



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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We have had several members agree to have the *New England News* sent to them by email instead of US Postal Service (Snail Mail). This move is already saving your club a few dollars which will help improve the services the club provides its members. If you would like to sign up for email and haven't done it yet, its simple; Just send me an email indicating that you wish to convert, and it will be done. Of course, we will continue to provide the hard copy by mail to those members who prefer it.

As Frank mentions in his President's column, additional help is needed at Conclave 2007. The folks working on this are striving to make this the best Conclave ever and from what I have seen, I'm confident we'll achieve that goal. But nearly all of the committees could use a little more help. So please have a look at the list on page 2 and contact the chairperson on any of the areas you think you might like to offer some assistance.

President's Column

Greetings to you all!

WOW! It is amazing how fast the time is moving along, for we are already in May and the Green Mountain International Conclave is but weeks away. The Conclave committee has put together a splendid meet with a slate of events that will impress even the most jaded of Conclave aficionados.

Overall they have very wisely expended their time and effort to ensure that 2007 in Vermont will be a very special time. You will enjoy the car shows, driving events, concours judging, and other fun Sports Car things that we all look forward to at Conclave. But beyond those, the committee is providing some great non-car activities as well. Some people will be going to the Von Trapp family lodge for luncheon, and a tour of the Vermont Teddy Bear factory will be offered for those that are interested. Our Conclave will also feature a unique dinner cruise on lake Champlain that will afford all on board a chance to witness a fantastically beautiful sunset while eating their meal.

The committee has gone to great lengths to provide wonderful venues for the various events that have been included on the schedule of the Green Mountain 2007. For example the popular car show will be held on the grounds of historic Shelburne Museum rather than in a parking lot or ordinary field. This will afford us an opportunity to display the cars for viewing in a rustic setting, and this atmosphere will only enhance the overall beauty and pleasure of the event.

It is the committee's hope that there will be sufficient variety on the schedule to satisfy the personal interests and tastes of all that are present. This desire by the committee to provide a program of varying events at our conclave has required a great deal complex planning and exact co-ordination so as to insure that everything will unfold as planned. They have worked diligently to insure that all the different events will mesh together smoothly into the allotted time frames, and that sufficient intervals will be provided to accommodate travel from one Conclave locale to the next. (continued on page 2.)

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President's Column (continued)

I am personally well aware of the tremendous effort that those of us who are working to put this Conclave together have expended in order to ensure that it will be a success. The committee has addressed all possible contingencies, and has revisited issues over and over again just to be certain that all the T's have been crossed and the i's dotted in preparation for this event. It is our hope that this meticulous planning that has been done will allow all those that are present with us in Vermont to have an outstanding and enjoyable experience at Conclave 2007. However, despite all the efforts of our committee, we are still in need of help to make this Conclave be a success. We need volunteers from among those New England members who might be attending the Conclave to do some small thing for one event. Maybe it is just holding a flag at a race event, or distributing water at the car show, but this little effort will contribute to the total success of the Conclave, and allow all those members who volunteer to gain a sense they did their part to help. This Conclave represents the entire Austin Healey Club of New England, and not just those on the committee who planned it. So do your part and volunteer. In order to let the committee know of your willingness to help please e-mail the co-chairman David Altman at

David.RAltman@Altmancompany.com , or Richard Pignatello at ppigrichie@aol.com

All of us involved in Conclave will appreciate greatly any little contribution that our membership can make to the total effort, and will be pleased to have you on board. So sign up today, and help us make The Green Mountain International Conclave the best one ever!

See you in Vermont !

CONCLAVE HELP NEEDED

Here are the areas in which we need help and the chairperson and email for that committee.

Registration – Deb Katz: deb.katz@opensolutions.com

Photography – Rafe Loosigian: rloosigian@aol.com

Gymkhana/Uphill – Paul Dunnell: austin67@together.net

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2007 Events and Meets

May 6	Rhode Island Meet, Pete and Cindy Sturtevant
May 12	New Member Meet, Ipswich, MA Dave Altman
May 18-20	Vintage Races, Loudon, NH Jim Smith
May 18-20	Carlisle AutoJumble, Carlisle, PA Steve Bell
June 1-2	Vintage Races, Lime Rock, CT Jim Smith
June 3	British By the Sea, Waterford, CT Dave Barton
June 24-29	Conclave 2007, Burlington, VT Dave Altman, Piggy
Aug 25-26	Balloon Show, Plainville, CT Deb Katz (tentative)
Aug 30- Sept 3	Vintage Festival, Lime Rock, CT Jim Smith
Sept 16	British Invasion, Stowe, VT Paul Dunnell
Dec 1	Christmas Party, E. Windsor, CT Betty Bender

LET'S GET PERSONAL ABOUT CONCLAVE!

