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It has been at least 10 years since I was newsletter editor. When asked if I would take over for Jim until he is ready to resume his position, I figured that it would be a piece of cake (chocolate, please). I was wrong. Much has changed in the years since my last news letter was mailed out. The ability to send newsletters via email is the best thing since sliced bread. Once the letter is finished, merely open the list of email names, push send and its gone!!!! Here's the problem. I have been sent a list from our membership person with just under 400 names on it. Our dues for the club are \$10 and the printing and mailing snail mail is about \$400 for each issue. That doesn't leave much for our treasury. I have a list of 90 email addresses which means there are 300 of you out there who we must mail copies to. **PLEASE consider receiving the newsletter by email if you have high speed.**

If you have any articles, please put them in the body of your email. My computer and programs are 8 years old I might not be able to read your programs. I will include pictures next time if you have any. Also if you have a meet, please have someone please do a write-up so those who missed will wish they had attended. Thanks.....

New England News

The Newsletter for members in the New England Region of the

Austin-Healey Club of America

NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME & Northern NJ

President's Column

With the help and dedication of some past News Letter editors and some patience from all of you, we are getting this News Letter back on track. Carole Paye has volunteered to help Jim Smith with the newsletter for the near future and with the help of Pete Williams, I hope this will reach everyone who was previously receiving the News Letter either by e-mail or USPS (snail mail). Further to that subject I would encourage as many of you as possible to sign up for the e-mail version as the snail mail version is becoming expensive. We would like the e-mail version to become the majority default version. You can send your e-mail address to Carole at dpaye@crocker.com .

I personally find Fall the ultimate time of the year to enjoy my Healey. This is when I really start to appreciate all that engine heat that spills into the cockpit of my car through the edges of the transmission tunnel that I vow to seal up properly. Of course the thought usually occurs to me during a summer ride on a hot sunny day. I hear that some people actually use the heater to heat up the interior on those cool fall evening rides. I have only used it as an auxiliary radiator to cool the engine on a steep climb on a hot day. That is not very popular with the passenger.

Our calendar for the month of September is filled with events that will give you the opportunity to get the Healey on the road to enjoy the cooler temperatures and colorful scenery that comes with this time of year. Rich and Pat McKernan have an event scheduled for September 13th, and those not heading to Stowe VT for the British Invasion on the following weekend can join Robert Scalla at the car show and fly-in in Simsbury CT. Though we are not having any official presence at Lime Rock or Watkins Glen this year, there may be small groups of enthusiasts heading there on Labor Day weekend and September 6th respectively to see the vintage car racing at both locations.

This past weekend, Deb and I, along with eight other couples from the New England region, attended the Summit meet at Mont Tremblant hosted by le Club Austin Healey du Quebec. We were rewarded with some of the best weather we have experienced all summer. I could summarize it as four complete days of fun in the sun. With a Canadian high pressure area hovering over us, we enjoyed mild temperatures and clear blue skies with unlimited visibility. The Quebec club was a terrific host and the Grand Lodge was a great venue. You could not beat the bonfire and jazz singer on the beach under a beautiful star filled sky or the vista from the top of Mont Tremblant with the clear dry air. I actually witnessed Roger Hamel left speechless when Gene Markowski bid against himself for next year's Grand Prix tickets. Gene probably confirmed Roger's opinion of "those crazy Americans". Congratulations to Skip and Marilyn Saunders who won the bid for the tickets. In all it was an excellent time. Merci beaucoup to the Quebec club.

So check your calendars, adjust your priorities, and give those fall event hosts a call to let them know you are on your way to their event.

Safe journey,
Bill Berg

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2008 Calendar of Events

DATE

EVENT

September 5-7, 2008

Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix

Watkins Glen, NY

September 13, 2008 No Excuse Fun Rallye

Berlin, CT.

Rich McKernan

September 18-21, 2008 British Invasion

Stowe, VT

Paul Dunnell

September 21, 2008 Breakfast/Fly-In

Simsbury, CT

Robert Scalla

October 11, 2008

Rowe MA Hillclimb

Paul Dunnell

December 6, 2008

Christmas Party

East Windsor, CT Betty Bender

Make-A Wish

What follows is a letter written by my 23 year old grand daughter after we took part in the kick-off of the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation relay from Bennington, Vermont to San Diego, California. My thanks to our Hosts, Bill and Debbie Berg, Hemmings Motor News, the community of Bennington, Vermont and most certainly to all those Austin Healey Guys and Gals I'm proud to call my friends. You all helped in making a warm memory this Grandpa will cherish.

Thank you, Roy Balthazard

" On June 14, 2008 I was given the opportunity to go to Bennington, VT. I joined my Grandfather in his Austin Healey and headed up north. He is a member of the Austin Healey Club of America—New England Region.

When we arrived at our designated location we were joined by other members of the Club and their Healey's. We had gone up for a "Make-A-Wish" fund raiser. One of the gentlemen was driving across the country to raise money for the foundation.

