



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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It seems that Frank our President has a lot more than just a broken smash up Healey.

He has done and is recuperation from a nasty knee injury that will keep him from shifting for almost a year.

We would like to think he did it doing

Kicking @\$@ at his body shop, so they get the Healey done.

or

Helping to push a Healey needing a jump-start.

or

Running up to Vermont trying to tell Piggy he doesn't have to do it all by himself.

or

Getting members to RSVP for the Christmas Party because we need 75 people signed up by Sept. 1..

55 More responses needed

American Cancer Healey Marathon September 22-24, 2006

At one of our winter planning meetings it was suggested that our club consider making a donation to a charitable organization as many of the nationally associated Healey clubs do. After some discussion, it was decided, to plan a 3-day Austin Healey marathon to raise funds specifically for the American Cancer Society. This organization was selected, in part, because of the number of club members who have been stricken with this disease.

It is our intent to hold a three day road rally, during the weekend of September 22-24. A route for this rally has been laid out to include travel and "break" time in each New England State as well as New York. In this Olympic year, it is our intent to run a "Pass The Torch" style of rally. During the weekend, various groups of cars and their drivers will wind their way throughout the rally route, driving as much or as little as they choose. Events will be set up at each breakfast, lunch and dinner stop as well as mid morning and mid afternoon stops. These events, car shows, gatherings and donation drops will be well advertised within our club and the various towns and cities where they will take place. We intend to encourage our club members as well as the residents of these areas, where we will stop, to come out to **see these unique British sports cars and make a donation to help fight cancer in the process.** We would also like to incorporate the use of "pledge sheets" in advance for club members who will run the rally. To the best of knowledge, nothing like this has ever been done in our club. If it is successful at a local level, it is not inconceivable that it should become a national weekend event in the future.

Any club member can participate by driving one, a few, or as many "legs" of the event as they wish. There has been some early interest by some members to drive the entire route. These members should request sponsor sheets (pledge sheets) in advance, to build a significant contribution base, prior to the start of the event.

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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).

Paul Dunnell 413 339 0102 nights,802 254 9222 days
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From Tom Andrews:

Jeanne and I would like to thank all the Healey members who helped us with our mysterious car problems at the Summit in Camden. You'll be pleased to know that we made it back to the Berkshires without incident - "the car was actually purring". An extra thank you to Keith Risk, Jim Simth, Randy Hicks, Ted Kiessling, Paul Dunnell, Bill Pollock and anyone else that was a part of the team who helped us out. Some of you stood over that engine for a good long time with the heat beating on you - how can we say a big enough thank you. Much appreciated.



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Club members can also participate by driving to one of our published stops to make a contribution. These members can also request pledge sheets in advance. We will also receive assistance from the American Cancer Society with the placement of news articles in many of the local, town newspapers asking people to come to see the cars at the prearranged stop and make a contribution to help fight cancer. We hope to have a banner that can be erected at each stop and some ACS volunteers on hand, at various stops, to assist in meeting our goals.

When the event is concluded on Sunday, September 24th, in Connecticut, we hope to present a symbolic check to the ACS on behalf of our region club. Because of the logistics in planning such an event, **it is essential that any club members who wish to drive one, any, or all of the legs contact Steve Bell** as soon as possible. (508-947-6499). Those members who choose to drive long portions of the route, will be provided with a list of area accommodations, at your cost, for your overnight stay.

Even now, there is still some finalization to be done on the schedule. It is very important that you register as an event participant so that current information or any necessary changes can be directly forwarded to you.

Here is our basic itinerary, which still needs finalization.

Austin Healey Cancer Fund Run **September 22-24, 2006**

Friday - September 22

START - Cape Elizabeth, Maine area - Event - Opening Ceremonies & breakfast
Newspaper coverage with photos - Display of symbolic "Torch"
AM STOP - Rye, New Hampshire area - Coffee stop with cars parked in highly visible area, perhaps a well known British Garage - signs up for contributions
LUNCH - Concord, MA area - Event - "Battle Cancer On The Green"
Major stop in a high tourist area - cars on display - photo ops and coordinated event with historical society, perhaps on the green!
PM STOP - Norton, MA area - Event - "Ice Cream Social - On The Mall" Pictures of kids in cars - making contributions and holding symbolic "torch".
DINNER - Woonsocket/Cumberland, RI area - Event - "Brits Battle Cancer" Coordinated dinner and car show with the BMC (British Motor Car Club) Announce first day totals and participants.
List of hotel accommodations provided to drivers not from the area

