



# 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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**ALERT::** *The event schedule published in the Jan/Feb newsletter is flawed. Please disregard it.*

*For an accurate schedule, Refer to page 4 in this issue. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.*

I know that May is still a few months away, but its not too early to get your reservations in for the Sprite Jubilee in Carlisle, PA. Remember, this is the 50th anniversary of the Austin-Healey Sprite, and you Sprite enthusiasts won't want to miss this one. So for hotel reservations, see page 3 or go to the website: [www.austinhealeysprite.org/lodging.html](http://www.austinhealeysprite.org/lodging.html) ASAP .

## President's Column

A cure for cabin fever



I don't mean to brag but . . . yea I do mean to brag. This is the first time in 14 years that I have started my "winter Healey project list" in the winter instead of the usual scramble at the start of spring driving season. Probably like a lot of you, I spend the last half of the fall driving season making a mental list of what I need to look at during the winter so I will have a more dependable driving season to come. Usually this list sits dormant in the back regions of my gray matter until I see dandelions growing in my front yard. Then it is a panic charge to get everything done and ready for the first drive to a meet. On the list this year is (1) Fix the starting issue so I do not need to park on a down hill slope or find two new friends to push start my car every place I stop, (2) Check out the potential sticking front right caliper, (3) Tighten up that joint at the front of the muffler that lets out a little puff of smoke if or when the car does happen to start, and if I really have some extra time, (4) think about replacing that plastic washer I made out of a milk bottle that I put under my points to keep them from grounding out when I dropped the real washer and it rolled into Never Never Land.

I got myself into the garage and started working on this list soon after New Years which helped cure my cabin fever. So far it has been a mixture of satisfaction and frustration. Most of the frustration was caused by brain fade. Some one hour jobs turned into two weeks but things are going back together now. Hopefully item 1 will be solved with a new high torque gear reduction starter and new battery cables, #2 really isn't sticking, #3 is solved by a better clamp and #4 I'll just carry a spare set of points or buy another quart of milk.

So take a look at this year's list of events in this issue and cure that cabin fever by getting your winter "to do" list taken care of early. We will see you on the road before you know it.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg



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### MORE ON MOTOR OIL:

There has been much discussion in the old car press about motor oil and what to use in our old flat-tappet engines. Bottom line is DO NOT use modern off the shelf oil with the api designation SM.

There is an interesting article on the current motor oil situation regarding ZDDP the zinc additive that has been eliminated from the current spec product. It can be found at [www.fmrcoa.org](http://www.fmrcoa.org). This is the website of Ford Mercury Restorers Club of America. Click on newsletters and scroll down to the September 2007. The article is entitled Motor Oil Mythology. It is written by Bob Orlee who is chairman of ILSAC which a major governing body to the motor oil industry.



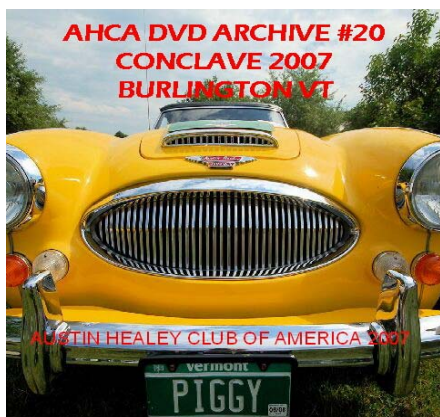


## Austin-Healey Green Mountain International Conclave 2007 DVD

A 45 minute DVD of Conclave 2007 highlights videos and photos of many activities and events in Burlington Vermont, including the Popular Car Show at Shelburne Museum, starting the TSD and Fun Rallyes, racing the Burlington Hot Wheels 750, Gymkhana runs, the Funkhana, Lake Champlain dinner cruise, Bolton Valley events, Uphill Slalom, and Lake Champlain 500. Special guests were Bic Healey and Jerry Coker.

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



## SPRITE JUBILEE 2008

Rooms are still available at Hotel Carlisle !