Now I tell you this first because "Make-A-Wish" has a very special place in my heart. I was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at birth. Cystic Fibrosis or CF is a chronic incurable disease that mainly affects my lung health.

On December 7, 1997 I was granted my "Make-A-Wish" . It was my sister's fifteenth birthday (she also has CF) and I can honestly say it was one of the best days of my life. My wish.....a dog, and a non-shedding one at that. I remember like yesterday picking up my first ever and only puppy. Shiloh is her name, she is the cutest, cuddliest Mini Schnauzer on four legs and she is all mine.

I also received a \$500 gift card to Petco and a limo ride up to New Hampshire where she was born. I shared the day with my Mom, sister and my Aunt and cousins. My Aunt lived in New Hampshire and chose Shiloh from the two litters the breeder had.

It's a day I will never forget and for that I'm forever thankful. So in conclusion, I was honored to share my story on June 14 th. with the people who hold the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation dear and who work to raise the funds needed for its existence. Oh, and Shiloh is going to have her eleventh birthday this September and still provides the love and joy she always has. "

Leigh Ann Johnson

Chicopee, MA

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: At the home of Rich and Pat McKernan
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)
8. 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.

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- 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

WANTED: Front bumper for Healey 100 BN1 or BN2. NOS or excellent used, or quality repro.
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Jim Smith
860 267-4325
bluechipracing@snet.net

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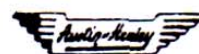



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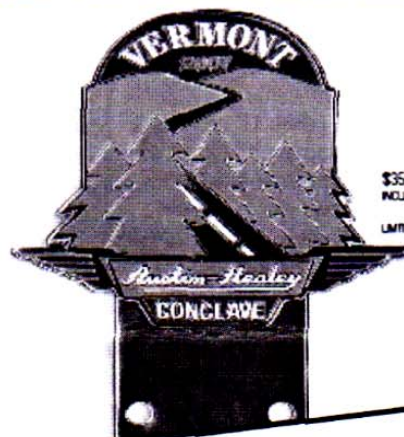


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**British Invasion
Stowe, VT
September 18-21, 2008**

This year's featured marques are Morgan and Jaguar. The mountain roads, village streets, and the Special Events Field of Stowe, VT will serve as hosts to these well renowned sports cars. There are 56 classes for the People's Choice voting with nearly 700 cars exhibited in these categories. There are venders, Concours d'Elegance competitions and a lot of beautiful cars to be seen. Contact www.britishinvasion.com for more information and registration information.

Paul Dunnell has arranged accommodations for members of our area club for Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th:

The **Commodores Inn** is located on Route 100 before you enter the village of Stowe and has set aside 20 rooms. **(13 were still available as of August 31).**

Room rates are **\$98/single and \$128/double** occupancy. Each room comes with a **Vermont Style Breakfast Buffet (Tax and Gratuity extra).**

Saturday evening Dinner will be a full buffet, soup and salad bar, non alcoholic beverage of your choice, dessert, tax and gratuity included for \$20 per person.

The Commodores Inn has both indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Phone **1-800-44-STOWE** for reservations.

Be sure to say that you are with the **Austin Healey Club** for these reduced rates.

**SIMSBURY CT. FLY-IN/CAR SHOW and BREAKFAST
SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

Donna and I invite AHCA New England Club members to our house for breakfast before the Simsbury Fly-In on Sunday, September 21. We will be serving full breakfast from 7:30 until 8:45. At 9:00 AM we will take a short group drive to the Simsbury Airport in order to join the 23rd Annual Fly-In and Antique Car Show that runs from 8:00 AM until about 3:00 PM. We will park together in the car display area. Those who arrive later can go directly to the Airport but may not be able to park with our group.

The Annual Simsbury Fly-In is the largest event of its kind in New England. It is Co-Sponsored by EAA Chapter 324 and the Valley Classic Wheels car club. Last year drew an estimated 10,000 spectators, 220 airplanes of all types and over 300 antique and classic autos. The Fly-In featured exhibition fly-bys, a skydiving exhibition, simulated rescue by a Life Star helicopter, live music, a collection of military vehicles, judging and trophies for cars and airplanes and many displays of homebuilt and other interesting aircraft.

This will be our first time as a Club Event. You can stay until the end or leave whenever you like. They sell dogs and burgers or you may want to bring a picnic lunch. Be sure to bring chairs and a hat for shade. This is a rain contingent event and delayed if weather does not permit flying. Rain date is Sept. 28th.

No charge for entry with a car!

Scalla Location: 60 Riverside Road, Simsbury, CT

Directions: Route 10 aka Hopmeadow Street, turn onto Drake Hill Road, and then onto Riverside Road.

