



New England News

*The newsletter for members in the New England Region of the
Austin Healey Club of America
NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME & Northern NJ*

From the Editor

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Trivia Quiz

In the newsletter, from time to time, there will be a trivia question.

Send in your response to the question and a name will be drawn from those correct answers submitted and a prize will be sent to the winner.

Question:

When Healey stopped production of the Elliott and the Westland, what were the next 2 cars produced?

Mail your answer to:
Healey Trivia
117 Patricia Avenue
Dalton, MA 01226-2046

or

E-mail to:
rbender1@berkshire.rr.com

Summit 2006

Your AHCA NE committees are working hard to make the Summit 2006 in Camden Maine an adventure to remember.

A few of the many events include an autoX, a fun rally through the beautiful Maine countryside, a tour to Firefly Restorations, the foremost fire truck restoration facility in the US, and our annual car show to be held this year as part of the Owls Head Transportation Museum Wings and Wheels Spectacular. This is OHTM's largest event of the year and is attended by thousands and there will be dozens of antique airplanes flying and hundreds of vintage cars of all types.

Also planned is a professional photo of massed Healeys that will be taken just before the BBQ on Rockport harbor Friday night. There is also free time set aside for schooner day trips, a winery tour, shopping, swimming in the beautiful Lake Megunticook or a self guided tour to the top of Mt Battie, the only place on the east coast where the mountains meet the sea.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a great weekend. Get your registration in soon as the price goes up on June 15th.

If you have questions, write me at clocks@midcoast.com or call 207-236-3632. See you there.

James Lea, Summit chair



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Austin Healey Club of America Eastern MA/RI Region

“Spring Tune Up”

Saturday, April 22nd 10 AM to 4 PM

10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA 02048
508 339 1582

Ever wish you could inspect under your Healey without crawling on the ground? Want to adjust your brakes without jacking up the car and using jack stands? Need to use a MIG welder? Need to sand blast some parts? Do you have a nagging problem with your Healey, and would like some advice from knowledgeable “experts” in the area? Here is your chance to get your Healey ready for the summer. Pete and Cindy Sturtevant will host the “Healey Spring Tune Up” and provide the facilities of his four bay workshop. The workshop is complete with a four-corner post drive on lift, a scissor lift for suspension work, MIG welder, Compressor with air tools, and a full array of hand and power tools. The expectation is to focus on modest Healey jobs, like tune-ups, oil and grease, tire rotation, etc. for this day. You will be responsible for providing your own hand tools and parts.

We believe that this event will be of most interest to the “guys”, but every one is invited, and Cindy will host those not interested in getting a little dirty with their Healey.

Continental Breakfast and Cookout Lunch will be included in the day’s festivities. Please RSVP your attendance to Pete at: healeybn4@comcast.net or call 508 509 5517 by “tax day” April 15th

Directions: From Route 495, take exit 10, Route 123 East (E. Main St.) towards Easton. Approximately, 1 mile from the exit, take your first left onto Newland St. Follow Newland St. for 1.3 miles, and take an immediate left, at the Mansfield town line, to Cedar Ridge Lane. We are the second house on the left, number 10.

*** TECH CALL ***

The 2006 Summit Committee has requested that we canvas the membership as to what type of technical sessions that would be interesting to have. If you have any suggestions phone, send or E-mail your ideas to:

James Lea · 207-236-3632 clocks@midcoast.com

President's column

By Frank Motta

Hi You All!

I just came back from a Florida vacation, and as I write this column, my memories of the warm refreshing climate I so recently experienced has me thinking about the up coming driving season. I'm sure most of you have strolled out to the garage and taken the cover off the old girl, and fired her up just to listen to the pipes. You may have even taken her out for a brief spin if you have her insured and registered, but in spite of our unbridled enthusiasm we all know that it is still wintertime, and that the driving season is still several months ahead. However, that does not mean we can't dream about top down driving in the sunshine, so sit back, put your feet up, and think about where you would like to go this summer. If you pick a real nice spot that you know you will enjoy, you can invite the rest of us to go along, and maybe we can call it a meet. Then your daydreaming will have contributed to the benefit of us all. So when your spouse says to you, as you are lounging about, that you are wasting your precious time, tell them you are planning a Healey meet. So if you have any ideas for a meet, please call your area co-coordinator or me to let us know what you have in mind. Remember no idea for a meet is a foolish one, unless you fail to ask if it is! Hope to see you at a Healey event, preferably yours.

Happy Day Dreaming

Frank

SUMMIT 2006 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday 6 -9 PM.

registration and
Hospitality, Country
Inn. Dinner on
your own.



Friday Breakfast on your own.

8-10 AM. Registration. Regalia.
9 AM. Firefly tour
leaves from Country Inn.
12 Noon. Lunch on your own.
1-3 PM. AutoX at Camden Regional HS.
3-4 PM Free time.

4-5 PM Photograph of massed Healeys

5 PM - ?. BBQ. Rockport Marine Park.

Saturday. Breakfast on your own.

8:00-9:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM Car wash area open all day.

8:30 AM. Downeast Fun Rally,

Camden Regional HS.

11 AM – 2 PM. Car Show. OHTM.

Lunch available.

2 – 7 PM. Free time. Schooner sails, Shopping,

Swimming, Winery tour, Mt. Battie tour.

7 PM. Banquet, Samoset Resort,

Rockland. Awards.

Sunday AM. Breakfast on your own. Check
out. Goodbyes.

*Check out the last page for the Summit
registration form.*

DON'T LET YOUR DREAM GET SCUTTLED!