By Dave Altman

Well, folks, looks like we're going to be hosting the largest Conclave ever to hit the East Coast!! Word must have spread about the great SUMMITS that we have put on -- or people are excited about visiting this great corner of the country that we enjoy -- or something. For whatever reason, THEY'RE COMING, and this is going to be a biggie! -- well over 300 Healeys and 700 people as of this early April writing.

Now, we're not talking about some big Corp with paid staff and big bucks putting on an event -- we're talking about a bunch of enthusiastic Healey folks who are excited about promoting our hobby and looking forward to sharing some fun. To pick up on that personal theme, I have a thought about getting just a little bit more personal and, at the same time, taking this excellent opportunity to fatten our Region coffers for more future fun of our own.

Here's the idea. We have spent some serious budget bucks to purchase Healey related items for our Raffle Table. This is where we sell tickets and people put them in the cups of items that they would like to win at the raffle near the end of Conclave. We'd like to personalize this a little more by asking members to additionally donate items for the table that you have kicking around and know that you'll never use. Stuff like parts from a Healey that you sold, items that you have more than one of, extra tools, things you got as gifts that aren't for your model, etc. You get the idea. Let's not forget about the other related items, too -- maybe something from the arts & crafts field. The only general rule is that items should be clean, like new and small enough to be carried home in a Healey. All items will be marked with a card noting "Donated by New England Region Member (YOU)".

Here's the kicker. While we have to share general profits with AHCA National, monies that we make from Regalia and the Raffle are ours to keep. To get the ball rolling Frank Motta, Bob Abbott, Len Cannizzaro and I have already donated items for the table. If you have something that'll help, please address it to Dave Altman, Altman Distributing Company, 11 Old Right Road, Ipswich, MA 01938. You can also call me at 1-800-441-4196 if you have a question. Items should be sent to me by **JUNE 1** so that I have time to transport them up to Burlington.

Thanks for your help. Looking forward to seeing everyone -- and the Healeys. Dave

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Your Conclave Committee hard at work in the April 28 planning session in Burlington VT.



Your Conclave Committee with its overheated school bus stranded on the uphill slalom course at Bolton Valley.



Bruce Andrews (right) describing the amenities at the Shelburne Museum Conclave Car Show venue to Dave Altman, Jim Smith and Richard Pignatello.

(Rafe Loosigian photos)

Looking for volunteers to help staff the Conclave registration desk Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
Contact Bev Sealand, (860) 667-2776

Ruth Michaels
1925 - 2007

It is with a sad heart that I report that Ruth Michaels passed away on April 16, 2007.

Ruth and Walt have been active Healey Club members for the past 30 years, and we will all miss Ruth very much.

Our condolences go out to Walt and his family at this time of sadness.

NEW MEMBERS

Carmine Abate	New Britain	CT
Brett & Sandy Wright	Mount Holly	VT
Terrence McNelis	Berlin	CT
Bruce Newcomb & Karen Kullas	Berkley	MA

WELCOME!

**Spring Tune Up and Newcomers meet
Sunday, May 6th 10 AM to 4 PM**

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

Here is your chance to get your Healey ready for summer driving and Conclave 2007. Pete and Cindy Sturtevant will host the "Healey Spring Tune Up and Newcomers meet". 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? The expectation is to focus on modest Healey jobs, like tuneups, oil and grease, tire rotation, etc. You will be responsible for providing your own parts and supplies. 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 May 1st
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.

**Spring tune-up and Newcomers meet,
Saturday, May 12 Ipswich, MA**

Join us at the warehouse in Ipswich, Ma. for a combination "New Members Meet" and "Spring Tune-up." The "tune-up" theme always seems to bring out the gearheads in the group and maybe by calling this a "New Members," we'll see some new faces as well. Don't think this is for wrench turning guys only. Those who have been to the warehouse before know that there is ample space for those that want to sit and chat with old friends, enjoy a glass of wine, or commiserate about the weather. But the shop area of the warehouse also allows us to invite anyone to bring their supplies for small service or repair jobs on your car. The lift will be ready if you need it and we have most of the tools anyone will need. There are also a couple of BJ8 restorations in the works for you to look over and tell us what we are doing wrong. Things will get under way around 9:30 - 10:00 o'clock and we'll have the Hart House cater lunch about noon. So bring your wives, your supplies, and your questions. We'll try to find the answers from the assembled knowledge.

