Summit24 – 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 "Summit24" 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 <u>https://www.simsburyinn.com/</u> you will have a chance to experience our group dinner (pizza, salad, wings, sodas and cash bar) at the Iron Horse Pub of Simsbury <u>https://ironhorsesportspub.com/</u> 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, United States, 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: <u>https://limerock.com/drive/driving-programs/track-tapas-info/</u> <u>Due to limited</u> <u>space the Tapas program will be available on a first come/first serve basis.</u>

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.



Wednesday morning, will be another fun filled day, where you may choose to tour Hill-Stead Museum to see the Modern Day Monet exhibition <u>https://www.hillstead.org/</u> 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 Leasure magazine recently named the Hill-Stead museum the #1 small museum in America.

Modern Day Monet - THE 1st ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION April 25 - May 26, 2024

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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. <u>https://www.tulmeadowfarmstore.com/</u>

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: <u>https://flamigfarm.com/</u>



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 Summit24, 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 the Third week of May for "Summit24."

Registration and tentative schedule will be published shortly.