



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

Jim Smith

Bluechipracing@snet.net

I received my **Conclave 2007 car badge** in the mail today and its a real beauty. Perfect four color cloisonné and excellent chrome plating.

See the ad on page 5.

If you haven't yet signed up for the **Christmas Party**, please get 'er done! Betty needs to know a count ASAP so she can plan accordingly. See page 3.

I have gotten a few messages from members who requested email *New England News* but did not receive them. I knew my email list had some problems, but it seems worse than I thought.

So I need a favor: If you signed up for the email newsletter, and have not received it, please let me know by email to bluechipracing@snet.net. Indicate the email address to which you want the Newsletter sent. I'll update my list for the next issue (Dec.)



President's Column

Hello Everyone

As we approach the end of the year, and another Healey season, I approach the end of my tenure as your president of the Austin-Healey Club of New England. It has been a very interesting three years, but it hardly seems that it has been that long. I believe that the club has moved steadily forward in its stated goal to preserve and enjoy the Austin-Healey marque in all of its variant forms, and that we have kept the cars on the road and in public view. Hopefully this has been a pleasant experience for those who have seen us along the highways and byways of New England, and has engendered in them fond memories of their youth and rekindled their dream of a car they once wished to own. But more importantly it is hoped that showing the marque will lead to the creation of a new group of Healey enthusiasts among young people with an eye for the beauty of a truly classic automobile. For it is only in this way that our beloved Austin-Healeys will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

In keeping with stated goal of our organization it is quite important that we find a replacement for the presidency of our club that will continue to work for the advancement of the Healey marque. Finding someone with the desire to take the job and the time to do it is not an easy task. Traditionally it has been the job of the sitting president as well as members of the board to find a new person to take the office of president. We have through deep discussion, gentle persuasion, and an appeal to his sense of duty, Bill Berg has agreed to become the next president of our local club. He is a very busy young man, but has nonetheless agreed to take the job. Having spoken to Bill I believe he will be an absolutely wonderful president, and will do a sterling job. I am looking forward to helping him through the transition, and I am sure he will get the same kind of help and cooperation that was afforded me when I assumed the office. I wish Bill every success in his new office, and am quite confident that his tenure will be greeted positively by the membership.

Keep Them on the Road

Frank

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Conclave Photos

Conclave photos are available to view by going to the following website:

gallery.mac.com/rloosigian

Auction Results, Austin Healeys at Monterey 2007

'55	BN2	\$73,700	These are Austin-Healeys sold at four separate auctions during Monterey Speed Week. Bear in mind that Auction prices are usually considerably higher than private sale prices, and that these cars are generally high quality restorations.
'55	BN2	\$82,500	
'55	100M	\$55,000	
'60	BT7	\$71,500	
'62	BT7	\$60,840	
'67	BJ8	\$88,000	
'66	BJ8	\$68,200	
'67	BJ8	\$49,500	

Source: Keith Martin's *Sports Car Market*, November 2007

Conclave Regalia

Need the perfect Christmas gift for that special person?

Conclave Regalia is still available at below cost prices.

See Page 7

Healey Marque Available

Dave Altman has several extra issues of the September *Healey Marque* featuring Conclave. If anyone wants extra copies, he will be glad to send them out. Interested members can contact him at

david.r.altman@altmancompany.com

Congratulations to **Bev Sealand**, winner of the Mystery Photo Contest. See Page 6.

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Available through Austin Healey Club of America Regalia, and produced by AHCA member John Seaman, the DVD can be ordered directly with proceeds of all sales going the Austin Healey Club of America.