Show Location: Simsbury Airport, Wolcott Road, Simsbury, CT

Directions: Route 10 aka Hopmeadow Street to Wolcott Road

North on Rt 10 you turn right onto Drake Hill Rd, the only way you can turn, it doesn't go left. or Turn East onto Drake Hill from Rt 10.

Please let us know if you are coming for breakfast so we can plan. 860-658-0072

Uphill Slalom
Rowe, MA.
Saturday, October 11, 2008

Paul and Dale Dunnell
Tranquil Hill Farm
137 Leshure Rd. Rowe, MA
10:00 am for donuts and coffee

At 10:30 we'll head for Monroe Hill for the uphill slalom that will really get your blood flowing. If all goes as planned each driver should be able to get 4 runs up a paved, town road which Paul has permission for the Club to use. No drive-ways, cross roads, houses

If your Healey is not running and you have another toy 25 years or older with two doors or less, bring it.

There will be awards for the fastest times in several classes and drivers!!

We will return to Tranquil Hill Farm for Paul's famous chicken barbeque and Dale's famous margaritas. The cost is \$20 per person. If you just want to come to enjoy the beautiful foliage and arrive mid afternoon for the chicken barbeque dinner and don't participate in the uphill slalom, the cost would be \$15.

Call 1-413-339-0102
on or before October 4 or
email austin67@together.net
Rain or Shine!!!!!!!!!!

Directions:

From Route 91 in Greenfield, MA follow Rt 2 west to Charlemont.

After the village proceed 2 miles further on RT 2 and turn right onto Zoar Rd. just before the bridge, then 2.2 miles and turn right onto Rowe Rd.

Then 4 miles through the village of Rowe and bear right onto Pond Rd. which later becomes Leshure Rd. Tranquil Hill Farm will be 2.2. miles from the village and on your right.

Watch for signs.

TECH TIP 4-08 by Robert Scalla

On a sunny Saturday in April, I carefully prepared my lovely '64 3000 for the New Member's Meet in Rhode Island, it's first outing of the season. When Sunday arrived wet, we drove the BMW instead.

The following Saturday was the Paye's New Member's Meet in Shelburne Falls, MA. The weather was not predicted to be good but in CT, Saturday came with the sun shining. So I left late to a gorgeous day with the top down. This was not only my first Healey outing of the season, but with the top down it was awesome. I zoomed to MA almost shouting with joy, what a day!!! The car ran great although I recalled the end of last season it had broken up during acceleration a couple of times. I was surprised when I first drove up to the Paye's house. No Healeys were in view. I figured everyone had gone for a drive and I missed it. Turns out that I was the only person to drive a Healey that day. It seems those who left earlier or from northern CT had less attractive weather, fog and rain. I was happy to be able to show my car to those who were interested. The Payes were most gracious hosts and we had a splendid event. I did enjoy seeing everyone and meeting some new folks as well.

I left late in the afternoon and charged down I-91 toward home. I almost made CT when the car started to sputter and break up. I continued a short way until it died. I pulled to the side and popped the hood. After a short while a car pulled over up ahead, then slowly backed up the expressway to me. Out steps Bill Pollock with a Healey emblem on his shirt. Awesome! Together we tried and tested and changed parts to no avail. I had a spare condenser that we installed. We checked gas...OK. It looked like spark at the points but not at the plugs but it was hard to tell exactly. What we couldn't try was a rotor since my spare was installed when it malfunctioned last season. Eventually I made a cell call on Joan's phone from their car as it had started to rain somewhat and had AAA come tow me home. I thanked the Pollocks and sent them on their way. It took 1½ hours for the flatbed to arrive, but thankfully it was still daylight when he arrived. The "driver" was experienced with these "special cars" and loaded and unloaded it perfectly. Not always the case...

I fooled with the car for hours on Sunday with no success. Monday I ordered parts and when they came, I tried the new rotor supplied by Healey Surgeons and Zoom Zoom!!! Those Lucas rotors are awful!!! This is three breakdowns in two seasons for the same reason. The metal parts come loose from the plastic and on one the plastic broke and fell apart. I have two spares now. I guess this Tow is what I got for daring to go without a full compliment of spare parts.

My Tech-Tip #4-08 *"Always carry several spare rotors and look there first when your car mysteriously poops out on you!"*

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“	GRAY	“	“			4	2	7	4
JACKET	RED	\$60.00	\$30.00			2	3	5	6
“	BLUE	“	“			3			6
“	GREEN	“	“					3	5
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MEN'S LONG SLEEVE	“	“	“		12	12		7	6
LADIES SHORT SLEEVE	“	\$25.00	\$12.50		9	15	21	7	
LADIES LONG SLEEVE	“	\$25.00	\$12.50		11	5	4	6	
MEN'S POLO	YELLOW	\$30.00	\$15.00		6				
“	BLUE	“	“		6				6
“	WHITE	“	“		4	3			7
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“	BLUE	“	“		1	7	10	9	
“	WHITE	“	“			8	10	11	
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