



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*

President's column

By Frank Motta

From the Editor

Peter Rafe Williams

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We received a copy of the following letter from the AHCA to Mr. James Mousseau

The New England Region of the Austin-Healey Club of America has made a contribution to the Donald M. Healey Memorial Fund in memory of Gail.

Gail's past work for the club and her love of the Austin-Healey marque were greatly appreciated by her fellow New England Region club Members.

The DMH Memorial Fund installed church windows in 1993 in Perranporth, Cornwall in memory of DHM and currently provides education grants to students in the area of Cornwall, England (DHM's home) in his memory. The fund's theme of "Remember a Friend" extends to other projects as well: in 2004 it sponsored DHM for nomination and subsequent election to the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, MI.

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Well here we are in midst of another Healey season with our schedule of events moving forward in a nice steady fashion, and the planning for the 2007 Conclave progressing in a relatively smooth manner. I am quite sure that the concerted effort which I know is being expended by all those who are in the forefront of its planning will make The Green Mountain Conclave an absolutely memorable top draw Healey gathering. The fact that our New England club has traditionally had the good fortune to be graced with a core of hard working and dedicated individuals is certainly a reason for our New England membership to exude a confident self assured attitude that Conclave 2007 will be one of the best ever. Our historical performance in the development, planning, and co-ordination of past major club events is no doubt a primary factor behind the respect that the New England Region has earned within our national organization. However, to host a meet that goes off without a hitch is no easy feat, and can be achieved only if the people who are in charge of its conduct are imbued with the pride and motivation necessary to see the project through to its successful conclusion. In that I am aware of the character and work ethic of those on the planning committee, I have little doubt that this Conclave will be one that furthers still the outstanding reputation of our New England region in the eyes of the club as a whole.

I understand fully, that we here in New England have no patent on hard work and maximum effort in developing a major Conclave event. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the fact, that traditionally the various chapters of the Austin Healey of America, that have taken the path to a successful Conclave, have done so through a well conceived plan of attack similar to the one that we have presently adopted. Moreover, no local chapter has ever achieved a superior result in the operation and rating of its Conclave without a concerted effort by its membership to insure the flawless execution of the plan. Those club chapters who have hosted the best and most memorable of Conclaves should also be given their just accolades for a job well done, for it is no

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SUMMIT 2006
Camden - Rockport, Maine
July 27 - 30



For you club members who have been around for a while and miss the smell of the salt-sea air from the Cape Cod meets of the '80's & '90's, here's your chance to sniff it again ! This is the 11th SUMMIT since those days and the first one to be held on the seacoast since the Cape days. The beautiful and scenic Camden - Rockport area has it all, and then some. Picturesque harbors & boats, unique boutique shops, self-guided hiking or driving tours up Mt. Battie, the Farnsworth Museum with Wyeth Center, seaside walking paths, winery tours, Windjammer cruises, lobster boat tours to the seal rocks, etc., etc. And that's just some of the extra stuff to do. For more of what's available in the area, the hotel websites - mentioned below - offer links to local Chambers.

But let's get more to the point of SUMMIT 2006. As of this writing, the Country Inn, <http://www.countryinnmaine.com>, has only 8 rooms open and the Cedar Crest, <http://www.cedarcrestmotel.com>, has 10. That's some 55+ Healey's and 100+ members already signed up. And by the time you read this there'll be fewer rooms and more Healey's & members. Better get'em while the gettin's good!! The Country Inn, by the way, features a gift shop, heated indoor pool, fitness room and library. Cedar Crest has a heated outdoor pool, sundeck, spacious backyard and woodlot, children's playground and computer in the lobby. Don't forget, you can't get a room at either until you submit your SUMMIT Registration Form and get a registration number !! Forms can be printed out from our Web site - <http://www.ahca-northeast.com>.

Let's take a look at the Schedule of Events:

Thursday, July 27:

6-9 PM: SUMMIT Registration, Hospitality Room and Regalia at the Country Inn. Get a bite of dinner on your own -- lot's of local restaurants.

Friday, July 28:

Breakfast on your own at your hotel or try a local favorite.
 8-10 AM: SUMMIT Registration and Regalia is open at the Country Inn.
 9:00 AM: Firefly Tour leaves the Country Inn. Firefly Restorations is the foremost fire truck facility in the US. Ladies -- here's a chance to grab his credit card and head for some of the unique boutiques.
 12 Noon: Lunch on your own. Lots of local choices. How 'bout a lobsta roll!