Saturday - September 23

BREAKFAST RUN - Worcester, MA area - Perhaps coordinated with local fraternal organization. Cars on display, ACS volunteers on hand
AM STOP - Winchendon, MA area - Coffee stop with a coordinated event with a local church/organization, giant yard sale in progress - Cars on display etc.
LUNCH - Bennington, VT area - (Tie in with upcoming Conclave event?) Lunch stop, cars on display - maybe a cookout in progress - local fire dept. or fraternal organization helping to sponsor event.
PM STOP - Brattleboro, VT area - Event - "Ice Cream Social(?)"
Afternoon stop at a park or ice cream parlor. Display banner, all donations go to American Cancer Society
DINNER - Albany, NY area - Event - "Healeys On The Hudson"
Organized Car Show by local club members(?) Collect donations for ACS and announce 2 day totals etc. - Photos with local newspaper, perhaps a guest speaker? List of hotel accommodations provided to drivers not from the area

Sunday September 24

BREAKFAST RUN - Hudson, NY area - Event - To Be Determined Breakfast stop in popular tourist area - display cars with donations boxes. Display banner, photo opportunities with people sitting in cars etc.

AM STOP - Canaan, CT area - Event - "Antiquing , Old Things For New Cures" Coffee stop with cars on display in a heavy antiquing area - Banner on display. local coffee shop (Dunkin' Donuts) to provide coffee - all proceeds to the American Cancer Society

LUNCH - Hartford, CT area - Event - "Finale" Car show or gathering sponsored by Austin Healey Club in a town park area(?) Perhaps coordinate with local events committee, cars on display. Big spot for pre-publicity. Want a big crowd out to support cancer. Donations taken up to 1 or 2 PM - Final tally and presentation of the "Symbolic Check" to American Cancer Society Local awards to drivers - coordinators - etc.

Because this needs to go to print now, not all of the details are finalized. At each location, Healey Club volunteers are acting as area coordinators to help plan the stop, the event (if planned) and the driving route. I will continue to work with them to "iron out" the final details. This is a great opportunity to use your cars, enjoy a 3 day event around New England, and support a very worthwhile charity. Please

contact me as soon as possible and have some idea how much of the event in which you would want to participate.

Stephen C. Bell
Event Coordinator
508-947-6499

Racing up Monroe Hill
October 21

Things are shaping up for a fun day in Rowe Mass Oct.21st. Rowe Yankee atomic plant is almost completely gone now(the only driveway on the hill) the town has given us there blessing and we are ready for a fun day on the hill. Chicken barbecue is set,(\$10.00) per person with all the fixins .Four runs up the hill through the coarse will cost you \$5.00 more.

We'll meet at Tranquil Hill Farm between 9&10 AM. rain or shine, travel over to Monroe Hill and start having fun. The fall foliage should be at it's peak in western Mass. at that time, so even if you choose not to run the hill the scenery will be beautiful.

Directions to the farm . From the north ,east, or south get off 91 at exit 26,take rt 2 west through Charlemont, about 18 miles, just before the bridge over the Deerfield river make a right turn on Zoar rd toward Rowe. travel 2.5 miles road forks, follow Zoar rd to the right 4 miles to center of town. take first right .sign points to Heath 5 miles. That is Pond road. In 1.4 miles road turns into Leshure rd ,we are #137 about a mile up on the right. There should be Healey signs at all turns. If your coming from the West, call me.

Please RSVP by October 14th to Paul Dunnell 413-339-0201day or night e-mail to austin67@together.net

See you on the hill

Paul

Thanks to all for a great Summit 2006. Nancy and I had a smooth trip home, in fact she drove most of the way. I posted some pics up on the web. There's a nice panorama shot of our excursion out to the Fire Truck Restoration shop (My favorite part of the weekend). Let me know if anyone wants a high rez file of this image. Its big so it won't Email

A special thanks to our hosts Jim and Barbara Lea as well as Steve Bell and all the other organizers. The hospitality was superb!

