



# 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 is but a memory! And a very fond memory indeed. Conclave 2007 is over in a flash but from all accounts, it was an unqualified success.

Congratulations to Dave and Piggy and all the committee chairs and workers, and a personal thanks to my Car Show staff for putting on the best Healey car show ever!

On these pages, you'll find some personal accounts and some photos of the Conclave. Also a couple letters from a some prominent people expressing their great experience at our Conclave.

There's still plenty of Healey adventures in store for us for the rest of the season. Some laid back and relaxing, some exciting and adventurous. See the listing on page 3, and plan accordingly.



## President's Column

Greetings to you all!

Hi Gang

Wow! Wasn't the Green Mountain Conclave that our club hosted in Vermont the absolute best event you have ever attended? It went off without a hitch, and brought rave reviews from everyone I spoke with. I was fortunate enough to go on a portion of Piggy's post Conclave tour, and all the people I was traveling with just loved the meet. Most of these folks are frequent Conclave goers from regions other than our own, and they all rated it high on their Conclave list. Even Carl Brown, the national president of our club, who was on the tour with me said it was one of the best Conclave's he had ever been at. He commented to me that it was a well-conceived meet that had interesting events, and that Burlington was an excellent venue for our Conclave. That is quite a complement from the headman of the national organization.

The feedback that I have gotten from every single person I have spoken with about their Vermont experience at Conclave has been almost 100% positive. The only negative comments I received centered on the city of Burlington's decision to pave the access road to the hotel, while the meet was in progress. But even those that mentioned the paving as an inconvenience understood that it was totally out of our control, and did not hold it against us. I am quite positive that when all the reviews are in, and all the comments are written, that the New England region's performance in hosting Conclave 2007 will be applauded and praised as the best Conclave ever.

I know, that as president of this region, I am extremely proud of all of the people who worked so hard to make the Green Mountain Conclave a smashing success. I would like to personally thank every single individual who did even the smallest task to help make the meet what it was. I must also express my extreme gratitude to all the event chairs that made each individual segment of our Conclave run so smoothly and efficiently. But I must give a special thanks to Dave Altman and Richard "Piggy" Pignatello, the co-chairs of the event for their absolutely Herculean effort in making this whole thing happen. It was, however, a total team effort, and is much appreciated by me. We all can take tremendous pride in Conclave 2007, for through your effort and commitment we have set the bar extremely high, and have made Green Mountain Conclave 2007 the new benchmark of excellence for other region's to aspire to surpass. We should all take pride in a job well done!

Frank

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**The Bic and Gerry Show**



**The Dave and Gerry Show**

With special appearance by Elsie aka Bobby B.

2007 Events and Meets

August 11	Healey Autojumble Middletown, CT Al Alfano	NEW
August 18	Tour in the Berkshires Hinsdale, MA	NEW
Aug 25-26	Tom and Jeanne Andrews 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	
Sept 29-30	British Legends Weekend Cape Cod British Car Club	
October 13	Foliage Tour and BBQ, Shelburne Falls, MA Don & Carole Payne	
Dec 1	Christmas Party, E. Windsor, CT Betty Bender	

Conclave Tidbits

## WINNERS

We've posted the event winners on our Web site.  
Please visit:  
<http://www.ahca-northeast.com/conclave.htm>

## CONCLAVE PHOTOS FOR DVD

Rafe would love to have additional photos to include in the DVD he is preparing. If you would like to share your photos, send them as attachments to Rafe at [rloosigian@aol.com](mailto:rloosigian@aol.com). If you have a large number, copy them to a CD at full resolution and mail to Rafe Loosigian, 183 Pine St, Lowell, MA

## DMH AWARD

The Atlanta Chapter has brought home the DMH award for the second year in a row!

The DMH award is an award earned at Conclave to the leading AHCA Region in: # of members of that chapter present at Conclave, distance traveled to event, participation in schedule events and awards won as a chapter. That winning chapter gets to house the award for the next year.

## CHANGE OF HEART

A man told me that his wife didn't want to come to Conclave, so he promised her an additional week of vacation in New England if she'd come. It turned out that she had such a good time, she's looking forward to the next conclave!

Pat Plue

## CONCLAVE 2007 IN THE PRESS

Complete Coverage of Conclave 2007 will be in the Sept. issue of the *Healey Marque*.

