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"Northeast Patriots Win Superbowl."

Confused by the headline? So are many other AH individuals across the country. It has been noted on many occasions that on the national level our area isn't recognized because we're confused with other areas: Northeast Ohio, Northwest Texas, Northeast Montana etc.

The suggestion has been made that perhaps we should change our name to the New England Area. We're the largest membership group within the AHCA and yet many people don't know where we are from. I realize not all of our members live in New England, but isn't it better to have them think you're from this general area and not Ohio or Texas?

Our designation in the AHCA directory already lists us as the New England Region, and the New England Patriots have put us firmly on the map. If you have any thoughts, positive or negative, please e-mail dfalconeirir@hotmail.com. We are aware of the stationary, logo, regalia, etc., but that can easily be changed to reflect who we really are. Who knows, perhaps that shirt you own with a northeast area logo on it may someday fetch thousands of dollars on E-Bay!

The *Northeast News*

The newsletter for Northeast region members of the Austin Healey Club of America

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Events & Info

President's column

Greetings

It is with great pleasure that I write my first column as your new president. I sincerely hope that we have a most splendid Healey season in 2005. I know there is a great deal of work ahead for us, here in the Northeast Region, as we will begin work in earnest on the Green Mountain International Conclave that we'll host in 2007. It will be a very difficult endeavor, but our past history illustrates quite clearly that we have both the talent and organizational skill to make it a first rate event. Our past president, Charlie Krut, has graciously accepted the difficult and time consuming position as chairman of the conclave committee. And I know he would be extremely pleased to get as many people as he can involved in the process. If you feel you have the time and the interest to contribute in some way to conclave, either in its planning or as worker at the event itself, let us know. We can use the help, as we hope to make this the best conclave ever.

This request I have put forth to club members to get involved in the 2007 Conclave is merely the first call in a theme I will attempt to pursue during my first year as president of our club. It is somewhat disconcerting, when you consider the fact that the Northeast Region has upwards of 450 registered members, making us the largest of any region in the AHCA, if we relate that fact to the small number of members usually in attendance at regularly scheduled club events. Even Summit, which has become the region's signature event, only attracts 80 or so cars, and considering that a portion of those in attendance are our Canadian friends, we have only about 15% of our total membership taking part in our biggest event of the year. That is disappointing to me, even though I realize that some people join car clubs only to get the national publication, or to keep up on the marque's current market prices.

It is very difficult to believe that a full 85% of our total membership has no interest in meeting other Healey people. I would like to think that all people in the club, those who have never attended a meet and those who come to meets on a regular basis, have one big thing in common: their love of driving an Austin Healey. In fact, the principal idea of having a meet in the first place is to drive your Healey. The destination is never as important as the ride, and the added reward you receive when your trip is concluded is the pleasure of meeting lots of other people who share your LOVE of the Healey marque. The fine examples of your favorite sports car will also be there for you to view and admire, and good conversations about a particular restoration shop, parts supplier, or the uniqueness of a particular car will fill the day and make it pass too quickly. To those members who have never attended a meet, I pose the same questions my mother once directed at me! HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU WON'T LIKE IT, HAVE YOU TRIED IT? If your answer is no, my response is: GIVE IT A TRY - YOU MIGHT LIKE IT!

Frank Motta

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Summit 2005

August 25 - 28, 2005

Summit 2005 will be held in St-Sauveur, Quebec. St-Sauveur is a quaint little town, nestled in the Laurentian Hills and centered amongst 4 ski centers. It has kept its charm by outlawing all restaurant chains within the city limits. There are more than 100 restaurants of all types (Greek, Italian, Schechuan, Japanese, specialty steak, pizza, breakfast, etc., etc., etc.) in the town. There is also plenty of shopping in the local boutiques.

The host hotel is within the village limits and a very short walk to the center of town. St-Sauveur is the vacation center of the Laurentians to the hundreds of lakes and thousands of vacationers in the surrounding area. The ski center, closest to the hotel, (within walking distance) boasts a large aquatic center making it an all year resort. The Gymkhana will be held in the parking lot of an adjacent ski center, again within walking distance of the hotel. A hill climb to the top of the mountain is being discussed with the City Council and the local police force. Hopefully, we will have answers for you within the next few weeks.

The Rally will take us in the Laurentian Hills and ultimately to Mt-Tremblant, one of the largest mountains on the East Coast. A visit of the site is in order. Intrawest corp. Is the developer of the site. I believe that already \$2 billion have been invested on the site with its many shops, boutiques, condos, golf centers and race track. A visit to the top of Mt-Tremblant is a must. Depart early Friday morning to be able to take advantage of all the sites to see. The return trip will be through secondary roads in the hill and lake areas.

