



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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We are well into springtime now, so there's no good excuses left for keeping the Healey locked up. Lets go! There's hardly a weekend in May that doesn't offer an interesting event for the Sports Car enthusiast.

I mentioned that my new laptop has given me some problems...well, there's no relief. Problem is with my newsletter mail lists. If you prefer to get the **New England News** by email only but you still get the hard copy from the mailman, please let me know and I'll correct my lists. Also, Please let me know what you would like to see in the newsletter. Ads, meet announcements and reviews always seem to fill the pages, These are necessary, but I know you want more than that. How 'bout some tech articles? Member Profiles?

By the way, Our membership person, Keith Risk, asked me to remind everyone that this will be your last Newsletter if you have not renewed your membership for 2008.



President's Column

My column this month is brought to you from Flight 1625, Seat 4F somewhere high (hopefully) over mid America. I just experienced a new wonder of the universe, airline ticket pricing. I had to book a somewhat last minute trip to Seattle so I went on the airline websites searching for options. It came down to US Airways out of Albany. Now if I left at 7:45 AM the coach fair was \$735 outbound, but if I left at 12:30 PM the First Class fair was \$424. Hmmm, let me think about that for a nanosecond or two, more time to sleep at almost half the price. The minor catch was the 3 hour layover in Charlotte but that beats 5+ hours in a middle seat in coach (like my return leg will be). I just know this will be difficult to explain to the bean counters at work.

The 2008 Healey season is officially in gear with a couple new member meets under our belts as of this writing. Pete and Cindy Sturtevant had a great turnout in RI in spite of unexpected inclement weather and Deb and I made it to a great turnout at the Paye's on a day that was dodgy to start but turned out beautiful. Both days were exact opposites of the predicted weather, go figure!

The frightening thing about this being the May newsletter is that means the Cross Country Caravan for Kids to benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation is only 6 weeks away! The starting point for this caravan is at Hemmings Motor New in Bennington VT. Things have started to jell in just the past 48 hours. It is shaping up to be a coffee and donut gathering on Saturday morning June 14th for a celebration send-off. We plan on escorting Gary and Wanda out of town (that doesn't sound too good) around 10:30 AM to marching bands, waving flags, flying confetti, and cheering throngs . . . well maybe at least an enthusiastic group of well wishers. Bob Bender has taken the lead for the club and is looking for help. We need help in advertising, banners and posters, media releases, fundraising, and state by state Make-A-Wish coordination. All the funds you raise go to the Make-A-Wish foundations in your state. All volunteers please send an e-mail to Bob at rbender1@berkshire.rr.com or give him a call. I will see if Jim can wedge Greg Lauser's ad into the back of this newsletter.

On other items, my registration number is 022, what is yours? Get your reservations in for Summit 2008 at Mont Tremblant before they discover the non strength of the US dollar!

My best to the boys heading to Carlisle in a couple weeks. I wish I could be with you but this ding dang job that pays the bills just keeps getting in the way. I know, my priorities are misaligned again.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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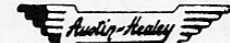

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Date	Event
May 2-3	<i>Vintage Races Lime Rock Park CT</i>
May 10, 2008	NH and Eastern MA Tour and Clam Bake Dave Altman
May 16-18, 2008	<i>Vintage Races Loudon NH</i>
May 16-18, 2008	Carlisle Import and Kit/Replicar Carlisle PA
May 16-20, 2008	Sprite 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, 2008	<i>Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix</i>
Aug. 2, 2008	Day at the Lake, Hinsdale, MA- Jeanne & Tom Andrews
Aug. 6-9, 2008	Encounter AHSTC, Carlisle, PA
Aug. 16, 2008	Beckley Furnace River Walk, East Canaan, CT
Aug. 21-24	Summit 2008 Mont Tremblant Quebec
Aug 29 - Sep 1	Vintage Fall Festival Lime Rock Park CT
Sept. 13, 2008	Nature Rallye and Funkhana Belchertown MA - Roy Balthazard (CANCELLED)
Sept. 18 - 21	British Invasion Stowe VT
Oct.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

ADVENTURES OF THE DUNLOP TYRE

"As you can see from the pictures the instructions from Dominic were excellent and allowed us to release the boxes and tyre sections with no damage. We will also be able to put it all back together again for the return trip. We have also decided to get a flat-bed trailer and transport the bridge inside the crate for the round trip to Goodwood. We are a bit concerned at possibly crushing them if we try to lash the tyre sections on to a trailer."



