



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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April is the month when all the automobile newsletters are full of meet announcements for the driving season. We got an early start last month so have a look at the schedule on page 3 and the individual announcements further back, and start making plans. Your organizers have done a great job in planning some very interesting and exciting activities.

Also inside you'll find reviews on meets we have already had, and on the classified page you'll find some really neat Healeys for sale.

Now.....after you have read the ***New England News***, go out and fire up the Healey and do that shake-down cruise so you'll be ready for that impromptu urge to get *on the road again*.

Dominic Falconeri and his crew did such a great job on The Dunlop Tire Bridge we enjoyed at Conclave 2007, that its getting international attention. See the article on page 7.



President's Column

Spring has arrived! Well at least the calendar says so but it's hard to believe when you wake up to 24°F with a wind chill that cuts that temperature in half. We're actually still in our fifth season here in Vermont, mud season. We squeeze mud season in between winter and spring lasting only a couple weeks. It's characterized by back roads that are a much friendlier environment to a D9 Caterpillar than a low slung sports car although anyone at the British Invasion last fall had some exposure to what mud season is like.

On the second day of spring I found myself on a train to New York City to attend the International Auto Show compliments of my oldest daughter and the nice people at Car and Driver magazine. Even though it was a bright but bone chilling day outside, being surrounded by the latest offerings of Detroit and the rest of the world (oddly except for the French and Chinese), made it easy to warm to the thoughts of the summer driving season. Everything was there from the anemic but cute SmartforTwo with its 1,000 cc engine shoving out 70 HP, to a brutish lime green Viper, and of course the new Corvette ZR-1 with its neck snapping 620+ HP supercharged engine generating over 600 ft-lbs of torque. Sitting on the turntable looking formidable in its dark gray bodywork and carbon fiber trim, you can tell it offers the best bang for the buck. You could have gotten one for about \$100K if you had signed up last year . . . or maybe the year before. The only serious contender I saw was the half million dollar SLR McLaren sitting over in the Mercedes-Benz display. The Audi R-8 was there as well as a coupe version of the 2009 Pontiac Solstice. In all it was a great day.

Back to the business at hand, we have several newcomers meets coming up in April so get your RSVP's in as early as possible. Deb and I will try to get to as many as time allows. We may show up in our Mini instead of the Healey but at least it is British . . . sort of. (It has given me two false readings for flat tires and a couple other electrical gremlins to keep with the British tradition.)

I also received a call from Roger Hamel and told him we would help advertise the Summit meet they are hosting at Mont Tremblant at the Grand Lodge. They have 50 rooms blocked off and 20 are already gone. At \$149 CD per night (as of this writing it is probably more in US dollars) it is a very good rate for the accommodations. You can check out all the activities on their Web site at <http://www.austinhealeyquebec.com/summitEN.html>. We will try to put the registration form at the back of this newsletter if I am not too verbose. As always, you will need to register for the event before you can get the special hotel rate.

The last item I wanted to mention this month is the Make-A-Wish Tour sendoff celebration in mid June. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the event. Hemmings Motor News has graciously offered their facility here in Bennington as the New England send off point for those who are making the trip to San Diego. Please contact Bob Bender and Steve Bell for more information. A little help from a bunch of people will go a long way. You'll hear more on this soon.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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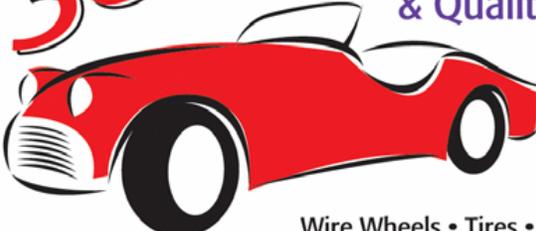
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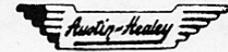

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\$35.00 Including Shipping

2008 Current Calendar of Events

Date	Event
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>Vintage Races Lime Rock Park CT</i>
May 10, 2008	NH and Eastern MA Tour and Clam Bake Dave Altman
May 16-18, 2008	<i>Vintage 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>Vintage Races Lime Rock Park CT Cancelled</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 website: gallery.mac.com/rloosigian

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

Austin-Healey makes the most beautiful car list

In the UK's Daily Telegraph reader's poll of the 100 most beautiful cars of all time, the Austin-Healey 3000 was voted #17, and the Healey 100 voted #44. I'm not sure I agree, but who am I? Check the website <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/motoring/main.jhtml?xml=/motoring/2008/03/15/mfcars5.xml&page=2>.

Reminder

If you're planning to attend Conclave 2008 "Healeys On The Bay" in San Diego this summer, you should try to visit <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/> and register this month. After March 31st, the registration fee increases by \$20 to \$149.

March 31st is also the deadline to pre-order meet regalia. The day-of selection at the meet will be limited



See the website: <http://www.healeymeetslemans.nl/home.php?nb=>

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Rod Perkins
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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

FOR SALE

For Sale

1960 Austin Healey BN7 MkI

Excellent driving Healey Blue BN7 2-seater. \$25,000 in new parts/mechanical. Painted 1986 but presentable. Southern car. This is a good one!

