



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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As I have mentioned before, my computer skills are far from expert and in particular the newsletter mailing lists are in need of refinement. There are two ways of receiving the N/L: email or snail mail. Everyone is entitled to snail mail, but there are two downsides: Black & white only, and substantial added costs. (adds about a dollar per head per issue). So to give everyone a chance to reiterate their preference, the default mode will now be email. If you wish to revert to snail mail, you must send me a note indicating so. The note can be either by email or snail mail.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

One of the hardest things for an engineer to do is admit they made a mistake in a calculation. Hey, it happens to the best of us. Remember those rocket scientists who mistakenly mixed up units between miles and kilometers and Mars Climate Orbiter met with the Martian surface at a rather high velocity? Well my mistake was not quite so expensive. I can blame it on bad input data rather than a calculation error. The bottom line is our trip Deb and I are planning to Summit 2008 in Mont Tremblant will cost an additional \$30 more in gas than it would have last year, not my first estimation of \$60.

Anyone of you who have personal experiences with engineers knows we are a lot who are "Careful How Expenses Are Paid" or in other words "CHEAP" so I decided to look into this new technology of Hypermilage. To save the rest of you from wasting an entire evening research this subject, I have summarized my results here. As a disclaimer, I do not condone any of these techniques and since my Google search under "hypermilage techniques" turned up my own column from June, I now have minimal faith in the entire Internet.

It seems the majority of the hypermilage techniques can be organized into three basic categories, (1) good normal car maintenance, (2) common sense driving, (3) bizarre, and/or possibly life threatening techniques.

The top three items in good normal car maintenance are:

Properly inflated tires – This item however seems to creep into the third category when taken to extremes like people inflating their tires past the max pressure rating on the tire.

Clean air filters - The original equipment air filters on my car don't trap anything smaller than a June bug so restricted airflow should not be a problem.

Keep vehicle clean and at minimum weight – I guess splattered bugs cause drag and I will let each of you discuss with your passenger how much luggage they really need. Not much room left in the boot after all the spare parts are packed anyway.

The top items in driving techniques are:

Slow down – Yeah right!

Minimize the use of brakes – This is another one of those that can vary from common sense driving to life threatening. Noticing a red light ½ block ahead and getting off the gas is one thing, trying to negotiate a 15 MPH curve at 60 MPH on over inflated, low rolling resistant tires is a different game altogether.

Accelerate slower – in some cars you have no choice; we do so ditto to #1.

Reduce the use of electric accessories – This is where Lucas was way ahead of its time. We do not have dodgy electrical systems; we have fuel efficient electrical systems.

Now for the fun category, which seems to be filled with techniques from daft to Darwin Award winning and have their own acronyms.

D-FAS – (draft assisted forced auto stop) - get on the expressway, pull up to within 10 feet of a big rig then TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE and let the truck suck you along at highway speeds. Apparently there have been cases where people have had to periodically use the brake to keep from running into the back of the truck. I bet the truckers love that one but they probably don't even know you are there.

Ridge riding – this is a technique more for rainy conditions where you drive straddling the tire wear troughs found in most roads where all the water collect during rain storms. I have been using this technique on the back road around Bennington for years to keep from sardine canning my oil pan.

Run your car on water – this is my favorite but I am out of room so you will need to check this one out yourself at <http://www.runyourcarwithwater.com/?hop=sigma001>

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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You are invited to attend the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club's annual event, ENCOUNTER 2008, August 6-9, in Carlisle, PA. Meet special guest Janet Guthrie, the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500!

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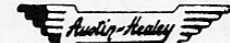

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2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
June 29 - July 4	Conclave 2008 San Diego
July 13	Benefit Car Show , Scalla Breakfast Simsbury, CT
July 19-20	<i>Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix</i>
August 2, 2008	Day at the Lake, Hinsdale, MA- Jeanne and Tom Andrews
August 6—9	Encounter AHSTC, Carlisle, PA
August 16, 2008	Beckley Furnace River Walk, East Canaan, CT
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 Belchertown MA (<u>cancelled</u>)
September 13, 2008	Rich McKiernan meet in Berlin, CT. (see info)
September 18 - 21	British Invasion Stowe VT
October 11, 2008	Rowe MA Hillclimb - Paul Dunnell