1-3 PM: Autocross / gymkhana @ Camden Regional HS. Not your cup of tea, ladies ? How about a sail on a schooner or boat to the seal rocks. Maybe relax at the hotel pool?
 3-5 PM: All Healey's gather at the Rockport Grade School ballpark for a Group Photo taken from on-high in a cherrypicker bucket. After that, there will be individual car photos taken. The individual photos will be free and the group picture will be available for purchase.
 5 PM 'til?: BBQ dinner at Rockport Marine Park.

Saturday, July 29

Breakfast on your own. Maybe Maine blueberry pancakes ?
 8-9 AM.: Final SUMMIT Registration at the Country Inn.
 8 AM on: Car wash area will be open all day.
 8:30 AM: Downeast Fun Rally starts from the Country Inn.
 11 AM - 2 PM: Event at the Owls Head Transportation Museum. As part of their Wings and Wheels Spectacular, Healey's will be the featured marquee and we will have our own parking area and show. This is the OHTM's largest event of the year. There will be thousands of spectators, hundreds of other vintage cars, flying antique planes, an air show and their famed museum. Lunch is available.
 3-4 PM: Tech Sessions at the Country Inn.
 4-7 PM: Free time. Here's another chance to do one of those "extra" things -- or maybe lump out at the pool with your favorite beverage..
 7:00 PM: Banquet and awards at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. Smart casual dress.

Sunday, July 30:

8-11 AM: Get some breakfast, check out and say teary good-byes 'til the next event.

Westport Wine Tour

Saturday August 5, 2006

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Come along with us as we tour the South coast of Massachusetts, and take in the scenic countryside, marvelous beaches, and quaint harbors, as we cruise along the winding back roads of Westport and Little

Compton. We will be making our way in a leisurely fashion to our appointed destination at the Sakonnet Vineyard in Little Compton Rhode Island. There we will be afforded the opportunity to partake in a wine tasting, and guided tour of the vineyard. Following that we will return to our house for a catered lunch. The total cost will be \$20.00 per person, which includes a souvenir Sakonnet wine glass from the tasting. The tour will leave from 14 River Road, after coffee and pastries, promptly at 10:30 AM, as time constraints require a crisp schedule. If you plan to attend please call (508) 636-8636 or send an e-mail to fmott@surfglobal.net. Hope to see you on August 5th, but it is imperative that you call or e-mail so we can plan the food and make an accurate vineyard reservation.

**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 ppigriche@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

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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easy task to accomplish. It requires numerous hours of planning, lots of travel, and a good amount coordination to insure that the right people are in place to do the job. The fact that we here in the New England region have thus far had such an enormous widespread interest in being part of Green Mountain Conclave speaks volumes about the New England Austin Healey of America, and the people who make up its membership.

This willingness to volunteer personal free time to the overall effort of making our event a very successful one illustrates quite clearly, that Healey people have an abiding and un-dieing dedication for the Austin Healey marque, and the club that represents it. Most all of us who joined our club did so because we loved driving an Austin Healey, and Conclave represents a celebration of Healey driving. So make an effort to put Conclave on your 2007 Healey calendar, or better still get involved in its planning by joining the Conclave committee. If you feel that you are one of those people who has the time and or skill to contribute in some way to the Conclave please e-mail me or Conclave chairman Charlie Krut to become a volunteer. There is still time to join the process, so don't feel that it is to late to get involved, as we can always use more help.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD!

Frank

**“New Members Gathering”
Saturday, June 10th**

Okay, it's late enough in the spring that we all should have our cars out from storage by now. But even if you don't, we still want you to try and make it to Ipswich, Mass for our “New Members Gathering” on Saturday, June 10th. The Boston MG Group is also planning on stopping by, so there should be many new cars for us to look at and talk about.

We are meeting at the 1640 Hart House (51 Linebrook Road, 978-356-1640), owned by Jim and Kim Lesko, in Ipswich on Linebrook Road. Jim is a new member, with a new car, so we roped him into

hosting the meet. He is going to be cooking a southern style barbecue with an outdoor smoker and all the fixins'. We would like to meet at 10:00 a.m., dine around noon, and have an hour or so afterwards for more talk. The restaurant is open for dinner later in the day, so we will have to vacate the parking lot by mid-afternoon.

