



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

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Thanks to the 25 members who recently decided to sign up to receive the newsletter via email. I am hoping that more members will soon choose to switch also. By using email, your newsletter is received as soon as I push the send button (snail mail can be as long as 5 days), all of the pictures are in living color and, to top it all, the club saves the postage.

Please note the corrected date for the Christmas Party. I hope that the corrected date doesn't disrupt your holiday plans. Thanks to Betty for continuing to search for a central location for us. Don't forget a gift (\$10) for each attendee if you want to join the Yankee Swap. Our celebration has outgrown our homes many years ago so finding a location can be quite a task since a guaranteed number is required. Call Betty as soon as you can.

There are a number of meet write ups in this issue with pictures. If you put on a meet, designate someone to write a report for the newsletter and someone to email me pictures.

Keep Jim and Elaine in your prayers. Cards are most welcome.

President's Column

As I mentioned in my last column, I find fall the most enjoyable time to get out and drive our Healey, and this fall I have not been disappointed. Deb and I made it to the McKernan's No Excuse Fun Rallye and to the British Invasion on consecutive weekends. Both trips had several things in common, they were both about the same distance of travel from our home, we avoided rain showers both times, we had a great time at both events and the best thing was we met new members at both events. It was great to meet all of you new members. I hope to see all of you at another event again soon.

Speaking of events, we have the uphill slalom in Rowe, MA coming up on October 11 which I predict will be peak foliage weekend for that area of the country, and our hard working Christmas party committee has organized a very nice venue for the event scheduled for December 13 in East Windsor, CT. More details on both events can be found further back in this newsletter. This does leave us with an eventless November and if the weather this fall follows the weather pattern of last fall, there will be plenty of time for an early November event. If weather is too inclement, you can always drive your BJ-9 (your everyday vehicle) to the event. Anyone up for a post-vote party? According to the most recent polls, there should be about as much celebration as there will be mourning.

I must add a couple quick notes here to illustrate the dedication of our club members to help others, both club members and non-club members in times of vehicular distress. When a member had serious car troubles in Stowe, it was less than a heartbeat for a solution to get everyone back home safely, when I came upon an unfortunate soul with the sick sounding MG-TD, a quick phone call to another member and an hour of time got him and his car to a safe location with mechanical assistance. So if your concern about mechanical dependability is limiting your use of your Healey, take my assurance that assistance is only a phone call away. Get out and drive!

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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2008 Calendar of Events

DATE

EVENT

October 11, 2008

Rowe MA Hillclimb

Paul Dunnell

Correction!!!

December 13, 2008 Christmas Party

East Windsor, CT

Betty

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 driveways, 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.

"It's Holiday Party Time"

**Austin Healey Club of America
New England Region**

DATE: December 13, 2008

Cocktails : 6 PM

Dinner: 7 PM

PLACE: The Nutmeg

297 South Main Street

East Windsor, Connecticut 06088

860-627-7094

Sit Down Dinner Choices

Roast Prime of Beef au Jus - \$34.00

Chicken Marsala – \$30.00

Grilled Salmon with an Herb White Wine Cream Sauce – \$30.00

Vegetarians: Please call me



Please respond by: November 30, 2008

Make checks payable to: AHCA – NE REGION

SEND TO: Betty Bender

117 Patricia Avenue

Dalton, MA 01226

413-684-3934

DON'T FORGET YOUR \$10.00 YANKEE SWAP GIFT

Directions:

Restaurant: The Nutmeg

From Hartford:

Take 91 North to exit 35A Bissel Bridge - RT 291 East. Follow RT 291 over Bissel Bridge to Exit 4. Take a Left at the Light, Follow RT 5 North 4.5 Miles. Nutmeg Restaurant is on the Right.

From Springfield:

Take 91 South to Exit 44. Right at the end of ramp. Nutmeg Restaurant is 3.5 miles on the left.

From Bradley Airport:

Take 91 North to Exit 44. Right at the end of ramp. Nutmeg Restaurant is 3.5 Miles on the Left.

Motel: Holiday Inn Express

260 Main Street

East Windsor, CT 06088

860-627-6585

December 13, 2008 - \$80.00 plus tax per night

Call to make your own reservations by November 13, 2008.

91 North or South to Exit 44 Turn right off ramp..

Vintage Fall Festival Lime Rock Park

This years Vintage Fall Festival at Lime Rock was a great time as always. Great weather, great cars, and lots of Healeys: race Healeys (10), show Healeys (6) with one winning 1st place in category), and everyday street Healeys (3). The only thing missing was the usual cadre of club members.

