



# 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

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Its hard to believe we're into 2008 with visions of getting the old Healeys fired up for the first rides of the new year. You should consider joining the area coordinators for the 2nd planning meeting scheduled for Feb 2. RSVP to Jan and Jon, and bring along some of your favorite goodies to share.

A glance at the event schedule should be some indication of meets that are being planned, so here's your chance to have an input.

Thanks for all your well wishes and prayers.

Jim

## President's Column

Happy New Years Greeting to all,

I would like to welcome everyone to our first newsletter of 2008 and thank everyone for their support as I start the first year of my tour of duty. For those who may not know me that well, I have been member of the AHCA since 1994 and I have been the Vermont and Western NH area coordinator for the past several years. I live in Bennington, Vermont with my wife Deb. We have three girls with only one at home full time and we are halfway through college tuition. I am an engineer by trade which means I can organize and analyze but rely on my wife for help with social graces and with those warm and fuzzy issues. I have been a car enthusiast and racing fan since youth. I can remember when the Mulsanne straight was. Did you know Ferrari has not had an overall win at Le Mans since 1965?

This is the time of year as the daylight grows longer and the cold grows stronger, we start the planning process for the events of the coming year. Judging from a couple Christmas cards I received, I know there is at least one interesting group out there that has demonstrated their ability for advanced planning. How many people do you know who think about Christmas cards in May?

We had a well attended initial planning meeting on January 12th to get a preliminary event schedule planned for this year. We had some good ideas for meets but we could use an early tech session or two and something in July. We will firm up the schedule at the next meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jan and Jon Kastberg have again offered their home as a central location for the meeting. The potluck lunch worked out so well, we are planning this same thing this time so please remember to RSVP. You can find directions to Jon and Jan's home later in this newsletter. We will start the meeting at 10 AM and plan to be complete by noon. If required, we can schedule additional planning meetings. I encourage all interested parties to attend. If you cannot attend but would like to schedule an event, contact myself or your area coordinator and we can get it listed on the calendar. Your event does not need to be anything elaborate; in fact I would like to see a trend towards more "back to basic" meets that may be just a drive to a gathering point for a picnic lunch or dinner. So put those thinking caps on and let's see what type of events we can generate. I hope to see many of you on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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### ***Conclave Photos***

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

[gallery.mac.com/rloosigian](http://gallery.mac.com/rloosigian)

### ***Conclave Regalia***

Need the perfect Christmas gift for that special person?

Conclave Regalia is still available at below cost prices.

Contact Jan Kastberg.

### ***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](mailto:david.r.altman@altmancompany.com)

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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.

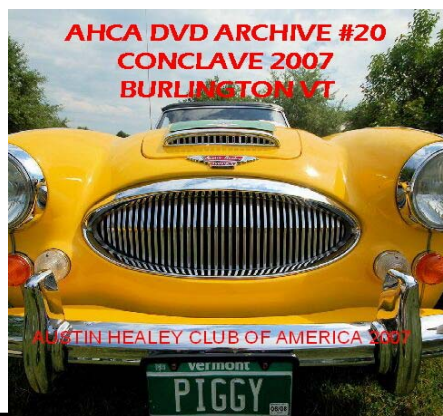
DVD's are \$20 each, (includes postage and handling), and are available for purchase by sending a check to:

John Seaman

456 Bluebird Ln.

Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

920 467 2076 email [jcman22@charter.net](mailto:jcman22@charter.net)



### **Tour the MG Restoration Project**

for

Good News Garage

at

### **Hemmings Motor News**

Bennington, Vermont

Saturday, March 1, 2008

10:30 AM

with lunch to follow

RSVP to Bill Berg

by Thursday February 28, 2008

(802) 442 – 2777 or

[bill.berg@vtcomposites.com](mailto:bill.berg@vtcomposites.com)

## Order Your Conclave 2007 Badge



The Conclave Badges have arrived and have been shipped November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

\$35.00 Including Shipping

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas

On the first Saturday in December, at LaNotte restaurant in East Windsor, Ct. our Austin Healey family members had yet another great Christmas party. As usual, the festive time brought out the best of all who attended. The adult beverages and buffet food were very tasty. There were presents by the tree and as you can imagine, jolly OLD St. Nick a.k.a. Santa Claus arrived in a grand fashion. During his annual tradition of guiding revelers to the tree to pick a gift, I noticed his hat. It seemed to me that every time Santa was able to help a young woman to the tree his little Santa hat would flip-flop on his head. In comparison, when the young athletic men would go to the tree there was no arm around us to help keep us steady under foot. As the presents were opened and people had a chance to use the old Yankee swap rules present were traded. I'm sure everyone was very pleased with their selected gifts, I know I was. As the party was ending some of the family decided to make the drive to their homes and some decided to stay over night and meet for a wonderful breakfast before saying our goodbys.

Another year has passed, and soon those beautiful little roadsters will be filtering into the warm sunlight. So remember drive them like you stole them and that the Carlisle, Pa import car show is in mid May. Longbridge forever  
Denny & Pam Broughel

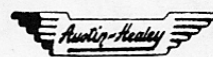
## 2008 Events and Meets

Feb-08	Coordinator's Meeting	
May 2-3	Vintage Races, Lime Rock	
May 16-18	Vintage Races, Loudon, NH	
May 30-31	Vintage Races, Lime Rock	
July 19-20	Pittsburgh Vintage Prix	
Aug 29-sep1	Vintage Festival, Lime Rock, CT	
	British By the Sea, Waterford, CT	

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203 214-5059



**FOR SALE**

1966 AH 3000  
White, excellent running and a great driver with approx 95 k miles and a 12 year old restoration. (my boys don't fit the jump seats anymore)

Michael Westcott  
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Contact Jon Kastberg  
254 Brimfield Rd  
Holland, MA 01521  
Phone (413) 245-4618, Cell (413) 455-5880

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2004 Jeep Liberty Columbia. 48,000 miles. Black four door,V6 auto,air,sun roof etc all the goodies including trailer hitch runs great,gets about 20 mpg on the average.Still has 20,000 miles or three years of warranty on the drive train. \$12,500.00 call Paul Dunnell at 413-339-0102 or E-mail [austin67@together.net](mailto:austin67@together.net)

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Complete transmission w/overdrive BN4 to BJ8  
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Asking : \$ 3000.  
Richard : 514-457-6101

Date: February 2, 2008  
Time: 10 AM – Noon  
Place: Jon & Jan Kastberg

**Jan is planning a potluck lunch so PLEASE RSVP to Jan  
[Jenhly74@aol.com](mailto:Jenhly74@aol.com) with your contribution and COPY  
[bill.berg@vtcomposites.com](mailto:bill.berg@vtcomposites.com) so we both know how many to expect.**

**Meeting Agenda**

Old Business

Review meeting Agenda

Approval of January meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report – Keith Risk

Banner status – Dave Altman

Status of Trial Regalia Sale on E-Bay – Nick Zarkadas

Update on Make a Wish Tour – Bob Bender

Update Schedule of events calendar for 2008 – Bill Berg

New Business

Bill Berg