



## Healey Exhaust Notes

The official newsletter of the  
**New England Region of the Austin-Healey Club of America**  
 Serving the following areas  
**NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME & Northern NJ**

### From the editor Carole Paye

Hope you notice the new name for the New England area newsletter!! Out of our 340 members, 15 voted for their choice for the newsletter: 8 for Healey Exhaust Notes, 2 for Positive Post, 2 for Chrome'n Chronical, and 2 didn't want to change at all. There were a couple who made other suggestions.

**Len Cannizzaro is the winner!!!!**  
 Thanks to those who made suggestions.

I know that the economy is down and the weather has been less than ideal for Healey driving. The attendance at meets lately has been down and I guess that we could blame each of those as the reasons. A suggestion is to post the list of events on your refrigerator, computer or your bathroom mirror so that you know what events are nearing. Also, please realize that without our event hosts, we would not have the variety of meets in 2009. Hosts need to know as early as possible if you are planning to attend so food and activities can be adequately planned.

**Please notice the new deadline for write-ups and advertisements.**

The cost of mailing newsletters has increased so **PLEASE consider receiving the newsletter via email.** It is faster and in color

### **NEW Newsletter** **Deadline!!!!**

**All meet write-ups and advertisements  
 25th day before the  
 next issue month.**

### From the President:

I do not know what the weather has been in you neck of New England but here in the 14<sup>th</sup> state of the Union it has been terrific the entire month . . . for evaluating the foul weather gear on your Healey that is. I think with this July weather our region should be reclassified as a temperate rain forest. I'm not saying we have had a lot of rain but there is a guy down the street with a big white beard building this huge boat and a bunch of animals are queuing up in pairs.

I discovered early on that it takes a crew of two to drive a Healey in the rain if you want to be somewhat safe, responsible, and courteous to everyone else on the road. You need a driver of course and a Moisture Sopper Upper armed with a small towel to continuously clean the inside of the windscreen and a larger towel to catch the small river pouring in by the base of the windscreen post that is soaking your outboard knee and floating the floor mats. Experienced long distance rain crews even have a plastic gallon size ziplock bag to wring out the small towel into when it reaches saturation point. This is the type of information Donald forgot to have the factory include in the owners manual. At least it isn't in mine.

I guess I could take the time to chase down most of the leak sources but it is a lot like a leaky roof. I only think about it when the water is running down my left leg and filling my sneaker while I am trying to find that balance between a slow enough safe driving speed and one fast enough to get the Rain-X on the windscreen to work properly. I am impressed that my windscreen wipers do actually work providing a visibility patch about the size of a decent piece of Thanksgiving pumpkin pie.

To top everything off we have a roadster with that erector set hood and side curtains so you either plan well ahead or just keep driving. The latter works pretty good for me most of the time but I would have hated to be caught in several of the monsoons we have had this past month. A well trained crew of two can get the hood and side curtains in place in 10 minutes flat! You can do better in the sunshine but who puts the hood up then?

I have not yet received any ideas for locations of a Summit 2010 meet from anyone. I am not sure whether to conclude you either a) have no idea which is hard to believe; b) afraid you will end up as the organizer since it was your idea, or c) gave up on this boring column before you got to the end of it last month. If you wish, you can pass your ideas through a third party to me to remain anonymous. (boy the spellchecker had fun with that one)

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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## 2009 Current Calendar of Events

| Date            | Event  |
|-----------------|--|
| 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<br>Walt Michaels  |
| August 15       | Rallye to Gillett Castle & Ice Cream Social<br>Old Saybrook, CT Bill Pollack   |
| September 4-7   | Lime Rock Park Denny Broughel  |
| September 11-13 | New England AHCA Fall Light House Tour<br>Eastham-Cape Cod, MA Pete Williams<br>(Prafe@aol.com)                                  |
| September 18-20 | British Invasion Stowe VT Paul Dunnell   |
| September 20    | Simsbury Air Fly-In Car Show (rain date 9/27)<br>Simsbury, CT Robert Scalla  |
| September 25-26 | <b>FALL FINALE 2009 Lime Rock Park (pg 5)</b>  |
| October 10      | Monadnock Fall Foliage Rally Hancock, NH<br>Contact Bob Britton <a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a> |
| October 17      | Progressive Gastronomy Event Wethersfield, CT<br>Deb Katz/Bev Sealand  |
| December 5      | Christmas Party Sturbridge, MA Betty Bender<br><i>Remaldo's Family Restaurant Sturbridge, MA</i>                                 |

### Vintage Festival at Lime Rock Park

#### Labor Day Weekend

The New England Region of the Austin Healey Club of America would like to make a real presence at this years Vintage Festival at Lime Rock Park. We are going to have our regular spot in the B paddock where we will have a tent set up with club information, the ability to accept new members , regalia and good old fashion friendship.