Come join Tom and Jeanne Andrews for a day at the lake , 15 Bonnie Drive, Hinsdale, MA. in the Berkshires on August 2, 2008. Breakfast will be served around 9:30 a.m., We'll take off on our mystery ride between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. There will be a few stops along the way and lunch at a designated spot. All are welcome to come back to the cottage for a cruise around the lake or just to sit and relax at day's end. For directions or any further information, we can be reached at (413) 446-2726 (cell) or via e-mail at jeanferris@att.net. Cottage phone: 413-655-8048

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

Richard McKernan
860-828-9240
healey1959@yahoo.com

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. **\$16,000.00**. William Allen, Waterford CT (860)-439-0158.
Pdg84@ct.metrocast.net



FOR SALE

1961, 4 seat, tri carb, 68,000 original miles, soft top included
\$25,000.

Rod Perkins
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Guilford, Ct. 06437
rodperkins@comcast.net



WANTED:

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

Jim Smith
860 267-4325
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WANTED:

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

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NO EXCUSE FUN RALLYE

It's time to get the Healey out and drive to central Connecticut for a rally

Date: Saturday September 13

Time: 10:30am, first car off 11:30am

Where 154 Wilks Pond Road, Berlin CT 06037

RSVP by September 10 860-828-9240 or healey1959@yahoo.com

There is no excuse to miss this rally and here's why:

1. It's the perfect time of year to be driving your Healey.
2. Central location. Geographical center of Connecticut, near major highways.
3. Reasonable starting time.
4. A few easy questions to answer.
5. An easy route to follow. (It must be easy, I only got lost twice while mapping it out.)
6. A short route, under 30 miles. No endurance run here.
7. Fabulous awards. (This might be an exaggeration)
9. With a Saturday rally you will not miss watching the Giants play on Sunday.

This might seem to be short notice, but you weren't going to reply until the last minute anyway. So come on out. Enjoy the day with fellow club members. If you never entered a rallye before this is the perfect time to start with an easy no pressure rallye. Come early for coffee and stay afterwards for an early dinner.

Directions:

Route 9 North

Exit 21 CT-372/ Mill St.

Left onto CT-372/ Mill St. 0.5 mi

At 2nd traffic light, right onto Savage Hill Rd. 1.0 mi

At 2nd stop sign right onto Spruce Brook Rd. 0.7 mi

At stop sign right onto Wilks Pond Rd.

Rout 9 South

Exit 22 Mill St/ CT-372

At traffic light go straight and merge onto Berlin Turnpike/US-5S/ CT-15S 2.0 mi

At 3rd traffic light turn left onto Spruce Brook Rd. 0.6 mi

At stop sign left onto Wilks Pond Rd.



Hi Healey fans,

We at the Quebec Austin Healey Club want to make sure you don't miss the opportunity to join us at the **Summit 2008** in Mont-Tremblant, taking advantage of the exceptional hotel rate we have negotiated at **Le Grand Lodge Mont-Tremblant**. However the deadline to benefit from this \$140/night rate on all of the 50 suites we have secured for this event is **June 30th**.

You must nonetheless register to the Summit first to make your hotel reservation (all details on our website at the following address: <http://www.austinhealeyquebec.com/summitEN.html>).

Looking forward to see you at Mont-Tremblant,


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Paul Hetu, Event coordinator –

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Registr # _____



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

REGISTRATION FORM

Arrival Date: _____

AHCA Chapter: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Spouse/Guest First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Children Name/Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal code: _____

Telephone Day: _____

Evenings: _____

Email: _____

Vehicles to be registered

____ 100-4 ____ 3000 Mustang ____ 3000 Bull-It ____ Sports ____ Jensen-Healey ____ Other _____

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

Registration fee (includes one car, two adults):	\$88.00 / 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 (adults) persons.


Mail Registration Form with money order or bank draft to:

Austin Healey Club of Quebec
800, rue Petit-Bourg
Repentigny, (Quebec)
Canada J5A 7C1
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e-mail: paulinc@videotron.ca

Cancellation policy: full refund up to July 18th, 75% thereafter. \$ US = \$ CDN

Don't forget: New laws require identification with photo or passport at the border.

For more information:
www.austinhealeyquebec.com
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Make A Wish Send Off At Hemmings, VT, June 14th