Full documentation & receipts. Clear title.

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To the members of the Austin-Healey Club:
Thank you for your donation to the 2007 Show of Dreams Car Show. Through your generosity, we were able to donate \$4000 to High Hopes of NH. They grant wishes to terminally ill children throughout the state.
Your involvement helped to make the event a success. We look forward to working with you again.
Your Friends at
British Cars of NH

*To the Members of the Austin-Healey Club,
Thank you for your donation to the 2007 Show of Dreams Car Show. Through your generosity, we were able to donate \$4,000 to High Hopes of NH. They grant wishes to terminally ill children throughout the state.
Your involvement helped to make the event a success. We look forward to working with you again.
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British Cars of NH*

Austin Healey

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. 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 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 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) and take a right on Kingston Road. The Shorebreak is half a mile on the left, next to the restaurant under construction.

I'll be there.
Will you?



Eastern Mass./Southern NH New Members meet
Gloucester, MA, Saturday, May 10, 2008

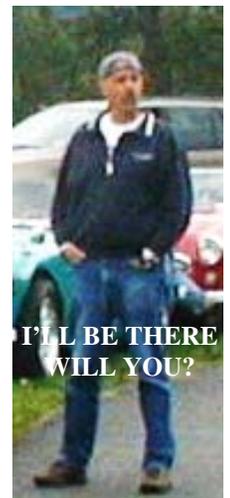
Larry and Marilyn Swift will be hosting the Eastern Mass./Southern NH New Members meet on Saturday May 10 at their home in Gloucester, MA. Larry has a nice garage/workshop that he promises to get straightened up for us and Marilyn is an artist and will have her studio open for anyone to tour and admire. For the car people among us Larry's neighbor has a car collection of Jags and Aston Martins and will open his car barn for us to view these fine collectables. After a morning of looking and talking we will do a short tour of the Gloucester/Rockport/Essex coast and end up at Woodmans seafood restaurant for lunch. If you're into fried clams - this is the place! We'll be ordering off the menu so there will be choices for everyone. Plan on arriving about 10:00 AM and there will be coffee and donuts to munch. If you want to stay over we can supply a list of local motels and restaurants. Please call Bob Abbott 603-425-3333 or Larry Swift 508-641-6162 to let us know you will be there. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Directions:

From I95 Rt128 North of Boston
Follow signs to Peabody, Gloucester (in Peabody, Routes 95N and 128N separate – STAY on 128N)
From the separation, travel about 20 miles passing Beverly and Manchester to Grant Circle (rotary) in Gloucester
Leave the circle via the second exit (128N Rockport)
Travel 0.8 miles to§ Blackburn Circle (rotary)
Leave the circle via the second exit (128N Rockport)
Travel down the hill (Gloucester Engineering will be on your left) .08 mile to stop lights
Just before lights move to middle lane and go straight through lights to second set of lights (about 0.2 mile)
Go straight through these lights (East Main Street) – the first 0.2 mile are one-way
Travel 0.7 mile from the lights to Highland Street passing a Gulf Station on the left
Just after Family Dentistry on the right, you will see Highland Street
Turn left up the hill
We are the first white house on the left - 20 Highland St. Gloucester, Ma.

If you pass Duckworth's Bistrot on your right, you have gone about 50 feet too far.

Marilyn and Larry Swift
20 Highland Street
Gloucester, MA 01930
(h) 978 283 6319
(c) 508 641 6162



We'll be there.
Will you?

MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

***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.

Meet Review: The Good News Garage Tour, Hemmings Motor News.

The Hemmings Motor News has partnered with the Good New Garage which is out of Burlington, Vt. The good news garage is a benevolent association in which automobiles are donated and fixed to inspected and running condition. Then a needy family who needs to make doctors appointments and such and has fallen on hard times is given a car for free.

Craig Fitzgerald is the editor of the Sports & exotic car magazine. (He was the one who borrowed Jim Smith's BN7 to attend our conclave and wrote a very nice article for the magazine.). Craig was notified by the good news garage that someone had donated a MGB, and a friendship was born. Craig who would make an excellent military scrounger has had all the materials and labor donated for this restoration. Craig is not your usual sit behind a desk editor, he is a grease under his fingernails guy and has done a considerable amount of hands on work with the project.

Bill Berg had made arrangements for us to meet at the Hemmings museum on March 1st to see how the project was going. Craig gave us a short power point presentation on how the car was dismantled and has gone through the body and paint work. The end result to date is a very nicely painted Corvette Red MGB. Soon the reconstruction process will begin. The engine has been rebuilt along with the transmission. the suspension will be changed to telescopic shock type and other slight modifications. When finished, the car will be raffled and all proceeds will go to the Good News Garage.

After our meet we all traveled to Bill & Debbie Bergs home for lasagna and Debbie's world famous deserts.

