



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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Ron sent this over:

Please be advised that the Conclave 2006 planning committee has updated the Schedule and Registration Forms. The forms are available in PDF format on the Conclave 2006 Web Site.

Please inform your membership of these changes. The Registration Form now includes reduced Banquet Cost for children under 12.

http://austinhealeyconclave.com/Conclave_2006_Reg_Form.pdf

The Schedule form is updated to reflect changes in the schedule from the original form published in the Healey Marque and pre-printed material that was originally provided to the Club Delegates.

http://austinhealeyconclave.com/Conclave_2006_Schedule.pdf

Ron Mitchell

Web Master: Conclave 2006

President's column

By Frank Motta

Hi everybody

I hope this column finds everyone in good health and spirit as we enter the season of rebirth, I know that I am still recovering from my recent surgery to repair my rotator cuff, and am not quite up to par. Therefore I will try to keep this column short, and to the point.

Again we seem to have a fairly full schedule of interesting events planned for the upcoming season, and I hope to see a good many of you in attendance at one of them. Besides the usual early spring welcoming events that have been a traditional part of our annual schedule, we are extremely fortunate to have included this year's calendar of events an unusually diverse selection of event choices for the discerning Healey owner to attend. This year there will be offered rally's in Vermont and Ma, an autocross in western Massachusetts, a clambake in southern Rhode Island, a wine tour in eastern Massachusetts, and the annual Summit, that will be held this year in Camden Maine. We have also included in our calendar a few non-affiliated flea markets and car shows that are sponsored by other British car clubs, as they have always welcomed our participation. Of course our schedule, as always includes the National Conclave, which this year will be held at Akron Ohio. We will also for the first time this fall try to do something that, while affording all of those who participate some driving enjoyment, will also serve the dual purpose of helping to raise money for charity. The Healey Fund Run, the brainchild of Steven Bell, will allow us to drive our cars while raising money for the American Cancer Society. We encourage the support of all our members in this effort, and hope you will try to be involved.

So as you can see our local club is sponsoring some interesting, and hopefully enjoyable meets for you to become involved in during the upcoming driving season. It is only necessary for you to call the sponsor of a meet and let them know that you are coming.

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Spring Dust-Off

Saturday, April 1, 1996

1:00PM-5:PM

A casual Healey get-together

Elaine and Jim Smith's, 42 Meeks Point Road, East Hampton, CT

Get those Healeys out, boys and girls..... It's Springtime!
Come kick some tires, swap some stories, renew old friendships and meet some new Healey folks.

New to the Healey Club? This is your chance to meet each other. All Healey enthusiasts, new or old, Healey or no Healey, just come and pop a top with us.

Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Phone 860-267-4325 or email (preferred) jsmith6@snet.net .

Directions:

From the North: take Route 2 east from Hartford, to exit 13, then west on route 66 about 3 miles, then turn right onto Old Marlborough Road. Meeks Point is the third right.

From the West: take route 66 from Middletown to East Hampton. Look for McDonalds on the left, then after about 0.4 mile take a left onto Old Marlborough Road, Meeks Point road is the third left.

41 °35'39"N , 72 °29'42"W

Trivia Quiz

We had no correct answers to the March trivia question, so put on your thinking caps and let us know the answer.

April Trivia Questions??

Who was the car enthusiast that built a Big Healey coupe' that resembled the E type Jaguar with the longer tail?

What was this car called?

Mail your answer to: Healey Trivia
117 Patricia Avenue, Dalton, MA 01226-2046
or E-mail to: rbender1@berkshire.rr.com

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They will be happy that you are going to attend, and I am quite sure that you will thoroughly enjoy the experience. So lets see lots of Healey driving, and lots of attendance at the club sponsored events, and make 2006 the most successful Healey season to date. (The full Healey schedule is included in this newsletter)

Happy Healey Motoring Frank

April 2006

**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
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.

**WESTERN MASS. NEW MEMBER
GET TOGETHER!!!**

4/29/2006 at 1:00

117 Patricia Ave. Dalton, Ma.

Well it doesn’t even seem like we’ve had a winter this year. I didn’t even get my snowmobile off the trailer! There should be no reason to put off getting ready for the upcoming Healey season, right?

What better way to get yourself (and your Healey) revved up for summer, than to come to our New Member’s Meet in the beautiful Berkshires? Well, okay they’re not all that beautiful in April, but when you get our Healey friends and their cars together, well, that’s beautiful!

You new members...yeah, you know who you are, come on out of the weeds and have some fun. We’ll tip a cool one, munch some food and talk a lot. We’ll have a chance to laugh about our mistakes and perhaps help you avoid the same ones. There’s a wealth of Healey knowledge in our club. Let us impart some to you while we still remember it!