FOR SALE

Healey Parts For Sale

- 1 Alloy Valve Cover Moss #852-100 \$160
- 2 48 spoke wire wheels with Dunlop Gold Seal 7:35-15 \$5
- 2 48 spoke wire wheels with Gulf Crown 7:35-15 \$5
- 1 48 spoke wire wheel with US Royal 6:00-15 \$5
- 2 Hex head knock-offs L&R \$10
- 1 Hex head knock-off wrench \$5
- 2 Headlight rims \$15 pair
- 1 Steering Wheel \$5
- 1 set Healey Flash L & R New Moss # 601-260 & 601-270 \$20
- 3 Band hose clamp 4" New Moss #326-360 All 3 clamps \$5
- 1 Fuel Pump Moprod Neg ground \$15

BJ8 Parts

- 2 SU fuel pumps 1 works neg ground \$50 both
- 1 Rear floor carpet black \$10

Roadster Parts

- 2 sets Side curtain frames \$5 set
- 1 Muffler and tailpipe \$15
- 1 set Bow socket finishers New MOSS #021-786 \$15

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FOR SALE

1960 Austin-Healey 100-6/3000BN7. #HBN7L01773 I am the second owner, Partially Restored 1984 used only on sunny days and housed in heated garage since. Original owner started restoration using Fiberglass fenders and painting all body (sheet metal) & fiberglass parts Porsche "Guards red". Interior was nonexistent and redone by me. Original bumpers re-chromed, Engine overhauled, wood steering wheel, but all else original including top and side curtains. \$20,000.00. William Allen, Waterford CT (860)-439-0158.
Pd84@ct.metrocast.net



FOR SALE

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

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WANTED:

Front bumper for Healey 100 BN1 or BN2. NOS or excellent used, or quality repro. Will consider restorable core.

Jim Smith
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WANTED:

Minilite 15"x 6" mag wheel, with center spline. Need only one.

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DRIVERS WANTED

To Help Make Children's Wishes Come True!

Members of several Austin-Healey Club of America regional clubs across North America are holding fundraisers this summer with the theme "Cross Country Caravan for Kids" to benefit Make-A-Wish® chapters that help fulfill wishes of children facing life-threatening medical conditions.

Many Healey owners also will caravan together to the AHCA Conclave gathering in San Diego this June and you're invited to join them.

To sign up for the drive, get ideas for local fundraisers or get information about joining AHCA and its regional clubs, go online at www.healeyclub.org and click on Caravan or call Greg Lauser at 715-262-9813.



Austin Healey
Club of America

Eastern Mass./Southern NH New Members meet **Gloucester, MA, Saturday May 10, 1988**

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 S 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 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
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BRITISH BY THE SEA CAR SHOW

June 1, 2008

The Connecticut MG Club's 21st annual British by the Sea gathering will be held at the Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, Ct. Walk the beach, tour the mansion and enjoy the gardens on the north shore of Long Island Sound. British cars, trucks and motorcycles, will be displayed in 33 classes on the front lawn of the mansion "Eolia" on the North shore of Long Island Sound.

Directions: Use MAPQUEST for 275 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT 06385



The Largest One Day All British Car Show in New England

BRITISH

by the **SEA XXI**

Sunday, June 1, 2008
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harkness Memorial State Park
Waterford, Connecticut

Come join Tom and Jeanne Andrews for a day at the lake in the Berkshires on August 2, 2008. Breakfast will be served around 9:30 a.m., we'll sit and relax for a bit, then take a leisurely cruise around the hills ending with lunch at Ozzie's Restaurant in Hinsdale, MA. For those of you who can stay, we'll head back to the lake house for Marguerita's and a boat ride around the lake. Hope you can join us! Details to follow.