We as club members will be receiving a special admission rate for either a one day admission for \$31.50 and for the entire weekend the ticket rate will be \$72.00. Both Friday and Saturday are tune and test races. On Saturday we will have some laps on track with our Healeys if we have 25 cars or more. Sunday is a non race day but there will be an on track car show from 10am to 3pm. The organizers are trying to have the entire track, all 1.53 miles filled with all types of cars, trucks, bikes muscle cars, sports cars and of course racers. All weekend there will be a swap meet in the B paddock ( 2 years ago I bought my moto lita steering wheel at a bargain price) Monday will be the main race day where you can see and hear the roar of our own Healey marque on the track. you can also see race cars from the pre war Bugatti's up to the 70's world championship including can-am and IMSA endurance cars.

To buy tickets on line go [www.limerock.com](http://www.limerock.com) click on tickets and negotiate the different categories for the vintage Festival click on buy now and type in coupon # AH2009. I have had a dreadful time doing that so you can get in touch with Mike O Flinn ticket coordinator at 860-435-5000 ext 306.

I have had a few calls about lodging, and I know that rooms in this area are hard to find on a good day and I'm sure that the rooms for this event have long been reserved. If you have a tent, camping trailer or motor home call Lime Rock Park and see if there are still spots available to set up

## Healeys return to Bonneville



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## Healeys return to Bonneville

**Saltflats, Bonneville, Utah**  
**September 16 – 19, 2009**

Admission is \$10.00 per day, or \$20.00 for the entire event including Pit Pass  
[www.saltflats.com](http://www.saltflats.com)

### Pre-Bonneville event

- Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Bonneville Cars displayed
- Healey car corral
- Parade lap on the track
- BBQ
- Admission : \$5, BBQ \$10
- [www.millermotorsportspark.com](http://www.millermotorsportspark.com)

[www.healeysreturntobonneville.com](http://www.healeysreturntobonneville.com)

## Lazy by the Lake

When: August 8, 12:00PM

Where: 12 Fairfield St, Webster, MA

A do nothing meet. Drive to Webster and visit with old and new friends (new members are very welcome). Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the lake, go for a swim, take a boat ride, have a beverage or three (it's BYOB—we're back to basics, plus it makes it easier for me), chow down—about 2ish—shoot some pool, maybe some croquet if I can find the set (not an easy task). **Please RSVP by July 25.**

Keith Risk (508) 943-1841 [klrisk@charter.net](mailto:klrisk@charter.net)

Directions: MA Pike to I 395 if you want to take the highway. Exit 2 (Rt 16) off I 395. From the North, left at end of ramp, from the South on I 395, right at the end of the ramp, 1 mile to Killdeer Island Rd on the right, just after Bob's Gun and Archery, immediate right onto Fairfield St. 6<sup>th</sup> house on the right, brown garage (unless I get it painted blue by then) very close to the street, blue house with U shaped drive. Back roads, there are all sorts of possibilities, get out the map (we still know how to read those things) and head for Rt 16. Landmarks on 16: from the East—Indian Ranch on the left, The Lodge on the left, Killdeer Island Rd is just after The Lodge. From the West (Rt 12 through downtown Webster)—Cranston Print Works on the left at the light (beginning of Rt 16), under I 395, Killdeer Island Rd is just after Bob's Gun and Archery. If you need more info, please call me.

## 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 be experts. Hopefully Reggie Deiarml will be making a pot on her 1850 potters 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.

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## 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 then a back road trip through 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.

## Cape Cod Fall Light House Tour

September 11, 12 & 13

"Tour the lighthouses of Old Cape Cod"

Photo Contest - Sand Castle Competition - Wine Tasting

**FRIDAY—Potluck Kickoff Dinner Party at the Williams's home in Eastham**

### Suggested Routes for Light House Tour

The whole route without stops, will take about 4 hours driving time. It is laid out so you can join in or cut off at any point. The southern swing into Chatham has a twist due to the fact you will need to take a tour boat to see the Monomoy Light.