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Note from Cub Reporter Bob Bender:
This last weekend (April 21), it was in the Mid 70's at Stowe Ski area...and they had a base of 8 feet of snow on the slopes! The last storm that brought us 4 inches of slush, brought them 3 feet of snow!



20th Anniversary Gathering
CONN MG CLUB
The Largest One Day All British Car Show in New England
BRITISH
by the SEA
Sunday, June 3, 2007
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Harkness Memorial State Park
Waterford, Connecticut

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www.ctmgclub.com



17th Annual Vintage Celebration
NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY
Loudon, New Hampshire, May 18-20, 2007
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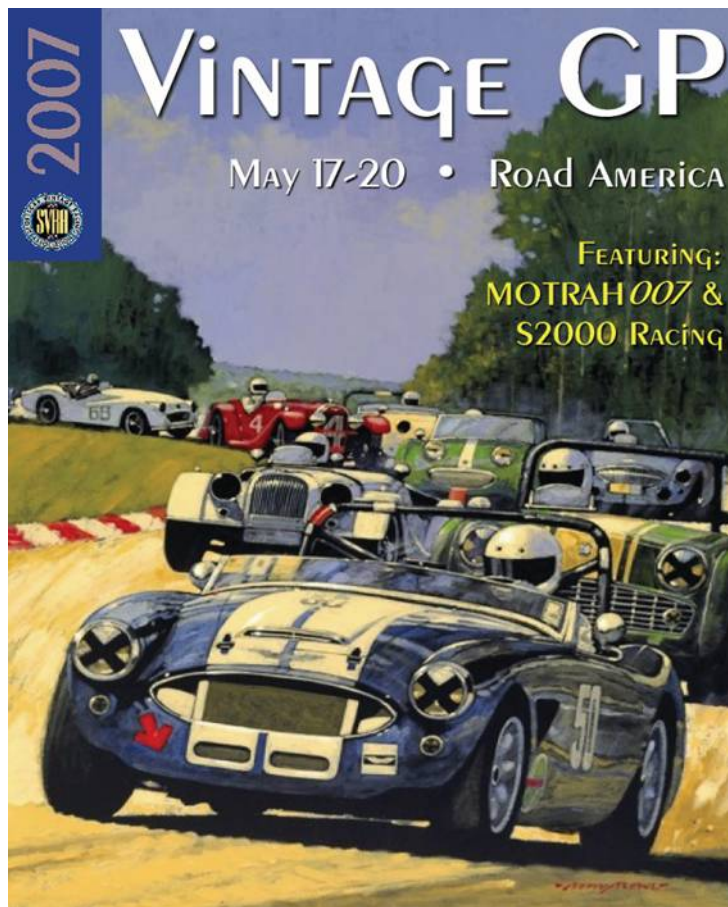
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Heater box and components for a 3000 in rebuildable condition or in excellent condition.
 Call or email Paul Dunnell (413)339-0102
Austin67@together.net

Review, Gerry's Newcomers Meet

March 31st was a wonderful sunny day in Dalton, Ma, for the new members meet at Gerry Paquette's house. Even though there was a smattering of snow on the ground, Don & Carol Paye and Jim & Elaine Smith drove their Healeys down. Of the 24 assembled club members, there were some new faces: Barry Donaldson of Goshen, ct. (bugeye owner), Don & Margaret Cozzolino of Cheshire, Ct (BJ8 owner) and Shawn & Kate Burdick and their son Ted from North Adams, Ma (bugeye owner).

Our Host, Gerry, is quite an Accomplished Mexican Chef and had a table full of Tacos, burritos, enchiladas and other Mexican food I can't spell, but it was all home made and delicious. Our conversation went from Bugeyes to BJ8s and everything in between. As small groups meandered out to the driveway, those of us who did not drive our Healeys lusted over the beauties in the drive way. As Pam and I were on the way home in my Dodge Ram (but that is another story) all I could think of was the fact that I should have gotten my car ready and driven it to this very successful new members meet in Dalton
 Denny Broughel...Longbridge forever



CARLISLE UPDATE

A quick update for anyone going to the Carlisle Import Show in May. Our vendor spots have been changed to E59, E60 and E61. Seems that Carlisle is moving folks closer together to get rid of some of the empty spaces between vendors. Tony Bennetto will be coming in from Australia to attend. Anyone with 1275 engines and ribcase gearboxes for sale should contact Steve Bell as Tony is on a "buying" mission. All club members are welcome to stop by and bring stuff to sell! Please call Steve Bell 508-947-6499 to let him know when you are going to be at Carlisle.