



# 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 Carole Paye

And suddenly it became summer!! Today, nearly 90°. The Healey is ready....I hope yours is ready also. If not, check Dave and Bob's ad on page 3.

I have received about 25 suggestions for newsletter names so if you have another to add, please do it in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks to those of you who have recently switched to email. We are now up to 210 with 190 still with snail mail. **As you might be aware, the postage will increase again this month.** (Guess they are not receiving any stimulus money!) Be sure to notify me of any new email addresses.

There are many meet details and directions in this newsletter, some well into September. Mark your calendar so you won't miss out on the fun.

One last thing: If you are hosting a meet, assign one person to do a write-up and have them email it to me as an attachment on Microsoft Word please. It is hard to be humble when you write about the fun your own meet. Have a great time!!

## Newsletter

## Deadline!!!!

All meet write-ups and  
advertisement  
1st day of issue month.

## From the President:

According to all my neighbors and many of the folks I know around Bennington, spring is now officially here. They do not time their declaration by a date on the calendar or the amount of snow left on the hill-tops but by the fleeting sight and sound of a certain bright red LBC hustling along the highways and byways around our area. For this reason I did not want to delay my first set of tune up cruises around the neighborhood and back roads especially this year when the weather seemed to have a prolonged grip on winter with cold April days and late spring snowfalls.

My mechanical woes from last fall did delay me a bit. I missed a couple brief temperature excursions early in April but as of last weekend, **SPRING IS HERE.** I must admit, the first engagement of that new clutch against the freshly machined flywheel was not without apprehension but it went smooth as silk. The brand new seats and needles in the float bowls on the other hand have been problematic so far. The triple carburetors on my engine seem to be very much like my three daughters. It can be challenging to have all three of them happy at the same time. The back one of course gets burdened with all the crankcase vent fumes, the middle one seems to be the least problematic (most of the time), and the front one has almost identical issues to the back carburetor sans the crankcase fumes. I will not say which carburetor position matches which daughter's personality. That would be too volatile on all fronts. I must give a note of thanks to the usual gang who gave some good guidance and especially to Bob who probably fielded the most "what can I try now" calls and kept me moving forward with calm advice and words of encouragement especially through the pilot bushing stage of my rebuilt.

This is going to be a pretty busy summer personally for my wife and I but we will try to make as many events as possible and I encourage you to do also. Unfortunately our "missed meets" will start with Jim Lea's meet up in Camden ME and that one really stings as I think it will be a great meet. The Point Lookout facility looks fantastic and Jim has a great weekend of activities lined up. I would encourage everyone to check this out especially our north of the border friends who are probably still hurting from their loss of the F-1 race that same weekend. You will find more information on this and other events further back in this newsletter. GTG, laptop battery is blinking at me and I've still got to download the Conclave registration form to fill it out and get it mailed off this week. Get out there and drive!

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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## 2009 Current Calendar of Events

Date	Event
May 15-17	Carlisle Import and Kit/Replica Carlisle PA Denny Broughel/ Bob Bender
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Spring Tune-Up Ipswich, MA</b> <b>Bob Abbott/Dave Altman</b>
May 30, 2009	Newcomers Meet Mansfield. MA Peter Sturtevant
June 6 - 7	MMSCC British Car Weekend Camden ME Jim Lea
June 7	British Cars by the Sea Harkness Memorial State Park Waterford, CT Dave Barton
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Del Web Open House Plymouth, MA</b> <b>Steve Bell</b>
June 21 - 26	Conclave 2009 Kingston, Ontario Canada AHC Ontario
July 12	Valley Classic Wheels Charity Benefit Car Show Simsbury, CT Robert Scalla
July 18	Scavenger Hunt Suffield, CT Deb Krut
July 25	VT Mountain Peak Tour Meet in Brattleboro, VT Bob Britton <a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a>
August 1	Great Barrington, MA Meet Tom & Jean Andrews
August 6 - 9	Encounter 2009 Pocono PA
August 8	Lazy on the Lake Webster, MA Keith Risk
August 15	Beckley Furnace Walk East Canaan, CT Walt Michaels
August 15	Rallye to Gillett Castle & Ice Cream Social Old Saybrook, CT Bill Pollack
September 4-7	Lime Rock Park Denny Broughel
September 11-13	New England AHCA Fall Light House Tour Eastham-Cape Cod, MA Pete Williams ( <a href="mailto:Prafe@aol.com">Prafe@aol.com</a> )
September 18-20	British Invasion Stowe VT Paul Dunnell
September 20	Simsbury Air Fly-In Car Show (rain date 9/27) Simsbury, CT Robert Scalla
October 10	Monadnock Fall Foliage Rally Hancock, NH Contact Bob Britton <a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a>
October 17	Progressive Gastronomy Event Wethersfield, CT Deb Katz/Bev Sealand
December 5	Christmas Party Sturbridge, MA Betty Bender

## Carlisle Import /Kit Car Show May 15-17,2009

The New England Region of the Austin Healey club of America has, for many years had a presence at this event. There is a merry band of enthusiasts that arrive in Carlisle the Wednesday prior to the show. Bright and early on Thursday morning we go to the fair grounds to set up our tent and put our items out for sale (old parts). We also sell regalia, offer membership information and have a wealth of car knowledge to offer to people.