**SATURDAY—Self guided Tour**

### Northern Tour Suggestions

Windmill Park Eastham Cape Cod

First Encounter Beach - Beach Sand Castle Competition  
Cape Code Sea Shore Visitor Ctr. – Nauset Coast Guard Station  
Nauset Light - Three Sisters Lights  
Beach Comer Guard Station - Highland Light  
Race Point Light - Provincetown  
Truro wine tasting & the spice place  
End at Wellfleet Harbor for a Billingsgate light dinner

### Southern Tour Suggestions

Windmill Park Eastham Cape Cod

First Encounter Beach - Beach Sand Castle Competition  
Stage Harbor Light  
\*\*\*Monomoy Light - Timing will depend on your boat reservations  
Main Street Chatham shops - Chatham Light  
Cape Code Sea Shore Visitor Ctr.— Nauset Coast Guard Station  
Nauset Light - Three Sisters Lights  
End at Wellfleet Harbor for a Billingsgate light dinner

**SUNDAY MORNING — Breakfast and Tech Session—7-11 at the Williams's home**

By the end of July we will post the drivers guide on the Club's Web site. This will include more details on the weekend's schedule of activities, directions and other information. If you have questions or would like to let us know if you're planning on attending, contact Peter Williams at [Prafe@aol.com](mailto:Prafe@aol.com).

Cell 860-463-5312

## CAPE COD LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

### **Motel Suggestions**

If you're planning to go on the Lighthouse Tour the weekend after Labor Day, here are a couple of suggested motels in Eastham on Route 6. The Friday night Pot Luck Dinner and the going away breakfast Sunday morning will be at Peter & Jean Williams home in Eastham, so these places are close by.

Some of you club old-timers may recall that the last couple of the traditional Cape Meets were headquartered at the Captain's Quarters Motel and you may be thinking of staying there for nostalgic reasons. **WARNING:** you DO NOT want to stay there now. It's not what it used to be. A recent ride through the property revealed that it has not been properly maintained and it is quite rundown.

However, here are two suggestions for you to consider. The Eagle Wing Guest Motel is a very nice property with an excellent reputation. Owners Gerry and Mary Orris have been there 15 or so years and have updated all the rooms. The website is [www.eaglewingmotel.com](http://www.eaglewingmotel.com). Check it out and read the reviews. The property has only 19 rooms – most with king beds and all non-smoking. Parking is at the room door. The rate quoted is \$100 per night + tax, double occupancy, two night minimum with continental breakfast included. 1-800-278-5656.

Next is the nearby Town Crier Motel. This is a much larger property and has a covered heated pool, game room and poolside restaurant. Parking is also at the room door. The Cannon Family has been here some 25 years and owner Judy Cannon has quoted a rate of \$99 per night + tax, double occupancy, two night minimum with breakfast included. The website is [www.towncriermotel.com](http://www.towncriermotel.com). 1-800-932-1434.

This should be a fun weekend. Make your plans and reservations now. The weekend after Labor Day is still a busy time.

# Fall Finale 2009

September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Once again the (muffled) song of finely-tuned vintage race engines will echo from the autumnal hillsides of Lime Rock as VSCCA members and friends enjoy the final speed event of the season. Hang up your driving suits for 2009 with a smile on your face knowing you have given your sport and club full measure.

## Austin-Healey/Morgan Challenge

Everyone knows this is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Morgan but did you know...2009 is also the 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Donald Healey winning the 1931 Monte Carlo Rallye?!? To honor both marques we are calling for all Healey, Healey variants and Morgans to match machines, wits and skill on track in a spirited session Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>...schedule TBD.

Dinner will be at the White Hart Inn, *"a charming 19th century inn nestled in the foothills of the Berkshires on the village green in picturesque Salisbury, Connecticut;"* dinner tickets are \$50 and will sell out fast!

This event will be opened to a limited number of modestly-prepared, period-correct, post-1959 entries. Non-VSCCA entrants must be VMC licensed in good standing and share the VSCCA philosophy that "the cars are the stars." Acceptance of non-VSCCA entries is by prior approval of the Event Chairman.

The entry fee is \$410. Please send your entries, dinner reservations or questions to: Jim Warren, 101 Monument Avenue, Old Bennington, VT 05201. Phone 802.447.0973 or email warrensj@together.net. As always, your check will be held until after the event in case you must cancel at the last minute.

