b>	<b>Cruise Night at Patriot Place</b>	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
	<b>Wing 6</b>	<b>Tech Session - Bristich Body &amp; Coachworks</b>	11 NH Route 119 Wet Fitzwilliam, NH	Mark LeBlanc ceispars@yahoo.com 978-320-9435
<b>May</b>				
<b>Thursday May 2nd 4 pm</b>	<b>Wing 4</b>	<b>Cruise Night at Patriot Place</b>	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
	<b>All</b>	<b>AHC NE Birthday Party Celebration</b>	Wayside Inn 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA	Reservations - Linda Hakala linda.m.hakala@gmail.com 603 398 4421
<b>Monday May 6th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net



DATE	HOST	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
	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	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
Monday May 20th - Friday May 24th	All	Summit 2024	Simsbury Inn Simsbury, CT	Robert Scalla robertalanstar@gmail.com
<b>June</b>				
Thursday May 30th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
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 <a href="https://britishmotorcarsinbristol.com/">https://britishmotorcarsinbristol.com/</a>	Show Field Colt State Park Bristol RI	Ernie Connor ernie.connor@verizon.net 401-480-9838
Monday June 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Thursday June 13th 4 pm	Wing 4	Cruise Night at Patriot Place	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
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 <a href="https://larzanderson.org/2022lawevents/britishcarday22/">https://larzanderson.org/2022lawevents/britishcarday22/</a>	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	<a href="https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/">https://www.patriot-place.com/masscruisers/</a>	
<b>July</b>				
Sunday July 7th	All	Bay State Antique Auto Club Show	<a href="https://www.bsaa.com/">https://www.bsaa.com/</a>	Endicott Estate 656 East St, Dedham, MA
Monday July 8th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Saturday July 20th, 10AM- 3PM	All	BCNH- Show of Dreams <a href="https://www.bcnh.org/show-of-dreams/">https://www.bcnh.org/show-of-dreams/</a>	Alvirne Hills House Field, Hudson, NH	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
<b>August</b>				
Monday August 12th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09</a>	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net



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