Look for an article by Craig Fitzgerald in an upcoming issue of *Hemmings Sports and Exotic Cars*.



To order your badge E-mail Nick Zarkades ([zdesign@comcast.net](mailto:zdesign@comcast.net)) with address information or call him at 978.590.6067  
Or mail a check for \$35.00 (make checks out to Austin-Healey Club of N.E.) and send it to Nick Zarkades, 88 Bolyes St., Beverly, MA 01915 with your address.

## **Austin-Healey Autojumble**

**Saturday August 11, 2007, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Host site will have many AH100 parts, books, manuals, photos, tools and few 6-cylinder parts.

What kind of parts?

AH100 front shroud, Large bead blast cabinet, New Robbins AH100 Everflex tonneau, AH100 Jahns pistons, STD 9:1 CR, 2 NOS AH100 left-side side curtain parts, factory 100 chrome valve covers (from Hambro stock, original importer), NOS AH100 front splines, AH100M factory cam, period AH100 windshield glass wind wings, original Lucas 35 & 50 amp fuses, right angle speedometer trans takeoff parts, side-shift transmission parts, BN2-BJ7 over-drive parts, NOS fuel sending unit, AH100 factory tool-roll tools, various original reflector lens, re-chromed original AH100 reflector rings with paper insert, exact dup AH100 fan belts, BN4 trafficator, trafficator plastic parts, exact dup AH100 tiny fold down windshield reverse treaded screws and "D" head bolts, exact dup 100M hood strap chrome end plates, exact dup rear bumper hardware, large collection of plated hardware (bolts/nuts), various lengths of fabric covered wires for AH100 wiring, front and rear shocks (RXP, AH100 LeMans), AH100 grilles, generators, starters, various Lucas electrical parts, AH100 and early 100-6 horns, Blaupunkt AM-FM-SW radio, carbs (std 100, 100-6 BN4, thermo-carbs), distributors (BN2, BN4), BN4 gauges (oil pres/water temp, speedo, tach, fuel), 6 cylinder drive shaft, various distributor vacuum advance units, wire wheels, original knock-offs, knock off hammers, aluminum knock off removal tool, AH100 mufflers, AH100 water pumps, AH100 fuel pumps, Healeys videos, AH100 factory sales literature (prestige & standard), puzzles of Healey sales literature, AH100 factory parts manual, photocopy of AH100 parts catalog, photocopy of AH100-6 parts catalog, various Lucas part catalogs, AH100 & 3000 aftermarket repair manuals, 100 Special tuning literature, various framed Healey artwork, various 1950's 8x10 photographs of Healeys racing, 1950's magazines with Healeys, one of every Healey book ever published, west coast Healey club monthly publication day 1 to present, AHCA club monthly publication late 1970's to present, Caswell zinc plating kit, 30 weight non-detergent oil (transmission), AH100 dark brown primer spray cans, uni-syn carb sync tools, rear axle large nut tool, Binks spray guns, various AH3000 Healey plastic models (Advent, Aurora, Lindberg), various Healey die cast models (Hot Wheels, Corgi 3000 MKI, Ertl 1:18 100-6, pewter AH100).

Please RSVP for non-commercial vendors and for food planning.

No Rain date, hopefully everything and everyone will fit in 3 bay garage.

A small fee will be charged for pizza, grinders, soda and beer. Bring a picnic blanket and folding chairs.

Host Site:

Alan Alfano  
155 Cranberry Lane  
Middletown, CT 06457  
Email aalfano02@snet.net

- To reserve a space for your parts
- Let him know for food planning
- For directions

### **Enjoy a leisurely Summer day in the Berkshires**

When: Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>; Time: 8:00 a.m.

Where: Tom and Jeanne Andrews – 15 Bonnie Drive, Hinsdale, MA  
Off Route 8/143

Come join us for a continental breakfast on the lake, take a touring ride through the Berkshire Hills and end at Ozzie's Restaurant in Hinsdale for a late lunch

RSVP: 413-446-2726

Hope you can make it – the more the merrier  
jeanferris@att.net for directions

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**Rolex Vintage Festival Presented by BMW Labor Day Weekend, August 31– July 3, 2007**

Labor Day weekend is always an exciting time at Lime Rock Park, the Racing Center of the East. The races are always exciting, especially with several Austin-Healeys filling the race grids. (I'll be racing the old faithful BN1 again this year).