See Photos here

<http://www.RickNeves/summit2006>

Sincerely

Rick Neves and Nancy Sitta
'56 BN-2

September - October 2006

Austin Healey Club of America New England Chapter

Schedule of Events

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 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 21, Racing up Monroe Hill Please contact Paul Dunnell 413 339 0102 nights,802 254 9222 days or austin67@togethernet.com

December 9, 2006 Christmas Party Please contact Betty Bender Tel 413-684-3934 or e-mail rbender1@berkshire.rr.com

Don't forgetting to RSVP for the Christmas Party by September because we need 75 people signed up.

All events are subject to change or modification

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Thanks to Jim Lea, his wife and granddaughter and Steve Bell and the rest of the crew for putting together a good Summit in Camden Maine.

Despite the heat we had a great time. The visit to Firefly Fire Engine Restoration, alone was worth attending.

Good job and thanks to everyone who worked on putting Summit together.

Bill Pollock



**HEALEYS GET
DISCOUNT, CAR
CORRAL, PARADE
LAPS AT
THE LIME ROCK**

**VINTAGE FESTIVAL
LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPT 1,2,3,4.**

Great news! Discount tickets are available for those of you who plan to drive your Healey to the Lime Rock Vintage Festival this Labor Day weekend. Also, during the Saturday lunch break, you will be able to tour the racetrack in your Healey. Any Healey: Big Healey, Sprite, Jensen, Silverstone, Abbot....etc. Sorry, no BJ9s. Also we will have an all Healey car corral in the infield.

So, this promises to be a great weekend for Healeys at LRP.....

Discount admission,

Car Corral,

Parade Laps for Healeys on Saturday.

Big Car show on Sunday....(no racing on Sunday)

Lots of great vintage racing including a gaggle of Healey Hundreds, 3000s, and Sprites. Also, visit the "Healey Hangout" in the flea market, say hi to old friends, and meet some new ones.

In addition, Historic TRANS-AM cars will be featured, which will amount to a zillion unmuffled horsepower on the track to wake up this peaceful little northwest Connecticut town.

To get your discount tickets, go to www.limerock.com, click on tickets, then

downclick on affiliate tickets, in the ID bar enter 248, in the password bar enter AHVF06.
Advance ticket price with Healey discount:
Saturday \$28 Sunday \$16
(Gate prices are \$45 and \$25 respectively, so we are getting a substantial discount)

Don't forget, this is a rain or shine event.
Hope to see you there. Jim Smith

“COME LET'S CELEBRATE”

**AHCA New England Region Holiday Party
December 9, 2006
Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM**

**La Notte Restaurant
East Windsor Industrial Park
17 Thompson Road
East Windsor, CT 06088**

**\$27.00 per person
(Includes appetizer, dinner, dessert, coffee, tax , tip)**

CASH BAR

(We are having to reserve early because the restaurant requires a minimum of 75 people or the room will be released to a larger party)

******* RSVP BY: September 1 , 2006 *******

TO:

**Bob/Betty Bender
117 Patricia Avenue Dalton, MA
01226-2046
413-684-3934**

Check or Money order sent with reservation and made out to:

**AHCA New England Region
(Name, Address , Phone # , # Attending)**

***** Directions *****

Restaurant:

**91 North or South to Exit 44
Right at the end of the ramp
Take left at 2nd light into the industrial park
Dunkin Donuts is on the right
Restaurant is on the left up the hill 1/2 mile**

**September - October 2006
(17 Thompson Road)**

Lodging:

**Holiday Inn Express
260 Main Street
East Windsor, CT 06088
860-627-6585**

Rate: \$75.00 plus tax

Make your room reservation by November 8, 2006

to the number above or book online with the code listed below.

CODE: AHC

Directions to Hotel :

91 North or South to Exit 44

Right at the end of the ramp

1st driveway on right (about 75-100 yards from exit ramp)

**Restaurant is about 1-1/2 miles from hotel
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1956 100-M one of 140 left in the world was restored 25 years ago everything was done, drive train to paint and interior still in good shape This car is registered with the 100-M Registry and has the British Heritage Certificate a nice car for someone who appreciates the 100's I am asking \$62,500 for the car I can be reached at RMiner4712@aol.com or my phone is 860-668-0030 evenings or days 860-668-0170 This car is Black over Red with red interior and carpets and has been in the club for 25 years.

Thanks for your help. Dick Miner