The show is actually open to the public on Friday through Sunday, but the last day is pretty sparse as most vendors pack up late Saturday to prepare and drive home on Sunday.

The contingent of Austin Healey club members welcomes other members or enthusiasts to come and join us. If you would like to have more information on our bonding mission to Carlisle, Pa you can call me at 518-663-8879 or email at [brougheldp@gmail.com](mailto:brougheldp@gmail.com) .

Denny Broughel

PS. We also race go-carts at night

## AHCA Eastern MA/RI Region

### – “Newcomers meet”

Saturday, May 30th 10 AM to 4 PM

10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA 02048

508 339 1582

Ever wish you could inspect under your Healey without crawling on the ground? Want to adjust your brakes without jacking up the car and using jack stands? Do you have a nagging problem with your Healey, and would like some advice from knowledgeable “experts” in the area?

Here is your chance to get your Healey ready for the summer. Pete and Cindy Sturtevant will host the “Newcomers meet” and provide the facilities of a four bay workshop. The workshop is complete with a four corner post drive on lift, a scissor lift for suspension work, Compressor with air tools, and a full array of hand and power tools.

Starting around noon we will have a Tulip Rally through the back roads of Southeastern Massachusetts ending with late lunch at an English Pub.

Please RSVP your attendance to Pete at:

[healeybn4@comcast.net](mailto:healeybn4@comcast.net)

or call 508 509 5517 by May 26th

Directions: From Route 495, take exit 10, Route 123 East (E. Main St.) towards Easton. Approximately, 1 mile from the exit, take your first left onto Newland St. Follow Newland St. for 1.3 miles, and take an immediate left, at the Mansfield town line, to Cedar Ridge Lane. We are the second house on the left, number 10.



### Repair, Restoration, Spring Commissioning

Bob Abbott and Dave Altman are turning their long time hobby and car enthusiasm into a full time avocation. Using their 40 years combined experience with British Cars, they can restore and/or repair any British Marque, as well as most classics.

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Call Bob at 603-425-3333 or Dave at 508-577-0077



Tools and basic supplies are available but bring any special parts you have and we'll help you get them installed. Also, bring a few bucks and we'll send out for coffee and sandwiches.

Please let us know if you can make it.

Call Bob or Dave @ 603-425-3333 or 508-577-0077

(Call for directions)

You can email to [healeybj7@aol.com](mailto:healeybj7@aol.com)

(include a phone # so I can call and talk about your project)

### Spring Tune-Up

Ipswich, MA

May 16, 2009

10:00am until everyone is done

This will be an opportunity to get your car ready for summer by doing the jobs that take a lift or that need more expertise than you think you have.

The shop will be open and the people there will be willing to help with your project.

So guys, bring your working clothes and your knowledge. If you don't have a project, you can help somebody who does.

**Del Web Open House  
Plymouth, MA  
Steve Bell**

Sunday, June 7th  
Noon to 4 PM

A car display at Del Webb Open House in Manomet (Plymouth). Food will be provided, there will be music and a festive atmosphere and will include a popular car vote by the patrons who are attending the open house (not Healey members).

It should be a fun afternoon, very easy event, show up and enjoy the food and the day. Maybe even check out the new over 55 townhouses just off exit 3 (Route 3) in Plymouth, MA

Please contact Steve Bell regarding your participation and details at 508-947-6499.

**"British Cars By Sea 2009"**

Sunday, June 7, 2009

rain or shine

at the Harkness State Park in Waterford, Ct.

The "Marque of the year" will be the Lotus.

For more information on Directions-Registration forms, and photo's of previous meets go to [www.ctmgclub.com](http://www.ctmgclub.com)

**CAMDEN MAINE AHCA / MMSCC UP-  
HILL SLALOM-SHOW JUNE 6-7, 2009**

Registration for the uphill slalom and show opens at 8 AM Saturday morning in the lower parking lot of the Point

Lookout Resort on Route 1 in North Port Maine. Only British and European pre 1985 cars are eligible to enter. The uphill slalom will start at 9AM with drivers completing registration for the uphill slalom and show in the lower parking lot. Pre-registration is recommended as there is a limit to the number of cars we can run in the time frame we have so if you want to be sure of running, register in advance on the MMSCC web site [www.mmscc.com](http://www.mmscc.com) under "Event Registration". You may pay the event fee at registration, sign insurance wavier and receive your car number and registration packet which contains your windscreen card and voting tickets for the show on Sunday. The event fees are: Uphill slalom and show \$25.00. Uphill slalom only, \$15.00. Show only \$15.00. Make checks payable to MMSCC.