***ARCHITECTURALLY FAMOUS** The 1640 Hart House was built in the town of Ipswich twenty years after the pilgrims landed. The house, originally one room, was the home of Thomas Hart, a tanner and the town's first selectman. Hart built the house about a quarter-mile from the center of town. It is one of the oldest in the country. In fact, some of the first steins of ale in the nation were served here in the late 1700's, or early 1800s. The home, with its five levels, five staircases and 350-year old fireplace remains one of the country's prime examples of early American architecture. The current tavern was built in the 1800s. The Hart house's original room, the Keeper's room, was sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Hart room, built identically and directly above the Keeper's room, was also dismantled and now sits in the Winterthur Museum in Delaware.*

DIRECTIONS

From the South: I-95 N to Exit 50, RT 1 North 6.5 miles north to the intersection of RT1 and Linebrook Rd. (Cumberland Farms on the left) Take a right onto Linebrook Rd. 3.5 miles on Linebrook Rd. you will see the 1640 Hart House on your left (across the street from Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church)

From the North: I-95 S to Exit 54 (RT133 E towards Rowley) 5 miles to RT1 South (turn right) 1.5 miles to Linebrook Rd. (Cumberland Farms on the right) Take a left onto Linebrook Rd. 3.5 miles on Linebrook Rd. you will see the 1640 Hart House on your left (across the street from Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church)

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We will need a head count, so please contact one of us if you think you'll be there. BBQ will run about \$12 per person.

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island Newcomers Meet

Hi Guys

Well if you were unable to make the Newcomers meet for Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island on May 6th, you missed a wonderful event that was sponsored by our gracious hosts Randy and Jeanne Hicks. Inviting the club into their Rehoboth home they displayed a full measure of genuine hospitality, and conducted a first class Healey event. All who attended the gathering had a marvelous time conversing about all things Healey, and enjoying a sensuous repast, which Jeanne provided for our refreshment. We were able to sit poolside and enjoy the elegant beauty of their home, as well as the company of other Healey enthusiasts, in a wonderfully relaxed environment.

Randy then took us on a tour of his garage, which was aptly occupied by three British sports cars, and no "American Iron". There, we were able to view an un-restored MG TD, which was purchased brand new by Randy's dad back in 1952, and most probably explains Randy's great love of British sports cars. We also were given the opportunity to closely examine the Hicks families beautiful un-restored 1965 Old English White BJ8. This car is a superb example of originality, and would certainly be a good candidate to photograph, for any person looking to do a concours restoration on a their own BJ8. However, I must pronounce that the jewel of the garage was without question Randy and Jeanne's White over Black 100-M. This beauty is an original factory M that has undergone a total ground up restoration, and is in absolutely pristine condition.

No doubt the Hicks' stable of Healey automobiles represents a wonderful example of the marque, but there were other cars present that day that are worth more than a casual mention. There was another original 100-M owned by Rich Costa, several nice looking BJ8's, Pete Sturtevant's attractive right hand drive two seat 100-6, newcomer Frank Hennessy's BN4, two bug eye Sprites, and an MGB owned by perspective member

Art McKinley, who is currently in the process of putting together a Nasty Boy Healey.

We did experience some light showers as the afternoon wore on, but that did not dampen the spirits of the gathering, and a grand good time was had by all. We would like to thank Randy and Jeanne for a pleasant day spent with them, sharing their company, their home, and love of Healey cars.

Frank P. Motta
President AHCA NE



Bennington Tour

July 8th.

We will meet at Bill Berg's house - 3 Birch Drive, Bennington, Vt.05201 at 11.00 A.M. We will leave Bill's house and travel to the actual site of the revolutionary war battle of Bennington in Wallomsac, NY. Then on to the Bennington monument where you can take an elevator to the top for some scenic views of the Green mountains and a view of four states. Our last stop will be the Old First Church of Bennington.

While taking in these sites we will be traveling over all 3 covered bridges in Bennington. There will be a small fee to enter the battle of Bennington site and to take the elevator in the monument.

After our tour we will be treated to a real Texas BBQ Brisket and fixins at the Bergs. For those of you who haven't had Debbie's Barbecued Brisket, it's worth the trip .

RSVP by July 5th to Bill Berg @ 802-442-2777 or Denny Broughel 518-663 -8879.

Thanks, Denny

Austin Healey Club of America New England Chapter

Schedule of Events

June 2,3, 2006- Dare To Be British 2006 Lime Rock Park, CT Please contact www.britsofthehudson.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 ppigriche@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 e-mail margaret.d.altman@altmancompany.com

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@ahca.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

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



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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

1976 MG MIDGET,

Green, 55,000 mi, leath int, 2 dr, 4 cyl, clean inside/out, no rust, runs well, new fuel pump, rear leaf springs, ignition lock, coil springs, starter, front brakes, tires, distributor, carb rebuild, Lots of extras, Needs hydraulic clutch and is not currently driveable, Can email pictures, \$3000. lstopka@yahoo.com. (203) 812-3475.



Delegate's Meeting highlights – November 2005

In November of last year the delegates of the Austin Healey Club of America met in Charlotte, NC. Here are some of the highlights from that meeting.