As usual, the New England Region of AHCA will man the "Healey Hangout" in the flea market. So come to Lime Rock, make some new friends, shoozo with old friends, buy some parts, watch the races, enter the car show....camp out and indulge.....

Come for a day or the whole weekend.

Jim Smith

PS: See the note below from Fred Jackson.

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To the Austin-Healey Club:

Here is ticket ordering info for the Austin-Healey Club: Go to [www.limerock.com](http://www.limerock.com), click on "Tickets", go to "Affiliate tickets", in the ID box enter 248, in the Password box enter AH2007 [case sensitive, use caps]. This will access 10% discount tickets which can be downloaded, sent by mail or for last minute by Fedex for a \$20 charge. By arrangement with Jim Smith, we have set up an AH corral for Saturday, September 1, with parade laps in the mid- am. The codes will allow us to keep track of the number of cars. And, of course, there will be a number of Healeys competing. We also have goody bags with an event program, poster, hat and a 50th Anniversary LRP pin.

Concerning the Sunday car show, this year sponsored by Road & Track, the contact is Marv Minkin at [marvin.minkin@msn.com](mailto:marvin.minkin@msn.com). There is an entry fee of \$30. and a good number of prizes. These include a Rolex 18k/stainless steel Daytona Chronograph for Best in Show, Rolex crystal medallions for Class winners and the R&T Award for the "Car We Would Most Like to Drive Home". Sunday is a really fun day. Hope your guys/gals are able to join us.

Fred Jackson  
Lime Rock Park

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Re: Green Mountain International Conclave 2007

Dear Dave and Richard,

We want to thank both you as co-chairmen and all of your many volunteers from the New England Region of the AHCA for providing us so many pleasures during your event.

You and your staff must have taken part in an experimental Vermont cloning session, as everywhere and anywhere we looked, one of your volunteers was there to help! Your assistance was available 24/7.

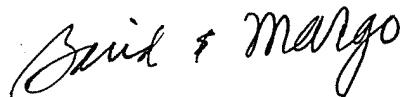
Your event had some very effective features: from being welcomed at the Sheraton with greeters outside and cold drinks and fruit inside to "Gunga Din" Bob, the water bottle provider at the Shelburne Museum car show. At the Kickoff Meeting, Steve Bell's comments were brilliant: "...you are all on the committee..." The venues, activities, and tours were excellent and very well-organized. Ralph Loosigian's photos added a spectacular touch—applied to a CD, these would surely be in demand for purchase. The maple syrup and Teddy bear awards were appropriate and appreciated.

The Sheraton hotel was very good value, and the hotel staff we found to be very accommodating and courteous. Despite the inconvenience of the disruptive and dirty paving, the Sheraton did an admirable job, we thought.

The program book was full of good information for those who chose to read it at the event and not when they returned home!

A lot of people take for granted the work that is involved in putting on events such as this Conclave, but we know how hard you all worked to make your vision of a great Conclave happen. Charlie Krut must be proud of you all.

Regards,



Greetings to the Conclave 2007 chairmen.

This is to thank you and the members of the Austin Healey Club of New England for inviting Marion and I to participate in the Thirty Second International Conclave held in Burlington, Vermont.

What a great time we had enjoying the hospitality and fun with a wonderful group of Healey enthusiasts, all of the planned activities were top notch, even the unplanned ! Bic and Gerry show seemed to blend in quite well and all will be long remembered.

Vermont is a beautiful state as shown to us, something also very much appreciated by your two special guests.

Cheers,

Gerry Coker.

July 2007



Thalia Loosigian and Maggie Altman  
Auctioning their wares



Assembling the Dunlop Tyre



Deb Katz, Our Champion Autocrosser  
and Registrar Extraordinaire



Jim Parker Flying High and Proud  
(Jim Frakes photo)

(All photos courtesy Rafe Loosigian unless otherwise noted)  
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July 2007



Lunch Stop on the Rally



Fun times in the FUNkhana



Plenty of room for Hundreds of Healeys on the 32 acres of the Shelburne Museum Grounds



Can you find your car?



Piggy, Paul, and Dave presenting  
The Charlie Krut Commemorative Plaque to  
Debbie Krut

*God Bless you Charlie. We miss you*