



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*

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You probably noticed that something is different this month. **Yes, we are in B&W.** We have decided that although the price was great for printing the newsletter in color, the delivery time wasn't. The e-mail listers will still be getting it in color and the website will post it also in color for anyone that would still like a color one.

E-mail from : Gary Fuqua Classic Sports Cars Branson, Missouri

For those of you who follow this sort of thing I thought I would report the sale of one of my Austin-Healeys at Auction today. 1955 BN2 modified to 100M plus lots of extra go fast goodies and a vintage racing log book making it eligible for racing. It was a strong car and ran very well but as you might expect it was not particularly correct or a cosmetic beauty.

Price sold: \$42,400.00

President's column

By Frank Motta

Hi Everyone

Well at long last it appears that "Old Man Winter" has bid us farewell, and we have been greeted by the uplifting promise and beauty of spring. It has always been a season that tends to lift my spirit, and enervate my mind, as I begin to become filled with anticipation and excitement at the prospect of the Healey driving season. It is always fun to look forward to getting behind the wheel once again and go traveling about in your Healey, but it is very important to develop a plan of attack, so you can develop some sense as to the direction your particular Healey season will take. It becomes fairly obvious if you have been in the club for any length of time that you cannot possibly attend all the meets on the club's schedule, as there are other family and friend commitments that exist in all our lives.

I, myself, usually start early in the spring to plan our families prospective schedule of attendance by looking at the list of club events with an eye toward deciding just which meets seem to me to be an absolute must, and try to pick out as many as I think I can fit into my overall schedule without going over our entertainment budget. I then always discuss the list with my lovely wife, so as to determine the feasibility of our participation in all the events I have chosen, but we have on occasion altered my list somewhat to include an event that has caught her eye but not mine.

We don't always attend all the meets as a couple, for it has been my experience that Anne is not particularly interested in pure car events, that have no particular social component attached as a fundamental aspect of the gathering. She would not be interested in sitting around watching people change their oil, or renew their plugs and points. So I might attend such an event with another Healey friend of the same gender, while she does something else on that day.

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WESTERN MASS. NEW MEMBER GET TOGETHER!!!

4/29/2006 At 1:00117

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 Northampton: 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

Green Mountain International Conclave 2007

HEY WHO'S GOING TO OHIO!!

Summers coming and we should be putting together a small group to represent us for Conclave 2006. Maybe you are just going as a family vacation and that's good. If you are planning to go just give Piggy or myself your information so we may help the masses get there safely and to give us a little help promoting our Conclave.

Charlie Krut Chairman

Spring Dust-Off

Saturday, April 1, 1996

1:00PM-5:PM

A casual Healey get-together

Meet Review – CT – Jim and Elaine Smith's
Ya know the perfect way to start off a new season is among your friends and new acquaintances that share your passion for healeys. Well the new members meet at Elaine and Jim Smiths beautiful lakeside home fit the bill to a tee. The weather cooperated, the lake was gorgeous and the people showed up. (If you feed them, they will come ...that could have been a movie!). There were plenty of stories as well as questions and answers.



We had a chance to peruse Jim's garage and look over his latest project...a beautiful 100 that he's doing a bang up job on...no wait, that's the race car and son of gun, you can hardly tell he did a bang up job on that last summer. If you've never had a chance to watch Jim on the track, you're missing a real treat. When he talks about his cars or the club you can always feel the passion that he has for this hobby.

Well before they would let us have any pizza, they pressed us into service to perform the spring launching of the dock. No one got wet!



Good friends, good food, good beer, and great cars. I guess it just doesn't get any better than that. Thanks to Jim and Elaine for a wonderful season kickoff!

Bob Bender – Cub Reporter

Pre-Green Mountain International Conclave Work Weekend

June 2 thru June 4, 2006

This working committee weekend will be held from Friday evening June 2 to Sunday, June 4, 2006. It is just one year prior to the 2007 event, and will be a dry run of sort in addition to necessary meetings and dissemination of information to and by all committee heads and members.