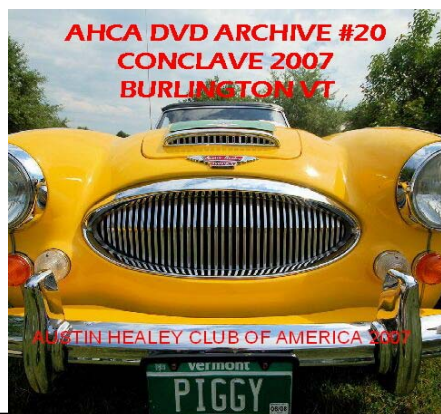
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John Seaman

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Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

920 467 2076 email jcm22@charter.net



CHRISTMAS PARTY

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MENU

Appetizers

Cheese and Crackers, Veg. Platter with dip
Stuffed Mushrooms, Chicken Fingers, Fried Mozzarella

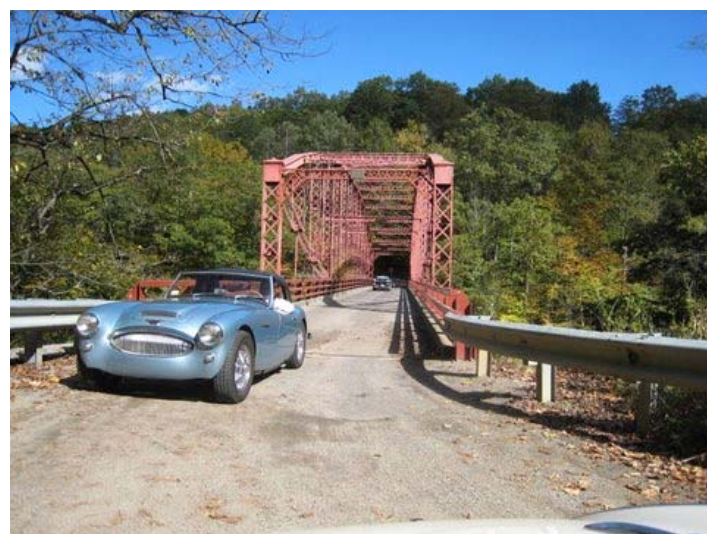
Buffet

Garden Salad, Zinfandel Vinaigrette Ranch
Chicken Francaise, London Broil, Stuffed Sole, Ziti prima Vera
Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine
Dessert
Apple Crisp topped with Vanilla Ice Cream

Fall Foliage Tour and BBQ

Well, those of you who make excuses like: "The weatherman is calling for rain" (it's been documented that they're right less than 50% of the time) or, "my car isn't finished" or, it's too cold to ride with the top down, or, or, or....Ya blew it! The weatherman was wrong (told Ya so), Ya didn't have to have your Healey (there was other iron there), and the weather was perfect for a top down cruise. Don and Carole outdid themselves putting together a totally enjoyable day for us. It was kinda backwards....but it was great. We got there about 10 AM and promptly had dessert! Brilliant! Home made apple crisp and ice cream. It was so good I brought a pocket full home with me! We soon rounded up the cars...20 or 25 of them, and we headed out for a fantastic tour through the beautiful countryside surrounding their home. The weather was crisp, the sun was bright and foliage was perfect. Upon returning to Don and Carole's, we were met by a sumptuous meal that no one walked away from hungry. Following the meal, we had donuts and coffee (!), and a lot of good conversation. Well the food might have been in reverse, but since I'd had a beer (Hyland Brewery of course), I refused to back up all the way home! Thanks a bunch to Don and Carole for a truly perfect day full of sun, fun and food. Some day you closet Healey owners are going to catch on to what you're missing!

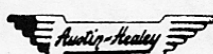


Cub Reporter: Bob Bender



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Winterization

Is it time to put the Healey away in mothballs for the Winter? If that's what you do, then its time. Personally, I go against the grain in that regard. My winterization includes fresh anti-freeze, an oil change, and flushing of the brake fluid. Other than that, I keep her ready for that occasional mid-winter ride.. Of course I avoid the three S's ...Salt, Sand, & Snow; but it's a real treat to exercise the old beast on a brisk sunny day. Its good for my frame of mind, and its good for the car. I don't recommend just starting the car once in a while. Put some miles on it, get all the fluids warmed up and equilibrated, get the exhaust system hot to drive off moisture.