Undertaking a major scuttle repair is not for the faint of heart, especially for a novice first-time restorer, with virtually no body shop experience. But my thoughts are, if some one else can do it, so can I, and, so can you with the proper tools and advice. In a previous life my Longbridge Bn-4 had an under dash fire which had melted a section of the aluminum scuttle, and had been repaired with roof flashing and pop rivets, but it had a nice front section. I had a Longbridge parts car (thanks to John Murphy), which had a scuttle with a somewhat bashed in front and very good rear section. I was left with no other alternative but to meld the two sections together, as the cost of a used scuttle good condition was out of my price range.



This is where the trepidation comes in. The most important thing to remember is measure twice or three times or more and cut once.

Using a pneumatic hacksaw I cut at the upper most part of the bonnet opening, which is also the shortest piece to cut. When measuring the opening you must take into account that there will be a lap joint where the two pieces join. That means that one of the two pieces has to be 5/8 of an inch longer than you need to have the bonnet fit properly. I used a pneumatic step tool, which makes the joint somewhat smooth. At this point I dry fitted the

scuttle on the car and then duct taped the sections together and fit the bonnet. If your measurements were correct the bonnet will fit like a glove. I then drilled and pop riveted both section together through the step joint, taped and reinforced with wood so the scuttle would not flex out of position, and off to the aluminum welder we went.



Today when you look my car you can't tell there was ever a repair. I have made this repair sound very easy, but there was a lot of perspiration and trepidation and I was scared to death to make that first cut. As I look back on my first restoration project I feel this scuttle repair was the most daunting and worrisome part of the project.

By Denney Broughel

Membership? Renewals

The February 15 renewal deadline has passed but many of you (**almost 100!!**) have not yet renewed for 2006. If you're one of those, please send your entire renewal form and dues to me right away at AHCA New England Region, 12 Fairfield St, Webster, MA 01570-3328

Keith and Jayne Risk are looking for a Healey. We're interested in a driver. Please contact us at klrisk@charter.net or (508) 943-1841.

The New England Region of AHCA. online at www.ahca-northeast.com

Hi Folks,

Five Big Healeys crossed the block at the RM classic car auction in Boca Raton, FL (Just 8 miles from my house). The results were as follows:

'54 BN1 - V8 conversion. Healey blue with an incorrect black interior. A little ratty but someone liked it enough to pony up \$17,000 for it.

'58 BN4 - Nice armature restoration. Rare transition car with disk wheels and no overdrive. Painted the love it or hate it Pacific Green with gray and green interior.. Probably a #3+ or better car that sold for \$28,500.

'59 BN4 - Healey Blue over white with a blue interior. Cosmetically nice but the engine bay was dirty and not original. Had a bulge in the shroud to clear the home made cold air box. Not as nice as the car above but a more desirable color combo and with wire wheels and overdrive. Probably a #3 or lower car that sold for \$28,200.

'59 BN7 - Old English White with a red interior. Restored six years ago to a decent standard but not particularly well cared for since. A #3 car at best that sold for \$34,000.

'67 BJ8 - Nice car. Never restored but with newer paint and correct interior, both done to a very good standard. No rust or sign on any repair. A #2 or better car that was bid to \$40,000 and went unsold. The seller wanted at least \$55,000 for it and in my view it was probably worth it given what the other cars sold for.

So it looks like the market for Healeys is still strong and the roadsters are finally getting their due, even the lowly BN4 :) And at \$34k I may have to consider parting with my BN7. Then again I can't imagine what I could get for that amount that would ever make me forget about the Healey - never mind.

John Peak
'59 BN7

2006 Planning Calendar

This is the time of the year that the Area Coordinators (AC's) get together with the Clubs Officers and start planning for the year to come, this years calendar is starting to shape up . So contact your AC with any ideas you may have and will pug them in.

By the time you get this we hope to have the 2006 Calendar up on the website.

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Registration Form (please print clearly)

Arrival Date: _____

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Additional Adult Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Children Attending: _____

All attendees must be registered. The registration fee covers 1 car, 2 adults and immediate family members under 16, hospitality, popularity judging, tech sessions, rally and other activities. (Some events require additional fees)

We would like to participate in:

- Rallye Tech Sessions
 AutoX Car Show

Popularity Judging (indicate class)

(Classes subject to change based on preregistrations)

- 100 Bugeye Sprite MK1
 100m Sprite MK11
 BJ7 Sprite MK 111/1V
 BJ8 Jensen Healey
 Healey Boat Nasty Boy
 Modified Other Healey
 BN6/BN7 (2 Seater)
 BN4/BT7 (4 Seater)
 Diamond in the Rough

	Qty.	Amount	Total
Registration Fee thought 5/1/06	___	\$50.	
Registration Fee after 5/15/0	___	\$65.	
Additional Cars or Boats	___	\$20.	
Additional Adult	___	\$25.	
BBQ Dinner (per person)	___	\$30.	
Awards Banquet (per person)	___	\$40.	
Children's Banquet (per child)	___	\$12.	

Total Payment: _____

Make checks payable to Summit 2006 and Mail to:

Deb Katz
 9 Hartwell Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109
 E-Mail summit06@ahca-northeast.com

NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2006

If you have questions, call or e-mail James Lea, Summit chair at 207-236-3632, clocks@midcoast.com

You won't be able to register for a room at the Country Inn or the Cedar Crest until you have a registration number.

You will receive an e-mail confirmation with number once the completed registration form and payment are received.

Main Hotel: The Country Inn:

www.countryinnmaine.com; Rates: \$165 to \$188
 8 Country Inn Way ~ Rt. 1; Rockport, Maine 04856;
 Phone (207) 236-2725;
 Reservations: 1-888-707-3945

Overflow Hotel: The Cedar Crest:

www.cedarcrestmotel.com; Rates: \$111 to \$125; 115 Elm Street; Camden. ME; Reservations: 1-800-422-4964. The overflow hotel is only a block away from the main hotel.