

Healey Exhaust Notes

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From the President:

Thank goodness Carole has shortened up the area I need to fill this month with my mindless drivel as it has be a whirlwind of activity for me so far this year and I am way behind in getting my column to her. We had a lightly attended by very effective business meeting last month, accomplishing our key task of selecting a location for Summit 2010 as well as coming up with an initial event calendar. We reviewed details on several locations and I want to thank all those who did some initial leg work on these potential locations. We selected Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort as our Summit 2010 location on June 17-20, 2010. Jiminy Peak is located in Hancock, MA in the Berkshire Mountains near the border of New York State. We are hoping this will be an attraction for folks who have not been to this area of the western New England as well as drawing interested parties from the New York area.

We have several people stepping forward to volunteer their help in organizing the Summit but as always we can use all the help we can get. We have volunteers for regalia and road rallye already and a few other for the "where can I help" category but please do not let that stop you as there are several other tasks to fill. As this location was your idea Bob, what can I sign you up for? J . . . and John, I know where you live. We will be covering more of this in the February business meeting at TJ O'Brien's in Sturbridge on the 20^{th} at 10 AM.

Please take a look at our current calendar and notice there are open spaces for events and please consider what you can do to contribute to the Summit event planning. We will be back on the road before you know it.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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# **2010 Tentative List of Events**

| Date                                                                  | Event                                                               | Host                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| February 20                                                           | Business Meeting 10 AM TJ O'Brien's Sturbridg                       | Bill Berg<br>ge MA 802-442-2777                         |
| March 6                                                               | <b>Tech Session</b> Donavan Motor Car Pittsfield, MA                | Denny Broughel<br>518-663-8879                          |
| March 13                                                              | Tom Mannetta<br>of <b>The Auto Appraisal Network</b><br>Ipswich, Ma | Bob Abbott/Dave Altman 603-425-3333/978-922-8553        |
| April 24                                                              | Spring Tune-up<br>Buckland, MA                                      | Don & Carole Paye<br>413-625-6568                       |
| May 15                                                                | Newcomers' Meet/Spring tune<br>Mansfield, MA                        | up Peter Sturtevant<br>508-339-1582                     |
| May 21-23                                                             | Carlisle Import and Kit/Replicar Carlisle PA                        | Denny Broughel / BobBender<br>518-663-8879/413-684-3934 |
| June 6                                                                | British By the Sea,<br>Harkness Park/Waterford CT                   | Dave Barton<br>860-658-7147                             |
| June 11 -                                                             | 13 Montreal F-1 Weekend                                             | Quebec AHC                                              |
| June 17-20                                                            | Summit 2101 Jiminy Peak<br>Hancock MA                               | New England AHCA<br>802-442-2777                        |
| July 11-16                                                            | Conclave 2010 Galena, IL                                            | Midwest Region AHCA                                     |
| September 2-5 Lime Rock Park Vintage Fall Festival Lime Rock Park, CT |                                                                     |                                                         |
| September 17-19                                                       | British Invasion Stowe VT                                           | Richard (Piggy)Pignatello 802-496-5097                  |
| December 4                                                            | Christmas Party<br>Sturbridge, MA                                   | Betty Bender<br>413-684-3934                            |

### **AHCA New England January 24, 2010 Business Meeting Highlights**

Newsletter –more people are now using e-mail for newsletter delivery. This has substantially reduced newsletter expense. The total of 380 newsletters comprise of 125 USPS delivery and 255 e-mail delivery. Articles are needed for contribution to the newsletter.

Website – the New England Region website is down. We are looking for assistance for the website.

Regalia Report - The majority of dated inventory has been sold Mostly just small sizes remains.

Summit 2010 - Jiminy Peak was selected as the Summit 2010 location with a tentative date of June 17-20, 2010. Volunteers are being sought to help in planning events.

Calendar of Events 2010 - A list of tentative events was developed for 2010 (See previous page)

# **February 20,2010**

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# Auto Appraisals Tech Session

WHO: Interested AHCANE members and guests along with the Porsche 356 registry members

WHAT: A topic specific tech session featuring Tom Mannetta of The Auto Appraisal Network.