Longbridge Forever
Denny Broughel

Dunlop Tire Bridge Sailing Across the Pond



Remember the great photo shots under the Dunlop tire from Conclave last year? That same Dunlop Tire designed and engineered by Dominic Falconeiri and a team of volunteers is currently being shipped across the Atlantic to England.

Three couples, the Bromfield's, Finch's, and Gardner's, from the New Forest Centre in England came to Conclave last year, to enjoy our New England hospitality and enjoy the historic event stateside. They loved everything about Conclave and beauty of Vermont. Our British guests were very impressed with the detail and accuracy of the Dunlop Tire bridge.

The Austin Healey Club UK is organizing an International Healey Weekend May 16th – 18th to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the Sprite. The event will be at the historic Goodwood Motor Circuit and estate House.

While at Conclave last year the idea was suggested about how great the Dunlop Tire would look at the Healey Weekend at Goodwood. We approached Dom and Dave Altman about the idea of

AHCA loaning the Dunlop Tire to AHC Ltd. for the Sprite 50th anniversary birthday bash. The generosity of the New England team to loan the "Tire" is greatly appreciated by the UK club.

Now we had to work through the logistics of moving such a large piece of automotive art from Massachusetts to England. I have worked in transportation and logistics industry my whole professional career. I approached several of the major global Freight Forwarders with the idea of "sponsoring" the transportation of the "Tire" back and forth to England. Kuehne + Nagel (K+N) loved the idea of being an Austin Healey sponsor and provided a 20 foot Ocean container and all of the local and ocean transportation to move the unit. The following link to the sponsor website page provides K+N the valuable advertising space in return for their free transportation <http://www.healey-weekend.com/K+N.htm>.

Dominic and his band of volunteers built a custom design crate holding the two piece "tire" which is 16 feet long, 7 feet tall, and 5 feet wide. Dom used a front end loader to pick up the crate and move it into the ocean container, as shown on the picture below. The route to Goodwood starts at Dom's shop in Middleboro, to the port in Elizabeth, NJ for transport to Liverpool England and then down south to Eastleigh, UK.

The Dunlop Tire will be used to start the Gymkhana on the race circuit on Saturday afternoon and then will be moved Sunday morning for the Concourse at the Goodwood House. They are predicting over 400 Healey's from Europe and England to attend the International weekend. It will be exciting to know that so many Healey photo opportunities will be taken under the Dunlop Tire Bridge on two different continents in consecutive years.

Happy Healeying, Pete Sturtevant



Carlisle Import/Kit /Replica Nationals

Have any of you ever thought about going to Carlisle for this annual event? It is an absolutely great time! There are acres of all different imported car parts, products and memorabilia. It's all at the Carlisle Fairgrounds on May 16-18. This is an annual event which also has a large kit car presence attended by all the top manufactures. There are many finished products ranging from GT-40s to Deuce Coupes, to Shelby Cobras. There is also an adjacent show field, where many of the marques proudly display their cars. Our region is well represented in the auto jumble area, with our club tent and display. We use this venue to promote our club and get new members. We also have space to sell any parts or other items that we want to get rid of. So if you decide you would like to make the pilgrimage to Carlisle this year, to see the cars, buy some junk, sell some junk, look at some kit cars or go to a tech session, you can check out their website at: <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/import/index.asp> and get all the information.

By the way, this is also the year of the Sprite. So if you want to join their festivities at the Sprite Jubilee you can check that out at: <http://www.austinhealeysprite.org/index.html> and get all the information. If you have Sprite parts to sell or need Sprite parts, this is certainly where to do business.

Well, I hope this has piqued your interest enough to join us. I've got to say, this will be a wonderful time. It is every year. So come on down.. We need some fresh drivers to chase on the go-cart track !!

Cub Reporter – Bob Bender



**Summit 2008
in Mont-Tremblant
Québec, August 21-23**

Registr # _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Arrival Date: _____ AHCA Chapter: _____
 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Spouse/Guest First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Children Name/Age: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
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 Telephone Day: _____ Evenings: _____ Email: _____

Vehicles to be registered

____ 100-4 ____ 3000 Silverton ____ 3000 Roll-Up ____ Sprite ____ Jensen-Healey ____ Other _____

Registration Fees Registration includes one car, two adults; children under 18. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS**

Registration fee (includes one car, two adults):	\$38.00 / unit	X _____ = _____
Gondola tour to the top of Mt. Tremblant:	\$17.00 PP	X _____ = _____
Tea party and art demonstration	\$ 8.00 PP	X _____ = _____
Bonfire, marshmallows, and blues guitarist	FREE	X _____ = \$ 0.00
Cruise on Lake Tremblant:	\$18.00 PP	X _____ = _____
Saturday night Banquet: (taxes and service incl.)	\$40.00 PP	X _____ = _____

Registration Total _____

Helicopter rides will be available at 18:00hrs Friday, at the hotel site for \$80.00 PP. You must pay on site.

Reserve for: 1 2 3 4 (which ever) persons.

**Mail Registration Form with
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