As a little added attraction, this year we are trying to put together a little guided tour of Cranes Paper Museum. Cranes produces all of the paper for American currency as well as most of the currency and bond paper used in the Central American countries. Unfortunately, Cranes no longer allows tours of the mill itself but this should be interesting and quick. That ought to be enough to get you here. See ya April 29th at 1:00 P.M.!!

From Lee exit of Mass Pike: Bear right on Rt 20 to US 7, To Rt 9, Rt 9 to Dalton, Right onto South St (1st Light after entering Dalton Limits) Left onto Grange Hall Rd.
To Patricia Ave (3RD street on left) We are 3Rd from the last

From Northhampton: Rt 9 West to Dalton Stay on Route 9 toward Pittsfield At 4th light take a left onto South St. Left onto Grange Hall Rd.
To Patricia Ave.

Please RSVP by April 26th to Bob and Betty Bender (413) 684-3934

SEMA Highlights

As some of you know, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, or SEMA through the SEMA Action Network, or SAN act as our agent in governmental affairs by promoting legislative solutions for the auto hobby. I, as your delegate, get the SEMA newsletter each month. When any issue comes up that relates to the Northeast I will make club members aware of it in this news letter.

- 1.) SAN stalled a Massachusetts bill in 2005 (H.B.2011) banning the sale of exhaust systems that increased or amplified noise emission. This bill has now been revised to exclude antique motor cars.
- 2.) In cooperation with SAN, state lawmakers in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts, regulators, local police departments and the auto hobby, SEMA produced model legislation to create titling and registration classifications for street rods and custom vehicles. This bill can be seen at www.semasan.com
- 3.) Newly introduced legislation in Vermont (H.B.686) proposes changing disturbing the peace to include “unreasonably load motor vehicle acceleration noise” and playing “electronically produced music at an unreasonably loud level”. It also increases the maximum fine from \$50 to \$250.

I'll try to keep you informed – Delegate Bob

“How I first got interested in British Cars” *By Peter Rafe Williams*

My first Austin Healey was not to long ago, a short time in Healey years 1998. I was just finishing up my first ever old car project a 63 Willys Station Wagon when my friend told me there was a \$3,300 dollar Big Healey for sale in the local Springfield paper.

My reaction was, “Fred! What is a Big Healey?” He proceeded to tell me, over some beers, that a big healey was the bigger model of the Austin Healeys. Before my beer was done I knew she would be mine. We went up the next day for a look see and I ended up spending \$3,000 dollars for a white 1965

BJ8 that was just a shell of its former self. I figured that I had spent probably \$1,000 too much, but looking back the price was just about right.

I had the car for 5 years. The first three were the fun part, rebuilding a car that I had no knowledge of. Learning and understanding the workings of a BJ8 has to be one of the pleasures of being a LBC nut. She ended up as my driver the years that I was building my 56 100m for the 2002 Great Race.

Sold her for \$26,000 dollars in 2003 when I went to the post office and a local followed me into the parking lot and asked if it was for sale. He had a friend who was looking for one just like the one I was driving. Before I got home, about a quarter mile, the phone was ringing and that afternoon the deal was made.

Let's see - 5 years of fun building, driving and then getting what I had into the car.

Life doesn't get any better.

Added Stop Light

Many of you may have read the article in the November 2005 Marque about how a third brake light can be added to your trunk lid. Paul and I will be happy to install the GMC light shown in the pictures below at the April 22nd tune up meet. You can by the part at your Chevy or GMC dealer (#15030176) or call me and I will get it for you. The cost of the light is \$ 110.00 each.

Remember it not how fast you can stop your car BUT how fast the guy behind you can stop HIS.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Charlie Krut



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April 2006

Austin Healey Club of America New England Chapter

2006 Schedule of Events

April 1, 2006 - Newcomers gathering for eastern CT. Please contact Jim Smith at Tel 860-267-4325 or e-mail jsmith6@snet.net

April 15, 2006 – Auto Flea Market, by BMCNE, 667 Providence Street, Woonsocket, RI. Lou Farget Tel 401-766-1588 or britishpartsnewengland@cox.net

April 22, 2006-Spring tune-up at Mansfield MA Please contact Peter Sturtevant at Tel 508-339-1582 or e-mail healeybn4@aol.com

April 29, 2006-Newcomers gathering for western MA Please contact Bob/Betty Bender at 413-684-3934 or e-mail rbender1@berkshire.rr.com

May 6, 2006-Newcomers gathering for eastern MA and RI. Randy Hicks at 508-252-9295