Also, it's a good idea to keep the top erected for the winter. It will keep its shape better, the wrinkles will have a chance to go away, and the critters won't be as likely to chew some holes in your Everflex.

Jim Smith

Order Your Conclave 2007 Badge



\$35.00
INCLUDES SHIPPING

LIMITED QUANTITIES

The Conclave Badges have arrived and will be shipped November 1st. We do have a few extras and will be happy to get one to you in time for Christmas. Or how about one for that extra Healey or one for your desk to use as a paperweight. Contact me at David.r.altman@altmancompany.com.

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Conclave Canada, 1989, Niagara Falls

Here are the results of the Mystery Photo Contest.

Winner:	Bev Sealand.	5 (maybe 6. Len, were you there?)
Honorable mention	Bob Finucane	3
Honorable mention	Bob Bender	3
Honorable mention	John May	3

Thanks to all those who submitted entries.

Another Mystery Photo

Here is another Mystery photo that I ran across and would like to identify, I believe this is a photo from the '50s. The building looks like it might be one of Donald Healey's shops. The Healey 100 seems to have an unfamiliar color scheme (silver over black?) The Motorcycle looks like a vintage Triumph or BSA.

Can anyone identify the location and/or the year of the photo? (email answer to bluechipping@snet.net) The first verifiable correct answer (venue and date) gets a prize.



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Silver Anniversary of the Sprite

In 2008 there will be several events planned around the Sprite in celebration of its 50th anniversary. The letter below announces a great vintage race weekend at MOSPORT Raceway in Ontario, Canada in June. Stay tuned for future issues of the *New England News* where additional anniversary Sprite events and activities will be announced. Here's a start:

VARAC Vintage Festival, Ontario, Canada	June 20-22, 2008
SVRA Sprite Speed 50, Mid-Ohio Raceway	June 27-29, 2008
Austin-Healey Museum, VIR, Danville VA	June 13-15, 2008
Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance	March 7-9, 2008



To the Editor; *New England News*:

First, my name is Mike Jennings & I'm the organizer of the 50th Anniversary of Sprites with the Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada, (www.varac.ca) we will have our 29th Annual Vintage Festival at Mosport raceway in Ontario Canada on June 20-22/2008, featuring Austin Healey Sprites & CAN-AM cars.

I'm looking for contacts in the Sprite world, USA-CAN - UK who have Sprite Specials, early race history's, just love racing Sprites to any street Sprite show or go, to fill out the weekend of racing & showing of our cars. Any contacts you can give me or pass on the opportunity to join us for this event would be appreciated.

We will give Sprites a 4 day event, Thur. test day-lapping (street & road race), Fri. Sat. Sun. practice, qualifying, group 2 race, 1hr enduro and a A/H Sprite feature (need full grid 25+) or A/H-- MG Midget Challenge, we will look at Sprites running as a second grid in the MG Simms cup if we have the ####s & they still want more seat time!!!!!!

We also have one of the best welcome parties of the vintage events world on Friday & a dinner party on Saturday following the new upcoming & old outgoing drivers of the Mosport GRAND PIX of Lawn Chairs!!!!!!!!!!!!!! " MEDIC" or "Doctor in the paddock?" Clean up on pit row !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What I'm looking for is a contact #, email for any other special Speedwell, Lenham, Sebring Le Mans Sprites/Racers/Streeters. We have a list of 16 entries to date(Oct.31/07), we have a confirmed entry of Dan Leonard with his 59 Speedwell GT. Needed contact #, email for Richard Rooks (Wisconsin) Tom Cotter (Charlotte, North Carolina) Chris Cross (SVRA?) Tivie (?)

We of course send a open invitation to " ALL Austin Healey" racers, owners to attend this event.

I hope you can help me out & please pass this on to any Sprite or MG Midget racer who would join us & reply by email.

Mike Jennings datsit@hotmail.com