Tom will give us insights as to how he assigns a value to a car, what he looks for, what the car owner should do to present the car in the best way, and some aspects of the appraisal business that will surprise all of us. There will be a video incorporating all of this and more and a question and answer opportunity as well.

WHEN: Saturday March 13, 2010

WHERE: Dave Altman's Building 11 Old Rigth Rd Unit C Ipswich, Ma 01938

> Call: Bob Abbott 603-425-3333 or Dave Altman 508-577-0077 for directions, more information, or to let them know if you're planning to attend

### **Tech Session**

March 6th 10:00 to 12 noon Donovan Motor Car Lenox, Ma.

Donavan's have 2 cars, a 3000 mk 111 & a 3000 race car that have been sitting for a while and the owner would like them to become road and track worthy.

Come early for coffee and at noon we will leave and find a nice spot for lunch.

> **Denny Broughel** 518-663-8879

## **Spring Tune-up**

April 24, 2010

Don & Carole Paye

Buckland, MA

413-625-6568

Watch for more details

in next month's newslet-

ter...just a hint: we'll tell

you where "Buckland" is

and we have a "lift"....

### **British By The Sea**

Sunday June 6, 2010 Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford CT For more information go to www.ctmgclub.com

Photos of former events are under "photos"

**Email** 

MGTD52@comcast.net or call Stephen Wincze

1-860-285-9355(w)

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# From the editor Carole Paye

Thanks again to those who have joined the elite class receiving email newsletters. It is not to late to join. You have saved me some time!!

When a request came from the British Invasion to get a history of our club, Don dug thru the documents on our old computer and found the write-up he had written a number of years ago. With a little bit of updating, his article is right

It does a pretty good job of summarizing about what we have been and where we have been. You may ask why Don is so knowledgeable about the club? We were some of the first members of the club. Don rode to the first meet in Somers, CT curled up on the jump seats of Bob Warren's 3000 (Bob's membership is now inactive) with Art Dunn (now deceased) in the front seat. (I bet Don could not do that now).

It got me thinking about what the club has meant to Don & me. We have met some of the most wonderful people from all over the northeast and Canada. We have attended weddings, funerals, births, divorces, graduations and birthdays. We have seen Montebello's largest log structure in the world, took a tour boat on Moosehead Lake in Maine, rode a train in Connecticut to a tour boat on the river, seen New England at sunset from the top of Mount Washington, watched the Vintage Races at Limerock Park, eaten lobsters at Bartlett Maine Estate Winery, participated in backward rallyes and frontward ones, ventured across the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges knowing that the return trip was going to be AWFUL!!, etc.....

I sometimes wonder what my life would have been like without all of these people and events in my life. We have been in the club for 35 years and I am estimating that we have hosted at least 35 meets. Plan a meet in your area and come on February 20th...need some ideas...Call me!!

# The NEW ENGLAND REGION of the AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB OF AMERICA

What is known today as the New England Region of the Austin Healey Club of America began in 1975. On a gloomy, rainy May 5 th., Bill and Lynn Wood opened their Somers, CT home to a gathering of forty five hardy Austin Healey enthusiasts who had traveled from all corners of New England. Bill had owned several Austin Healey 100's and later several race prepared 100S models. Using a mailing list from a national Austin Healey club, he invited everyone listed in New England to meet and discuss the formation of a New England based Austin Healey Club. Before the day was over, a schedule of events was planned and Bill was asked to serve as the new club's first President. The Club grew in size and word spread that exciting events were being held for Austin Healey enthusiasts in the Northeast. Within a short time the New England Club was approached to become a regional chapter of the national based Austin Healey Club of America. The Club's membership increased to approximately 500 members from the New England states and Eastern New York with many members owning more than one Austin Healey. Coordinators representing various sectors across the region meet at least twice a year under the leadership of the Club President. The Club also has Membership/Treasurer and Regalia chairpersons. The "Healey Exhaust Notes", a monthly Club news letter, is created and published by the Newsletter Editor. This provides everyone with a calendar of events for the year, details on future meets as well as articles about previous meets. A classified section offers free advertising for members along with paid vendor advertising.