- Chapter reports indicated that the club is very healthy and active. All delegates took away new ideas on how to enhance their own chapter.
- Conclave 2005 donated much of its profits to scholarships and an area orphanage
- Plans for the Healey Museum are progressing well. It will be located across from the Virginia International Raceway, and is envisioned as a 30,000 square foot facility that will house cars and memorabilia. They have scheduled a 2007 opening.
- The AHCA web page has been redesigned – beautiful job
- Greg Lauser has taken over the position of Promotion/Public Relations from Baird Foster – big shoes to fill indeed!
- Club membership stands at 3,535 as of November 1, 2005
- Reid Trummel was named new editor of Healey Marque. He's doing a super job – please support him with input.

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

- Ben Moore continues to do an excellent job involving the club's youth in club activities
- Piggy Pignatello gave a great presentation of the Conclave 2007 progress
- Conclave 2008 will be in San Diego, California
- Focus groups were held to discuss:
 - Future 50 – We need to draw teens in and to get them more involved
 - Healey Marque – Reid is “getting acquainted”. He needs inputs at least 6 weeks in advance of cover month
 - Registries – We are working on an international coordination effort
 - Local web pages – We need to keep them up to date
- John May presented a plaque to Edie Anderson for her years of steadfast service to AHCA. The delegates gave her a standing ovation. She is stepping down as Membership Director and Mike Schneider is moving into that position.

Bob Bender – National Delegate – New England Region

How I first got interested in the Austin Healey

By Dennis Broughel

In 1968 I was a 21-year-old, home from Viet Nam and discharged out of the Army. My only transportation was my fathers Oldsmobile '88 sedan. My brother, who was married and had a child, had this nifty 1955 Bn-2 with a louvered hood and was in the process of putting a Chevrolet V8 in it. Well to make a long story short he gave the car to me. We finished the car with the 327 chevy engine, 3 speed transmission and the stock healey rear end. The car went like a blue blur. Pam and I were dating at the time, so I taught her to drive standard shift and still today she will try to spin the tires in second gear. I drove the car for a season (it didn't like being in the snow with all that power to the rear wheels) and sold it for \$750.00 to be used for tuition. When the money was put in my hand I knew that it was a mistake.

Racing up Monroe Hill

October 21

Come join us for fun and food in Rowe Ma. October 21st for an up hill slalom event. followed by a chicken barbecue dinner.

We will be racing up Monroe hill, steep, lots of turns, one and a half miles long, good blacktop ,and no driveways or other turn offs.

There will be classes for everyone and we should be able to have four runs apiece. There will be a couple of "other" classes, but it will be restricted to any two door car 25 years old or older .Normal gymkana teching will be in place just to make sure your ride is reasonably safe .SEATBELTS WILL BE A MUST. The club has helmets.

So mark the date on your calendar and get ready for a fun day! (More updates will be coming).

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Deadlines and Issues

- Deadline – Jun 15 for **2006 July/Aug's** Newsletter
- Deadline – Aug 15 for **2006 Sept/ Oct's** Newsletter
- Deadline – Oct 15 for **2006 Nov/Dec's** Newsletter
- Deadline – Dec 15 for **2007 Jan/Feb.'s** Newsletter

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Pam and I got married in 1970, had children, and for 30 years we always wanted another Healey. We joined the SCCA and are Grid workers at Lime Rock Park. One day Pam was putting Jim Smith and his racecar in the starting grid, (Jims race car is a twin to my old blue Healey). She asked Jim how much it would cost to buy an Austin Healey. He exclaimed about \$20,000 and Pam's reply was OH I can't afford that. How much for a fixer upper? Jim said if your serious see me after the race at the Austin Healey Tent. Unfortunately Jim was involved in a slight crash that day. Pam and I went to the club tent and were amazed at the beehive of work being done on the car by club members. After things calmed down, Jim introduced us to Jon Kastburg who had a 1957 Longbridge for sale. We went to look at the car and I was blinded by its beauty, even though the car had no interior, and had an interior cabin fire, the left rear fender came off in two pieces, had no top and was painted white with a can of spray paint, but I must admit the frame was in good condition.

We took the car home and work started immediately. I took every nut and bolt off the car and after about 2 years of work the car came to life, and is a dream come true. What a beauty. The first time Jon Kastburg saw the car he couldn't believe that was the same car.

I think the more important part of my restoration was the friendships gained in the club. At any given time I would call Bob Bender, Don Paye Paul Dunnell or Jim Smith and they would give thier time and knowledge to a virtual stranger, who had a common bond, and that bond was the Austin Healey.

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My wife. Margo, and I join the New England Region in extending condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Baird C. Foster

Chairman, Donald M. Healey Memorial Fund