May 6, 2006- Summit Coordination Meeting, Ipswich, MA Please contact Jim Lea at Tel 207-236-3632 or e-mail clocks@midcoast.com

May 19, 20, 21 2006 - Carlisle Foreign Import Flea Market and Car Show-Carlisle PA Please contact Steve Bell at 508-947-6499 or e-mail scbell@mail.Rockland.mec.edu

May 21, 2006-British Car Show at Princeton NJ Please contact Jim Smith at Tel 860-267-4325 or e-mail jsmith6@snet.net

May 27, - June 4 2006-10th Annual British Car Week, Planet Earth Promote your car and hobby! www.britishcarweek.org

June 4, 2006- British by the Sea Car Show (Southern CT.) Please contact Dave Barton at. Tel 860-658-7147 or e-mail dbartonct@aol.com

June 10, 2006 Newcomers gathering at Ipswich MA contact Bob Abbott at

Tel 603-433-9544 or e-mail healeybj7@aol.com or David Altman at Tel 781-581-3405 or e-mail margaret.d.altman@altmancompany

June 18-22, 2006-Conclave 2006 Ohio Odyssey at Akron Ohio. Please contact Lynn Cline at e-mail conclave06@healey.com

June 25, 2006 British Car Days at Las Andersen Museum contact Len Cannizzaro at Tel 781-273-0306 or e-mail lencan@rcn.com

July 8, 2006 Rally and Tour at Bennington VT contact Bill Berg at Tel 802-442-2777 or e-mail jmberg@sover.net or Dennis Broughel at Tel 518-663-8879 or e-mail at brougheldp@earthlink.net

There will be an autocross event sponsored by Paul Durnell in July at a time and place yet to be determined . Please contact Paul at Tel 413-339-0102 for further information, or e-mail austin67@together.net

July 27,28,29,30
Summit 2006 to be held at Camden ME Please contact Jim Lea at Tel 207-236-3632 or e-mail clocks@midcoast.com or Debra Katz e-mail to summit@ahc-northeast.com



August 5, 2006 Wine Tour will be held in southeastern MA please contact Frank Motta Tel 508-636-8636 or e-mail fmott@surfglobal.net

August 19, 2006 A Cookout will be held in southern RI Please contact Peter Sturtevant Tel 508-339-1582 or e-mail fealeybn4@aol.com

August 26, 2006 National Healey Club Ice Cream Social will be held in each local club Area. Please contact your local area coordinator for more information..

September 1,2,3,4, 2006 Lime Rock Park Vintage Races at Lime Rock CT. Please contact Charlie Krut Tel 860-668-0715 or e-mail ckrut@shepardsteel.com

September 9, 2006 A Road Rally will be held in Hadley MA. Please contact Paul Choiniere Tel 413-585-0976 or e-mail Paulch@charter.net

September 15,16,17, 2006 British Invasion weekend Stowe VT. Please contact Bob Britton Tel 603-525-4226 or e-mail healeybj7@hotmail.com

September 22,23,24, Healy Fund Run (a charity drive for the American Cancer Society) Please contact Steve Bell for more particulars Tel 508-947-6499 or e-mail scbell@mail.Rockland.mec.edu

October 6,7, 2006 a meet will be held at Plymouth MA on the first full weekend in October. Please contact Steve Bell Tel 508-947-6499 or e-mail scbell@mail.Rockland.mec.edu

December 2, 2006 Christmas Party will be held at a location yet to be determined. Please contact Betty Bender Tel 413-684-3934 or e-mail rbender1@berkshire.rr.com

All events are subject to change or modification.

Sprite parts.

All fit Bugeye. Some fit later models.

New sheet metal: passenger side floor pan, rocker panel and rear fender repair patch (section behind rear wheel). \$150 for all three.

New: custom Bugeye car cover. Never used. In bag. Great gift. \$90.

Used: doors (2 passenger, 1 driver) \$100 for all three.

Used: radiators (2), Smooth case tranny, rear leaf springs, front bumper, front grill, windsheild frame. \$200 for the group.

Used starter and generator.

Generator worked when removed AND has a working tach sending unit. \$100 for all three.

Used combo master cylinders and other good stuff. \$100 for the remainder.

Take it all for \$500.00 For pick up only.

Call Bill Erickson 781-575-0812. Canton, MA

LD Runs

The next time your Healey is taking you out to Lunch or Dinner, get your AHCA membership list out, look under northeast region and call 5 local members. Ask them if they would be interested in jointing along. You'll never know until ya try just what the response will be. Take a picture of the cars and members and will put them in the newsletter.



Anyone care to fill us in on the above?

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