LRP Arrangements: Camping Thursday and Friday nights; dogs must be on a leash at all times...probably the same for ferrets and pot-bellied pigs.

### **British Invasion XIX Stowe, Vermont**

September 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

This is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual British Invasion! The invasion has consistently displayed over 700 cars, has become one of the best top 10 events in Vermont and the largest all British car show on the East coast. This event was selected by the Boston Globe as their #1 choice for the 10 best things to do within a days drive of Boston. If you have never been to the Invasion or are coming for the 19<sup>th</sup> time, please join us once again at the Commodores Inn in Stowe.

The Commodores Inn continues to be our inn of choice. The rooms are always clean and neat and the restaurant is excellent. The inn has all the extras... indoor and outdoor pools, game room and tennis courts. The bar is pretty good too! Rates are the same price as last year: \$128/night single and \$152.16/double.

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E-mail [carrie@commodoresinn.com](mailto:carrie@commodoresinn.com)

**Mention that you are with the Austin Healey Club!!**

**Just a reminder to see if everyone has made there reservations at the Commodores Inn. If your just driving up for the day or staying somewhere else that's fine too, just be sure to preregister. If you don't register by Friday night you won't get on the field Saturday. To get a registration form Google British Invasion Stowe Vermont and print out a form or you can call 508-497-9655 Pre-registrations must be in by September 5th. Any questions call Paul Dunnell 413-339-0102 or e-mail [austin3000@verizon.net](mailto:austin3000@verizon.net)**

### **Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car Magazine**

is looking for a Big Healey to feature on the cover of the magazine next year. They are asking the New England A-H community for a car that fits the following requirements: stock (or stock appearing), a bright color, could score high points if judged in Concours at Conclave, must **NOT** be one of the following-

1966 MKIII BT7, 1963 BJ7, or  
1963 BT7.

A 100M might be considered if it met the requirements.

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The Krut and Szoka Rally  
 July 18, 2009  
 Suffield, CT

The Krut and Szoka Rally started off with a rainy morning drive that we learned is the kind of weather that our British cars love. But as the sun broke late morning, my wife said "I think it is time to take our top off", and you can imagine how the day progressed from there...the tone was set.

3 Bugeyes, and 7 big Healeys rolled in for breakfast that included an amazing egg and sausage casserole. A Lotus Elise arrived with Elise and I had the pleasure to sit in but almost couldn't get out. I thought pulling my knee back to get in and out of the Bugeye was tough, the Lotus made the Bugeye feel like a Cadillac.

We participated in what was our first Road Rally and Scavenger Hunt. Being new to this event, we didn't realize that we only received the Road Rally portion of the directions. Everyone departed two by two being given different sets of directions, a plastic bag, and a scavenger hunt list. While this was billed as a casual "Anything Goes" event, this was no small task. 122 directions to follow with 16 Scavenger hunt items. The rally was a blast, passing each other in our Healey's looking for something obscure along the side of the road that could be interpreted in any way shape or form. "Green transport" was a John Deere Tractor mailbox. The fun came at the end when we gathered in Deb's living room to hear the results and answers. You had some who gave up and just decided to drive the beautiful roads. Others who attempted to find everything on the list. It was also amusing to see different interpretations, for "Go west young man" there was a sign that read "Sante Fe Forge", and on the opposite side of the road there was a sign that had a little boy walking west. It seems the locals won, Deb's kin tied for first. We had a blast and felt satisfied to finish nearly first. We had answered about 75% of the directions thinking that we had done okay and were ready for pizza. It wasn't until the scoring that we realized we had not received the scavenger hunt list and therefore hadn't had the struggle of finding both dried cow patties, or a four-leaf clover. We had the pleasure of driving through more countryside than we knew existed in one of the richest agricultural areas East of the Mississippi. A gorgeous day, excellent pizza, corn, and cake. Thank you Deb and Gail for all of the time, effort, and creativity put into this day.