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5/15/08 through 5/21/08

**BUT DON'T WAIT, GET YOUR ROOMS NOW !!!**

If you have any problems contact Rick Moses directly:

USA toll free 877-748-3165  
Worldwide 717-534-2525  
Mobile phone 717-379-5752  
dr.moses@verizon.net



## 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

### 2008 Current Calendar of Events

Date	Event
March 1, 2008	MG Restoration Tour Hemmings Motor News Bennington Bill & Deb Berg
April 6, 2008	Newcomers meet, Narragansett Rhode Island Pete & Cindy Sturtavant
April 12, 2008	Western MA Newcomers meet Don & Carol Paye
May 2-3	<i>Vintages Races Lime Rock Park CT</i>
May 10, 2008	NH and Eastern MA Tour and Clam Bake Dave Altman
May 16-18, 2008	<i>Vintages Races Loudon NH</i>
May 16-18, 2008	Carlisle Import and Kit/Replicar Carlisle PA
May 16-20, 2008	Sprite Jubilee 2008 Hotel Carlisle Resort, Carlisle PA
May 30-31	<i>Vintages Races Lime Rock Park CT</i>
June 1, 2008	British by the Sea Harkness State Park, Waterford CT
June 14, 2008	Make a Wish Cross Country Fund Drive Send off Celebration Hemmings Motor News Bennington VT
June 29 - July 4	Conclave 2008 San Diego
July 19-20	<i>Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix</i>
August 21-24	Summit 2008 Mont Tremblant Quebec
Aug 29 - Sep 1	Vintage Fall Festival Lime Rock Park CT
September 13, 2008	Nature Rallye and Funkhana Osterville MA - Roy Balthazard
September 18 - 21	British Invasion Stowe VT
October 11, 2008	Rowe MA Hillclimb - Paul Dunnell

### TIDBITS

#### **Conclave Photos**

Conclave photos are available to view by going to the following web-site: [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)



## *Make-A-Wish Fund Drive*

As many of you already know, the success of our Cancer Fund Run several years ago, that Steve Bell planned, was so impressive to the AHCA leadership when I presented it at the Delegate's Meeting, that plans are afoot to undertake a much more ambitious project. A caravan is leaving from the East Coast and traveling all the way to the West Coast and ending at the Conclave in San Diego. Along the way some branches of drivers will join and others will drop out, much like happened during our Cancer Run. There are some brave souls who plan to make the entire trip! One such person is Gary Brierton. This guy is a glutton for punishment. In order to start in New England, he's driving up from North Carolina! If you know Gary, it won't surprise you at all.

Well, we plan to give him a send off by gathering at the Hemmings Motor News Garage in Bennington, Vermont on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. I think it would be great if we could get a nice turnout for this send off. The plans have not gelled yet, but I think we are trying to get a group together to travel with him for a little while. The opportunity to collect money for a very worthwhile cause is there, but we need to help. Please keep watching for more details as they become available. Anyone that plans to drive to Conclave please give me a call or Bill Berg a call, or Gary Brierton a call. Keep watching!!

*Cub Reporter – Bob Bender*

## FOR SALE

1961, 4 seat, tri carb, 68,000 original miles, soft top included \$29,000.

Rod Perkins  
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Guilford, Ct. 06437  
[rodjperkins@comcast.net](mailto:rodjperkins@comcast.net)  
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  
Cohasset, MA

617.803.9383



## FOR SALE

Late 1966 Austin-Healey 3000 Mark III, series BJ8. #38222. Purchased 1985. 25,000 miles since complete engine rebuild. Recent (1500 miles back) body work and authentic Global Healey Blue paint job. Replaced shocks, springs, wheels, rebuilt radiator, electronic ignition, carpeting/insulation, oil cooler, SS exhaust, trunk lining, carbs, wheels, new Finnish tires, solidstate Lucas fuel pump. Need garage space for wife's backhoe. \$38,000. Stew Gillmor, Higganum, CT. (860) 345-2911. [sgillmor@wesleyan.edu](mailto:sgillmor@wesleyan.edu) Call after March 17.

## FOR SALE

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)

## FOR SALE

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Windshield frame for BN4 to BN7  
Windshield frame for BT, BJ  
R & L doors for BJ8 with regulator  
Dashes : BN 4 to BJ 8  
Many small parts: gauges, starters, generator, steering wheel

Asking : \$ 3000.  
Richard : 514-457-6101





## 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)

March 2008



## AHCA New England and BMCNE Newcomers meet

April 6 Narragansett , R.I.