The uphill slalom is a consistency run. Each team will have three runs. The first run is the base run. The second and third runs will try to match the exact time of the first run. The team which comes closest to matching there base run time wins. NO PERSONAL TIMING DEVICES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE COURSE. The Pine Cafe is just a few feet from the start line and you can order Saturday lunch or Sunday morning breakfast from the menu. The BBQ begins at seven PM at the Pavilion. During the BBQ, the cars will be parked facing in around the pavilion in our own private car show.

The package price for the weekend is \$395.00 which includes two nights for two in the very posh cabins on the hill adjacent to the run, BBQ for two Saturday night and breakfast for two Saturday morning. One night stays can also be arranged when you register. Room and BBQ reservations should be made directly to Point Lookout Resort. Call 1-800-515-3611 and be sure to reference MMSCC to get the group discount. TO RECEIVE THE GROUP DISCOUNT PRICE FOR THE WEEKEND THE CUT OFF DATE IS JUNE 1, 2009 AFTER WHICH THE GROUP PRICING WILL NO LONGER APPLY SO BE SURE TO REGISTER BEFORE THEN. If you wish to stay someplace other than the Point Lookout Resort go to [www.camdenme.org](http://www.camdenme.org) or [www.lincolnvillemaine.com](http://www.lincolnvillemaine.com) for more information. You may also register for just the BBQ at \$22.00 per person.

Sunday morning JOHN TWIST from University Motors will host an ENGINE TUNE-UP TECH SESSION at 9 AM under the pavilion. If you work on your own car, this is a chance to learn the correct method from a nationally famous British engine guy. The car show will begin at 12 noon and run until 4 PM next to the common in the center of downtown Camden. The show area will open at 11 AM and cars should be in place by noon. If you did not participate in the hill climb you will need to register when you arrive at the show. Please follow the directions of the parking attendants and then go to the white tent to register. YOU CAN NOT SHOW IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A WINDSHIELD CARD. There are four Classes of British and European cars: 1939 and before, 1940-1955, 1956-1967, and 1968 through 1984. For more information write Jim at [clocks@midcoast.com](mailto:clocks@midcoast.com) or call 207-236-3632.

**VERMONT MOUNTAIN TOP TOUR**  
**SATURDAY JULY 25, 2009**  
**10AM to 3-4PM**  
**Tour Starts in Brattleboro, VT**

**Join other club members for a driving tour to the top of two mountains in southern VT. The tour will wind along the beautiful CT River valley to Mount Ascutney, elevation 3143'. After a drive up the 3.7 mile paved mountain road enjoy a picnic lunch and some short hikes to the various overlooks at the peak. Pack a picnic lunch or you can pre-order gourmet sandwiches in Brattleboro to pick up in Ascutney before heading up the mountain.**

**From Mount Ascutney the tour will continue over to Ludlow, VT on scenic back roads for the 4.5 mile drive up paved Mountain Rd to the top of Okemo Mountain, elevation 3344'. In the winter Mountain Rd is ski trail and is also used for hill climbs by other car clubs in the spring and summer. After a short rest (for the cars that is) and some exploring and picture taking the tour will head back towards I-91 and stop at the world famous Vermont Country Store, billed as "Purveyors of the Practical and Hard-to-Find" that are sure to excite and delight in Rockingham, VT. What a treat this place is. You can find almost anything you'll ever need in this store, except parts for your Healey.**

**For those who want to treat themselves to the best ribs north of the Mason-Dixon line there will be an opportunity to stop by Curtis's Famous Barbeque in Putney, VT for an early evening diner before heading home.**

**This tour will be around 120 miles in length so come prepared for some exciting driving time in your Healey.**

**Meet at Bickford's Family Restaurant parking lot at the traffic circle off of Exit 3 of I-91 in Brattleboro, VT between 10-10:45AM. The tour will leave from Bickford's around at 10:45.**

**For more information and RSVP's to get a head/car count contact Bob Britton, 603-381-3158 or email at [healeybj7@hotmail.com](mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com)**

**BECKLEY FURNACE RIVER WALK**

**Saturday, August 15, 2009**

**East Canaan, CT**

**Meet at the East Canaan Congregational Church (corner of Rt. 44 and Lower Road in East Canaan, Ct. at 9:30am or at the furnace at 10:00am. There will be a talk at the church and then a walk to the Beckley Furnace for a tour of the area by experts. Hopefully Reggie Deiarra will be making a pot on her 1850 potter's wheel and a blacksmith will be making nails. We'll go down river past the Forbes Dam and Raceway to the site of a bridge, blowing engine, grist mill and two blast furnaces. After a short talk, we'll continue to the Nod Winery to look around and maybe even have a hot dog. Want more? Continue on Rt.44 to Lime Rock past Ore Hill and take a left on Rt. 112 past the race course to south on Rt.7 thru Kent to the mining museum near the remains of the Kent Furnace.**