Tibor Nemeth



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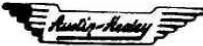
**Lots of Healey Parts for Sale**  
 Jim Smith is selling a wide variety of his Healey parts  
 To all email newsletter members, a list of some of his car parts is being sent as an additional insert with this issue.  
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Available at no cost: collection of Healey Club newsletters from the "Chatter" in 1977 to recent "Healey Marquee". Contact Kent Carpenter 203-270-1560 or [a54healey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a54healey@sbcglobal.net)

# Kingston Conclave

For those of us who ventured north to Kingston, Ontario for Conclave 2009, a great week of good weather, great friends and an excellent conclave was enjoyed by all. The Southern Ontario club were wonderful hosts and the Ambassador Hotel was a perfect venue.

New England Region was ably represented by the "B" team: The Barbers, Begins, Bells, Bergs, Beyers, Brittons and Bugay's (yes, you – Bev Sealand!) as well as the Grants, Greiders, Hicks, Hanlons, Loosigians, Margesons, Pfaffs, Saunders and Sturtevant's. We also had 3 of our Nova Scotia members on hand as well, Nina and Haylette Clarke and Carol Miller.

For those of you who enjoy track racing, you missed a great gymkhana venue as we took many laps at the Shannonville 2.4 mile track. After a drive around the track in a B9 to get familiarized with the turns, drivers put on the helmets, climbed into their own Healeys and took as many "instructional laps" as they wished to. As you pulled up to the starting grid, a "host" member who was familiar with the track would jump in with you to "talk you through" your runs pointing out all sorts of helpful hints and track information.. By the luck of the draw Mike Salters climbed into my Bugeye. A well known preparer and driver of race prepared Healeys and a Targa Newfoundland participant, Mike proved to be especially knowledgeable about the Shannonville track. It was as good as paying "Skip Barber" big bucks for his racing school! All morning long Healeys with drivers and instructors pulled onto the track to run as many laps as they wanted. I limited myself to a few laps because I needed the car to get me back home! In the afternoon the gymkhana "test" was to drive 2 full laps under the clock with awards going to the most consistent times, lap to lap! A novel idea and a good way to keep our adrenaline from killing us!

The Funkhanna included Lacrosse, Basketball and Hockey sections as part of the ride around the skid pad at Shannonville. It was great fun and the best part was you could go as many times as you wanted. The car show was held at City Park in downtown Kingston so curious passer-by's and workers on lunch break flocked by to see the cars. It was a wonderful display of British iron! Congrats to Jim and Joyce Begin and Bob and Linda Britton who received awards in their class. A local club sponsored the food wagon, so many "picnicked" next to their cars in the shade of some magnificent trees! This day concluded with a 3 hour Thousand Island Boat Tour. There was a great deal of picture taking especially during the fabulous sunset. Heaven is here on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Wednesday was the "Awards" breakfast and afterwards John Sprinzel, Ann Wisdom and Peter Riley were available for questions and discussion. It is amazing what you can learn if you just listen to them! There were several "self guided driving" tours offered this day. We had a bit of a wait for the Glenora Ferry before having a sumptuous lunch at Lake On The Mountain Inn. We met 2 couples from New Brunswick, who were unaffiliated with any regional club (we soon fixed that!). Another perfect day, with excellent food, scenery and companionship! In the evening, John Sprinzel showed a film made by the Shell Oil Company of the 1958 Alpine Rallye!

Thursday was Rallye day, your choice for TSD or Fun! We opted for FUN! A 2 ½ hour trip took us 4 ½ hours as we doubled back several times to check clues and looked for clues that were no longer there (these things happen!) Loud rumbling to the north and some darkening skies caused us to head back arriving back at the Ambassador without so much as a drop of water hitting us. Others were met by some light hail and a few nasty thunderstorms. Only 18 cars opted for the TSD Rallye, which was done in a "minimalist" manner. "Drive for 3 miles at 45 MPH and turn left etc.,." Only ONE team finished that rallye!

The awards banquet was wonderful. Photographs were shown on a large screen of owners and their cars as names were announced for awards! A great idea. The Quebec Chapter won the Donald Healey Award and the piston was passed on to Midwest Region for the 2010 Conclave in Illinois.

We were traveling with Bill and Debbie Berg for part of the ride there and back. It made the journey that much more enjoyable. It was a 10 ½ hour odyssey through the roads of upstate New York. We travelled under cloudy skies with the top down most of the time. I was happy not to be on the highway with 85 degree temperatures under a sweltering sun! With a conclave so close to home, we had hoped to see more of you there. We realize that plans take people in different directions. You missed a great time, great weather and great Healey people. See you on the road! Steve Bell