The city and Chamber of Commerce of St-Sauveur are opening their arms to us. They have granted us permission to block off a busy street adjacent the city's



main artery and next door to the town's Catholic church. Popularity will be held there on Saturday, from 12 to 4 p.m. A new twist for voting is under study. Each Healey will have a small container and anyone interested can drop \$1.00 in the container of their choice. The public will also be invited to participate. Monies collected will be donated to a local charity. The cars with the most dollars will be the winners in each class.

All you need to do is register now and make sure to block off the dates on your calendar. As usual, you will need a registration number to reserve your room at the hotel. Summit 2005 promises to be a Smokin' Summit indeed. The location (40 miles North West of Montreal, Autoroute 15, St-Sauveur exit) is ideal for Smokin Summit in St-Sauveur. By the way, our regalia shirts for men and women are on sale and they are fantastic!

We are looking forward to your visit in August. To register early, simply fill out the Registration Form in this newsletter and send it in.

Watkins Glen challenge

June 17-19, 2005

For the latest updates on the Australia-US Healey Challenge, see the Web site www.auhc.net.

For those who plan to attend the Watkins Glen races on June 17-19, this is considered by the track to be a "closed event." What this means is that the main gates will not be staffed or open. Not to worry if you wish to watch, Judy at HSR (the sanctioning body) has made special arrangements for you. Upon arriving at the track, proceed to the HSR trackside registration and ask to be placed on the HSR Master Over Crew List (This does not mean you will be asked to fuel or change tires on race cars!). There will be a fee of \$35 per person and you will need to sign a liability waiver that will allow you access to the event the entire weekend. HSR's registration will be open from 7-5 Thurs., 7:30-3:00 Friday, 7:30- 1:00 Sat, 8-11 a.m. Sun. Updated hours will be posted on www.theglen.com shortly before the event. HSR has made every effort to accommodate club and street Healeys at this event (even working on a means to permit street and race Healeys to paddock together). You are most welcome to attend! Hope to see you there.

Jim Smith

Conclave 2007

BURLINGTON, VT NEEDS YOUR HELP

April 16, 2005 • 11 a.m. • Sturbridge, MA

If you're interested in working on one or more committees of the greatest conclave ever, please attend a meeting April 16, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Hyland Orchard and Brewery in Sturbridge Ma. Lunch and beverages will be served. We have many committees you can serve on including, but not limited to, Finance, Art/Logo, Advertising, Registration, Hotel, Vendor, Awards, Arts/Crafts, Car Show, Entertainment, Raffle, Auction, etc.

Please RSVP to Betty Bender at

413-684-3934 or
rbender1@berkshire.rr.com or Janet
Kastberg 413-245-4318 or
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If you can't attend and would like to volunteer, please share your ideas with us! This is a huge event and we can use everyone's help!

Tentative calendar of events 2005 Healey season

APRIL 16

A general meeting for volunteers to work on Conclave 2007. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Highland Brewery in Sturbridge, MA. Contact Janet Kastberg at 413-245-4618

APRIL 23

A new members meet for Western CT will be held at the home of Charlie and Debra Krut in Suffield, CT 860-668-0715

MAY 7

A new members meet for Western MA will be held at the home of Bob and Betty Bender in Dalton, MA 413-684-3934

MAY 14

A new members meet for Southeastern MA and Rhode Island will be held at the home of John and Maureen Kelley in Bridgewater, MA 508-697-6273

MAY 18 - MAY 21

Foreign Car Swap Meet, Carslile, PA

MAY 22

A new members meet for Southern NH, Northeastern MA will be held at the home of Ralph and Thalia Loosigian in Chelmsford, MA 978-256-8940.

JUNE 5

British cars by the sea car show will be held in Waterford, CT. Contact Dave Barton for more information. 860-6587147

JUNE 11

Southeastern MA Progressive Dinner -
Contact Steve Bell 508-947-6499

JUNE 17 - 19

Australian Challenge Races at Watkins Glen- Contact Jim Smith 860-267-4325

JUNE 26 - JULY 1

Conclave 2005 NC

JULY 10

Highland Brewery Rally sponsored by Jon and Janet Kastberg of Sturbridge, MA 413-245-4618

AUGUST 20

Owls Head Museum Tour and Dinner sponsored by James and Barbara Lea of Rockport, ME. 207-236-3632

AUGUST 25 - 28

Summit 2005 will be held at St-Sauveur, Quebec Canada. Contact Alain Giguere, 8339 St-Gerard, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2P 2E1, call at 514-385 1186

SEPTEMBER 1 - 4

Lime Rock Vintage Races held at Lime Rock Park in CT.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 18

British Invasion Stowe, VT.