**Call Walt Michaels  
(860) 673-3541**

# TOUR OF GILLETTE CASTLE AND BBQ PORK PICNIC

AUG 15,2009

HOME OF JOAN AND BILL POLLOCK,

7 SHARON LANE

OLD SAYBROOK CT

Meet at the home of Joan and Bill Pollock between 10-11am on Aug 15. We will leave promptly at 11am for Gillette Castle, a unique home overlooking the CT River. On the way to the Castle we will drive the back roads of Essex and Deep River crossing the river by ferry. Time will be spent touring the Castle (small fee) and than a back road trip though Lyme and Old Lyme to the Pollocks for a pulled pork bbq. Later in the afternoon we will go to a local ice cream parlor for dessert in celebration of Nation Ice Cream week in Healeyland.

Soda, ice tea, beer and wine will be available at the Pollock's.

RSVP Bill or Joan at [wjpollock1@Yahoo.com](mailto:wjpollock1@Yahoo.com)

or 860 395 5494. Rain or shine.

DIRECTIONS; RT 9 SOUTH-Exit #2,right at end of exit. Go four lights, take left onto Main ST. Go to first light in front of fire house and turn right. Go apx 3/4 mile and turn left onto Great Hammock Rd-Rt 154. Second left turn next to Lutheran Church is Sharon Lane. Third house on left, white #7.



RT 95-WEST OR SOUTH FROM RI-Go to Exit 68,Elm St. Turn left end of exit. Turn right at stop sign and go apx 1/2 mile to light. McD's will be on your right. Turn left at this light, stay in the right lane after turning and bear right at the next light. Take first right onto Great Hammock Rd-Rt 154 and go to second left turn next to the Lutheran Church onto Sharon Lane.

RT 95 EAST OR NORTH FROM NEW HAVEN- Take exit 66,Spencer Plain Rd and at end of exit take a right. Go to light and take left. Go apx 2 miles on Rt 1 to light in front of McDonalds. Go thru light and stay in right lane and bear right at next light. Take first right onto Great Hammock Rd and follow above.

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“	BLUE	“		2			
“	GREEN	“					
MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE	DENIM	\$12.50	11	14	2	7	
MEN'S LONG SLEEVE	“	“	10	7			
LADIES SHORT SLEEVE	“	\$12.50	9	15	21	7	
LADIES LONG SLEEVE	“	\$12.50	6	2	2	4	
MEN'S POLO	YELLOW	\$15.00	6				
“	BLUE	“	6				
“	WHITE	“					
LADIES POLO	YELLOW	\$15.00	4	5	9	8	
“	BLUE	“	1	6	10	8	
“	WHITE	“	4	7	12	6	
MEN'S T SHIRT	CHAMBRAY	\$6.00	10				
“	BRICK	“	10		4		
“	BLUE	“	8	5		3	
LADIES T SHIRT	BLUE	“	5		1		
“	MELON	“	4		7	2	
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PATCH		\$3.00	Plenty	in	stock		
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Contact Bob Bender for orders and shipping information.....(413) 684-3934

**2009 New England AHCA Fall Light House Tour**

Save the dates, September 11, 12 & 13

and plan on spending the weekend touring the lighthouses of Old Cape Cod.

Photo Contest - Beach Sand Castle Competition - Wine Tasting

**Friday:** Hit some on the list as you arrive on the cape  
6:00 à Kickoff Dinner Party – Pot luck cookout at the William’s in Eastham

**Saturday:** We are putting together a tour of some light houses and points of interest for a fun day of healeying. The target for this tour is to structure it so you can do it on your own, at your pace, or hook up with a group and enjoy driving around the outer Cape. The entire tour is about 125 miles, 9 light houses and more than 10 key points of interest and ends at Wellfleet Harbor, where we will enjoy a Billin-gate Light Dinner. Without stopping it should take about 4 hours but we know that will be imposable. The driver’s package with include commentary, directions, mileage and the approximate time needed to get to dinner on time from each location will be available on the website and at the Kickoff Pot Luck dinner Friday. Over the spring and summer we will be fine tuning this weekend venture and as de-tails develop, will post them in the newsletter and on the website.



**Sunday:** Send off Breakfast - 7-11:00 at the William’s in Eastham  
Find the ones you missed as you depart for home

If you have questions or would like to sign up contact Peter Williams at [Prafe@aol.com](mailto:Prafe@aol.com)