If you like sports cars, the Vintage Festival is the place to be. I especially love the ability to talk to the drivers & mechanics, to get up close the cars, and see their internal assembly and workings. I also enjoy the camping; the smell of hardwood campfires under brisk, star filled nights; and warm fire side chats with friends I've met. (My red 100-4 has perhaps become well known over the years.)

This year, I was down in the pit area with my friend Rick Neves who was racing his 100-4 Healey. His beautiful Healey and mine (not so pretty) were subject of many photos and the usual "... (friend) ... use to own..." stories. Amongst all the other exotic and famous named cars there, the Healeys would easily turn a head, garner a smile, and an occasional thumbs-up.

The Healey club and cars are always well represented at the Vintage Festival. Donald would be proud.

Duane Walzer



FOR SALE Healey Parts For Sale FREE

2 48 spoke wire wheels with Dunlop Gold Seal 7:35-15

2 48 spoke wire wheels with Gulf Crown 7:35-15

1 48 spoke wire wheel with US Royal 6:00-15

2 Hex head knock-offs L&R \$10

1 Hex head knock-off wrench \$5

1 set Healey Flash L & R New Moss # 601-260 & 601-270 \$20

1 Fuel Pump Moprod Neg ground \$15

BJ8 Parts

2 SU fuel pumps 1 works neg ground \$50 both

1 Backseat floor carpet black \$10

Roadster Parts

1 Muffler and tailpipe \$15

1 set Bow socket finishers New MOSS #021-786 \$15

Richard McKernan

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FOR SALE

100-6 engine complete w/ transmission and O.D. Would need to be rebuilt and unknown condition but 95% complete.

This is FREE, come and get it.

Bring a lift I do not have one.

Also several front and rear fenders for big Healey. poor condition would need dog legs. Make offer.

Joe Chretien joe@austinhealey.net

FOR SALE

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

Rod Perkins 53 Mill Stone Drive Guilford, Ct. 06437

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2008 British Invasion, Stowe Vt.

Our journey to the British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont began on a chilly morning under a bright blue cloudless sky. We joined six other club members for a hearty breakfast at the Blue Benn in Bennington. This also gave everyone an opportunity to warm up from the frosty ride from New York and Massachusetts. Naturally all the hoods were down but there were plenty of jackets, hats and gloves in use. As we progressed northward, the rising sun shortened the shadows and warmed the air. The drive up RT 100 will be listed in my memory as one of those classic Healey drives. Shortly after our arrival in Stowe we headed to the show field to set up the club canopy for our regalia sale. In the evening several in our group headed to downtown Stowe where they closed off Main Street for a Beatles concert with British cars parked diagonally along each side of the street. Paul, John, Ringo and George were all there.

Saturday brought a continuation of Friday's beautiful weather and a pretty steady flow of customers to our vendor space to purchase regalia. By midday, there was reported to be over 600 British cars on the show field including a good showing of our marquee.

The trip home Sunday was under an overcast but rainless sky. The one moment of excitement occurred when the British saloon car we were following down RT 100 had a blowout of their right rear tire. Even though we were a safe distance behind, the noise was so loud it caused me to quickly glance at all the gauges and Deb to glance behind us to see what fell off our car. We stopped to offer assistance but the car owner assured us he had everything well in hand. It looked like this was not a new experience for him. I hope they had enough spares to get back to Ithaca. In all it was a fun filled weekend with great weather. We sold quite a bit of regalia but Paul's truck seemed to be heading home a full as it was when it arrived. Go figure.

Bill Berg



Beckley Furnace Tour and River Walk

On August 16th Betty and I met up with Gerry Paquette and motored South on route 7 for one of the most interesting meets you could have attended. Long time AHCA New England member, Walt Michaels, helped host a tour of the Beckley Furnace. Beckley Iron Furnace is the best preserved example of a blast furnace from the historic iron industry in Upper Housatonic Valley. It is located in East Canaan, CT. I may be wrong on this fact, but I think Walt's grandfather was the last Iron Master in charge at Beckley. It was a very interesting tour that illustrated how industrious people were in those days and how ingenious. After the tour we meandered down the road to the winery where we were treated to a wine tasting followed by dogs and soda. I wish more people could have attended this meet, but it seemed everyone we spoke to, wanted to go but had other commitments. Well I have every idea this tour will be given again. When it is, I'll make sure you all know about it. Thanks Walt for an educational and fun day!