Come to scenic Narragansett, RI for a joint newcomers meeting of the Austin Healey club and BMCNE at The Shorebreak, 3 Beach Street [www.theshorebreak.com](http://www.theshorebreak.com) . We will have a private party at one of South counties leading entertainment venues. We will have Austin Healey and British Car video's playing continuously on a 20 foot wide movie screen. Accompanying the DVD's will be great jazz music on a state of the art sound system. We will provide an afterno on Italian hot buffet. The meeting will be from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday afternoon April 6th. This will be a great early season opportunity for newcomers and seasoned members to come together on the shores of Narragansett Bay.

For those guests who want to make a weekend of the event, a hotel is available right next door, at the Village Inn [www.v-inn.com](http://www.v-inn.com) and the Holiday Inn in South Kingston is 10 minutes away. Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, April 2nd to Pete and Cindy Sturtevant at [healeybn4@comcast.net](mailto:healeybn4@comcast.net) or 508 509 5517.

**FROM CT, NY and all points South:** Take I95N to CT, pass New Haven, New London. Take Exit 92 and turn right on Route 2, go for 1.5 miles (at RI beaches sign) and make a sharp right onto Route 78East. Follow road for 4 miles to traffic light. Make a left onto US Route 1N. Go 18 miles take Narragansett Exit, make a right & cross Route 108 traffic light (Mobil) on to South Pier Road. Go 2 miles and take a left onto Ocean Road. Go under the stone towers, immediately make a left and at the stop sign make an immediate right and our entrance is directly on your left

**From Boston, and a ll points North:** Take I95S. (past Providence) take exit 9 from left lane to Route 4 South which will become Route 1 South. Pass Route 138 sign, take Narragansett Exit. At light, make a left to rotary. Follow the Narragansett sign, go to first light (Gas station)

Come to our  
New Members'  
Meet

Western Massachusetts  
New members meet  
April 12, 2008  
At the home of  
Don and Carole Paye  
24 Conway Rd.  
Buckland (Shelburne Falls), MA  
10:30 AM till everyone has left



Welcome to all new (and not so new) New England Austin Healey members, owners and those wish to be Austin Healey owners. Please join us for an enjoyable day in the beauty and peacefulness of our rural setting. Dale and Carole will do their famous fajitas with all the fixin's. All beverages will be provided.

There will be plenty of time to kick tires and help each other with any tech issues say nothing of time to gab about what everyone has been up to since the Christmas party in December. Taking weather and attendees interest into consideration, we may take a short tour of Shelburne Falls and the surrounding hills.

If indeed you are a new member, this is a great chance to meet some of the more seasoned members on a one to one basis. Please make plans to join us. Austin Healey people are a special breed of their own. We look forward seeing you so let us know by April 8 that you are coming.

There will be a brief business meeting sometime during the afternoon to finalize this year's event schedule and to settle other unfinished club matters.

*Don & Carole Paye*  
(413) 625-6568

Directions:

**From the north:** follow RT 91 south to the Greenfield exit 26 take route 2 toward Shelburne Falls (about 8 miles), turn left at the "Sweetheart" Restaurant and next left onto Bridge Street to the center of SF. Cross the river and after the stop sign, BEAR left along the river (Conway St., Summer St. and South St.) continue crossing over the railroad tracks (about 1 mile). We are the 4th driveway on the right.

**From the east:** follow RT 2 west to RT 91 south to exit 26 take route 2 toward Shelburne Falls (about 8 miles), turn left at the "Sweetheart" Restaurant and next left onto Bridge Street to the center of SF. Cross the river and after the stop sign, BEAR left along the river (Conway St., Summer St. and South St.) continue crossing over the railroad tracks (about 1 mile). We are the 4th driveway on the right.

**From the south:** travel north on RT 91 to exit 26 at the Greenfield rotary take route 2 toward Shelburne Falls (about 8 miles), turn left at the "Sweetheart" Restaurant and next left onto Bridge Street to the center of SF. Cross the river and after the stop sign, BEAR left along the river (Conway St. Summer St. and South St.) continue crossing over the railroad tracks (about 1 mile). We are the 4th driveway on the right.

**From the west:** follow RT 2A to Shelburne Falls (State St.). After the stop sign, BEAR left along the river (Conway St., Summer St. and South St.) continue crossing over the railroad tracks (about 1 mile). We are the 4th driveway on the right.