The New England Region has always prided itself on being a family oriented Club rather than just a bunch of "Gear Heads" getting together to talk cars!!! Tech sessions for those interested in learning how to rebuild or maintain their cars are mixed with meets designed for fellowship, driving experience and entertainment. These events may be one day affairs or weekend gatherings including car shows, rallies, gymkhanas, tours and of course time to relax with fellow members over a glass of wine and fine food. Our neighboring National Chapters from Southern Ontario and Quebec often join in these events and they in turn have hosted meets with the New England Members as their guests. Consequently many of the die hard Austin Healey enthusiasts have traveled from Cape Cod to Kingston, Ontario and from West Point Academy to Gouldsboro, Maine. For twenty five years, members traveled to Cape Cod for an annual three day meet in September. Later this event was replaced by "Summit", the brainchild of Dominic Falconeiri and a group of members from eastern Massachusetts. Each year this event has been held in various locations in New England as well as Canada. The first Summit was held in Jackson, NH highlighted by a sunset tour of forty Austin Healeys driving to the top of Mount Washington.

On two occasions the New England Club has planned and hosted the Austin Healey Club of America Conclave, an international meet held each year in the US or Canada. After two years of planning, nearly one thousand Austin Healey enthusiasts and approximately 400 cars gathered in Sturbridge, MA in 1991 and Burlington, VT in 2007. Conclaves are five day meets complete with all types of driving events, vendors, car shows and concourse judging plus banquets. Attendees gather from as far away as California and Canada with others visiting from Europe, Japan and Australia

Anyone interested in meeting some great people and having fun with their Austin Healey or help in getting their Healey on the road, can contact the New England Region through the Austin Healey Club of America web site or look for Club booths at the Foreign Car/Kit Car meet in Carlisle, PA, the Limerock Vintage Fall Festival and British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont.

### FOR SALE

Bugeye nose - No bondo, no undercoat. Typical small rust holes behind wheel wells. Few dents. Large panels all good. \$700 or BO.

> Wayne - West Boylston (508) 835-4038.

### For Sale:

1961 MkI 3000

- good condition
- older restoration (1991) good interior, black
- hard top and soft top- lots of extra body parts
  - good paint, teal over white \$21,000 -

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Spring Commissioning The middle of winter can be a tough time to think about all the projects you

have in mind for your British car. But it really is the best time.

British Car R & R can schedule the work you want to do now and have it completed at a relaxed pace. Why try to cram everything into the spring rush? Your car deserves all the care you can give it. Now is the best time to get started.

Give us a call, we'll listen to your plans and work out a schedule to have your car ready for the road this spring. We offer reasonable rates, timely service, and can arrange to pick-up and deliver your car on our trailer.

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



### For Sale

1969 Triumph GT-6+, Very nice car with entire rear rebuilt incl Rotoflex Couplers

Detailed engine, 4 speed no overdrive, Red w/ black interior and wire wheels.

2 Favorite British car picks at Hemmings cruise in. Asking \$7,500

> Contact Ken Gypson at: 518 283 4653 or at kengypson@yahoo.com

### For Sale

5 White metal Healey model kits...unbuilt...same size as Dinky and Gorgi

All out of production for many years,

- Healey Silverstone by Auto Replicas of England
  - 1950 Elliott Saloon by Mikansue of England
  - AH 3000 Rally Car by Mikansue of England
  - AH 100-4 by Grand Prix of England
- AH 300 by Grand Prix of England (Marked as 3000 but looks to me like a 100-6 w/ ribbed bonnet) Has Hardtop

\$40 ea or all 5 for \$180

Contact Ken Gypson at: 518 283 4653 or at kengypson@yahoo.com

# Newsletter Deadline!

All meet write-ups and advertisements by

25th day of the month.

You should receive your email newsletters about the first of each month. The mailed copy should arrive about the 5th of the month