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 manufacturers. 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

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MEET REVIEW, DON AND CAROLE'S NEWCOMERS

If you missed the newcomers meet at Don & Carole Paye's, you missed a great day. It was warm, the sun was shining & you could just feel that the Healey season was about to begin. We had 32 people from 5 states including 2 future members & some old members that we haven't seen for awhile. The sweet little girl that was there loved the Barbie Healey & the cute little boy wanted to take home all of Don & Carole's model Healeys. Carole (our teacher) taught fajita folding 101. We learned how to fold a fajita so that you didn't make a mess (that didn't work, at least not for me) and we were told that if you didn't fold your fajita right, you wouldn't get dessert (that didn't work either). It was great to visit with old friends and meet new ones. Thanks to Don & Carole for their usual superb hospitality.

Pat Plue

MEET REVIEW, AHCA New England and BMCNE Newcomers meet

The joint Newcomers meeting of the Austin Healey club and BMCNE was a huge success. After favorable weather forecasts the previous week, Sunday morning was a cold raw day, with a strong east wind coming off Narragansett Bay. Fortunately, the event was being held inside at our son's club The Shorebreak. A few brave soles ventured out in their Healeys, including Bill McMahon in his recently completed BJ8 Nasty Boy race car with a Ford V8 drive train. Randy Hicks choose from his stable of Healeys, his beautiful OEW BJ8 with the best wet weather gear.

Approximately 70 British car and Healey enthusiasts split pretty evenly between the two clubs joined Cindy and me for the Newcomers meet. The meeting included several new Healey members, including John Macleod and Larry Oliverie, plus couple of BMCE members with Sprites, who want to join AHCA, too.

Austin Healey and British Car videos played continuously on a 20 foot wide movie screen. The highlight of the DVD's was a parody of Healey skits produced by our friends from the AHC New Forest Centre in the UK , and the Austin Healey Story produced by the History Channel.

Cindy with her Italian heritage was in charge of arranging the Italian hot buffet for lunch from a local caterer. It must have been pretty good, as every one was very satisfied, including Marshall Richard who is known among his friends as a 'food critic' at most events!

Despite the weather, which felt more like winter than spring, I think it was a good start to the Healey season. Many members had their cars all prepped for the event and will be ready for the next spring outing.

See you down the road.

Cheers, Pete and Cindy Sturtevant

Dear New England Austin-Healey Members,

Two summers ago, our club produced a most unique driving event that helped raise almost seven thousand dollars for the American Cancer Society. This relay race around New England, which encompassed three days, dozens of cars and drivers and many stops along the way for breaks, meals and gatherings of friends was a most successful event on several levels. Our very successful campaign inspired national club officials to run a similar event this summer, but this time, across the country. A relay race from Vermont, site of last year's Conclave, to San Diego, this year's site.

The stated goal by national is to raise funds for the "Make-A-Wish" foundation, with the revenues raised to stay within that local club region for distribution. This is another unique opportunity to contribute in many different ways. The most important fact that you need to know now, is that we, the New England Region officers, are counting on you, our members, to contact your friends, family, workmates, associates and anyway you come in contact with to assist YOU in raising funds for this relay race. People interested in donating to the effort may find more information at www.healeyclub.org by clicking on the Caravan for Kids link on that website.

There will be an official start to this relay race which will be held at the Hemmings Motor News complex in Bennington, Vermont. The date is Saturday, June 14th and we hope to have a crowd see the start of the relay which will depart Bennington at 10 AM. You can support this event by your attendance and bringing some donations or checks with you as we begin to keep track of a running total. There will be some members who will drive part of the first leg and for the rest of you; we are going to plan some additional activities including a tour of the Hemmings museum and information on other local attractions. This date also coincides with the Manchester Antique and Classic Car show 20 minutes north in Manchester Vermont at the new location on Dorr Farm. This show historically attracts 800+ vehicles.

There will be additional opportunities to contribute throughout the year at local Healey events. A box will be made available so that contributions can be made (and still count towards the national total) that will enhance what we will be able to do in the New England Region.

Please take some time to see what is online at www.healeyclub.org and make a genuine effort to help this most worthy effort and to support the efforts of the many drivers who will drive over 3000 miles. coast to coast. If you require any additional local information please contact one of the local area coordinators, Bill Berg, Bob Bender or myself.

Thank you for your help and caring,

Steve Bell