DECEMBER 3

Christmas Party Bob and Betty Bender

Possible event ideas not yet slated:

Proposed meet by Rich Neville to a restoration shop in Essex Ma., but no date has been selected.

Want to add your own event? Contact Frank Motta and give him your idea. There's plenty of room on the calendar.

Help Wanted

Awesome car club is looking for a talented individual to take over the design and editing of the club newsletter and Web site. Responsibilities include editing articles submitted by club members for 10 issues during the year.

Another position is that of Web master. Responsibilities include maintaining club Web site. Making monthly updates in conjunction with the club newsletter.

One person can do both jobs or two people is that's easier.

If you're interested or want to learn more about the positions, contact Deb Katz at 860-436-9473 or via email at dkatz@opensolutions.com

Holiday revelers party on!!

It was a dark and stormy night . . . but that didn't stop about 40 of the club's robust members from their goal of celebrating Holiday Cheer at the Rowley Country Club in Rowley, MA last Dec. 4. On hand were the local "usual suspects" plus a large contingent of WISEPEOPLE from the West who FOLLOWED THE BRIGHT tail LIGHTS of the cars headed TO THE EAST on the Mass. Pike, all BEARING GIFTS of \$10.

Meanwhile, back at the RCC, longtime members and hosts Rick Neville and Elaine O'Neill were making sure that all was ready for the festivities. The lights and decorations were all hung with glee, the bar was well stocked and the caterer was spreading the tables with many delicious consumables and confections in preparation for the arrival of the guests and Jolly Old St. Nick.

Everyone arrived in holiday spirit and old friends were greeted once again -- along with several new worshippers of our favorite brand of English tin from the much farther East. Soon the revelry increased in somewhat direct proportion to the decrease in the bar stock. Before long it was time to scramble for position in the buffet line for the sumptuous repast.

After consuming most of the consumables in sight, it was time for the eagerly anticipated sharing of the gifts ala Yankee Swap. The chimney must go all the way down as Santa emerged

from the bowels of the building in full regalia and lumpy pillows. As he took his revered position by the mound of the \$10 gifts, one of the ladies present (courtesy dictates that she should remain nameless) lost her composure and broke out in riotous laughter for what seemed several minutes. Seems that Santa wore his magic stocking cap that lay flaccid on one side of his head only to jump up to full erect position and then flop down on the opposite side. This action repeated with intermittent regularity. No one knows exactly why this particular action tickled her fancy, but Santa -- after quizzically glancing over in her direction -- was undeterred by the commotion and continued on his mission.

There is no doubt that the lyrics in that old familiar Carol "donn we now our Gay apparel" do not apply to our Santa as he was continually heard to whisper to the ladies "The good stuff is waaay in the back" and, being a helpful soul, offering to guide them lest they should become unstable while reaching and bending over. But, once again, no one fell for it. Soon all the gifts were opened and "Yankee'd" -- the holders of the good stuff trying to be nonchalant and hoping that the ones with 'lumps of coal' wouldn't appear to wrest their prize from their clutches. Then the holder of the coveted Number 1 ticket surveyed the bounty and made off with the handsome framed Healey poster.

Once again it was time for well wish-

es and good-byes and the anticipation of springtime when the musical notes of the 6 cylinder Healey exhausts will echo again in the hills of the roads less travelled.

Thanks, again, to Rick and Elaine for hosting the evening's memorable festivities.

Len Cannizzaro

Welcome new members

Bill Ahearn • North Salem, NY

Robert Depray • W. Suffield, CT

Robert Donaldson • Goshen, CT

Arthur Rocque • Storrs, CT

Robert W. Shaffsick • New Hyde Park, NY

Brian A. Springmann • Mont Vernon, NH

Ad Requirements

Members may submit classified ads to be run in the Northeast News free of charge for other than commercial businesses. Commercial ad rates are listed to the right. Send camera-ready artwork to:

Deb Katz • 9 Hartwell Rd. • Wethersfield, CT 06109 or via e-mail at dlkatz_99@hotmail.com.

Ads will be run once unless specified.

Advertising Rates

Unit	Size		Price	
	Width	Height	Single	Full Year
Full Page	7"	10"	\$55	\$390 (save \$50)
1/2 Page	Hz 7" Vt 3 1/4"	4 1/2" 10"	\$35	\$250 (save \$30)
1/4 Page	3 1/4"	4 1/2"	\$25	\$180 (save \$20)
Business card	3 1/2"	2"	\$15	\$110 (save \$10)

Newsletter Deadlines

Month	Includes events in:	Deadline for articles
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April	May/June/July	April 1
May	June/July/Aug.	May 1
June	July/Aug/Sept.	June 1



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