We will be staying at Bolton Valley Resort, the site of the 2007 hill climb. We will have two breakfasts and Saturday dinner there. For reservations, cost, and directions, please contact Rich Pignatello at 802-496-5097 or e-mail ppigrichie@aol.com so arrangements can be made.

The Vermont Auto Enthusiasts (VAE) will welcome us to their Shelburne Museum Show on Sunday of the weekend, where we will have our own show in 2007. It is a good opportunity to see the set up and meet great people. Two museum

passes are included with entry Information and application for the show can be found at

Forms on the website if you need them

www.vtauto.org. You must register to enter the show; cost is \$20 per car with two people. Either way, it is a winner.

Rich (Piggy) Pignatello

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Please don't feel that either one of a Husband and Wife team can't ever attend a meet by themselves, or even for that matter feel that they must drive their Healey to be acceptably present at a club sponsored meet. Sometimes our cars are laid up for repairs or our spouse is unavailable for whatever reason, but that should not dissuade you from being present at a meet driving a BJ9 (regular everyday vehicle), or flying solo to the meet. We just want people to be involved no matter what they drive, or whom they are with! So pick out at least two meets that you would like to attend this season, and make a concerted effort to be present at them. I'm sure you will have fun, and we would certainly all love to see a fresh face along the way, and hopefully we can impress that fresh face sufficiently to convert them into an active participatory member.

Drive them hard and often!

Frank

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 - * Parade Laps on the Big Track
- Register Online at:

www.britsofthehudson.org

May 6th Newcomers Gathering

For eastern MA and RI.

Casual afternoon with good friends and new enthusiasts.

All are welcome and the pool should be open for the brave.

Where: Randy & Jeanne Hicks, 56 Brook St. Rehoboth, MA 02769

Casual Lunch will be provided.

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday, May 6th, 2006 (Rain Date Sunday, May 7th)

Contact by: May 3rd or just come by :-)

Contact Info: RandyHicks@comcast.net or (508)252-9295

Directions: email Randy for directions

**Summit
Reminder**



Registration after May 15 will cost \$65 and no refunds after July 1, 2006

So get your number and come on up to Maine for the weekend.

The Barrett-Jackson auction held in W. Palm this last month yielded another top selling BJ8 at \$135,000!! See it at <http://www.barrett-jackson.com/auctionresults/common/cardetail.asp?id=184425>

May 2006

**The Elm Bank Estate Family
Picnic
The Elm Bank Classic Motorcar
Show
& The Mass Horticultural Plant Sale
Cars -n- Blooms
Sunday, June 18th, 2006**

900 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482

You and your family are cordially invited to join us on Father's Day 2006 day for a celebration that will feature Classic American and European Motorcars and Motorcycles, an Assortment of Fine Foods, Automobilia Vendors, a Tailgate Picnic Competition, a Car Corral, New Car Dealers, a Mass Horticultural Society Plant sale, and activities for youth

email: Michael F. Gaetano, Event Coordinator
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**Austin Healey Club of America
New England Chapter**

Schedule of Events

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 2,3, 2006- Dare To Be British 2006 Lime Rock Park, CT Please contact www.britisofthehudson.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 4,5,6 2006- **Conclave Work Weekend**
Please contact Rich Pignatello at 802-496-5097 or e-mail ppigrichie@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, 2006 Cars -n- Blooms, Wellesley MA.
Please contact by email: Michael F. Gaetano, Event Coordinator mgaetano@maainc.com

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

May 2006

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

From: Accurate Rubber
[mailto:sales@accurubber.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 1:08 PM

Subject: Re: April AHCA New England Newsletter

The mystery car may be a new Healey in the minds of an Anglo-American consortium, HFI Automotive that plans to begin production of a new Healey sports car designed to be the 3000's spiritual successor and a modern interpretation. From what I have read, we may see a prototype at the London Auto Show.

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