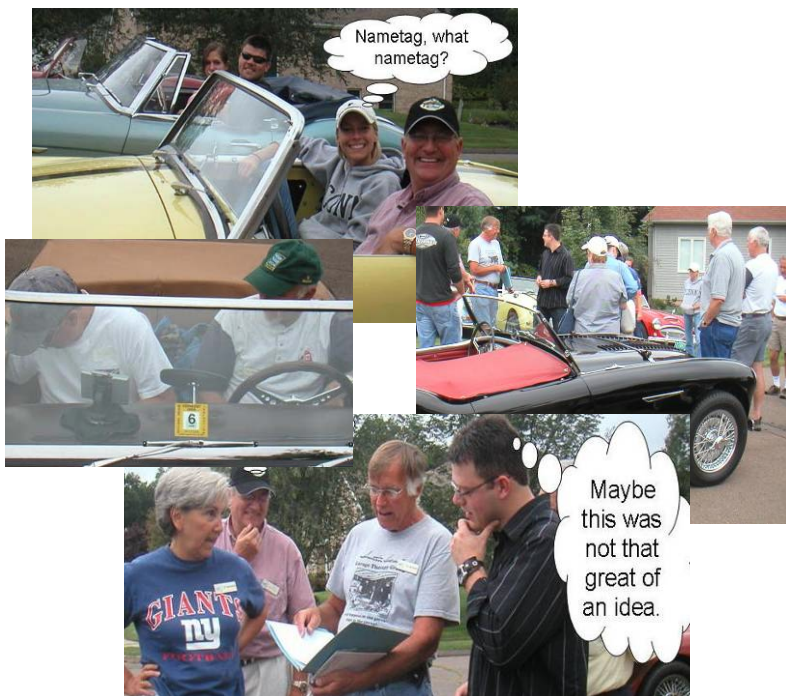
Cub Reporter and Historian – Bob Bender

No Excuse Fun Rallye

Well Betty (my wife) was out of town and Dale (Paul Dunnell's wife) was out west, so Paul and I decided to muddle through and have some fun rallyeing (how the hell do you spell that?) in their absence. Paul brought his Hershey Bar BJ-8 and I brought my finely honed navigation skills, and we, along with Gerry Paquette and Jean Conroy, headed to Rich and Pat McKernan's home in CT. We were greeted with fresh pastries, coffee, and juices. After the requisite amount of tire kicking and chit-chat, we fired up the iron to head out for a serious (not really) rallye.....get it?.....not really rallye. God, I crack me up! Anyway, as would be expected, Paul and I meshed our skills flawlessly and we were coasting toward an easy win, when it dawned on us that this was Gerry's opportunity to introduce Jean to the excitement of a rallye and to exhibit his prowess in the field of rallye driving, so we quickly changed some of our correct answers and let them win.

Upon returning to Rich and Pat's, we had a wonderful lunch and a lot of laughs. Paul and I headed back home with our second place trophies, confident that we had made the right decision to let Gerry and Jean win. Next time we won't be so easy on them! Thanks Rich and Pat for a beautiful and fun rallye!

Cub Reporter and Ace Navigator – Bob Bender



Hinsdale Get-together and Tour

The weather look threatening when we got up August 2nd and headed for Hinsdale, MA for the Get-together and Tour that Tom and Jeanne Andrews had planned for us. We all know it's hard to dampen the spirits of us Healey sorts and this meet was no exception.

We had a breakfast that a woodchuck would be thrill to get this time of year 'cause it was big enough to last 'til next spring. Man, what a fantastic meal! I ate so much that I had to put more air in my tires before we could leave on the tour. They led us through the picturesque back roads of the area towns until the sky became about the same color as the tarmac we were driving on. They decided the best action was to move along smartly to Al's Steak & Eggs for an excellent lunch, then back to their beautiful cottage (?) on Plunkett Lake. Ironically, the sun came out at about the same rate as the Margaritas were consumed. We uncovered the party boat and did some slow cruising around the lake. A wonderful time was had by all that attended.

Thanks again to Tom and Jeanne for a wonderful day!

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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
MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE	DENIM	\$25.00	\$12.50		11	16	6	8	6
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
LADIES POLO	YELLOW	\$30.00	\$15.00		4	5	9	8	
“	BLUE	“	“		1	7	10	9	
“	WHITE	“	“			8	10	11	
MEN'S T SHIRT	CHAMBRAY	\$12.00	\$6.00		8	5		8	8
“	BRICK	“	“		10				
“	BLUE	“	“		10				2
LADIES T SHIRT	BLUE	“	“		5		1		
“	MELON	“	“		5		7	5	
YOUTH T SHIRT	BLUE	“	“		1	1	1		
“	BRICK	“	“		3	1	4		
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