



# Healey Exhaust Notes

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## From the President:

When it comes to driving directions I am definitely old school. I still use my Manually Acquired Position System (MAPS) for all my travel. You remember those things, that little pamphlet that once unfolded becomes an origami project to get folded back to its original state. I like knowing North is always up unless your wife is holding it in the passenger seat then up is your direction of travel. (that one will cost me) A map has several advantages. It still functions when totally soaked with the coffee you just spilled all over it, though the unfolding feature can become problematic. It works with tears and holes as long as the hole is not too big and does not include your destination location. And when we get hit with those solar flares, or that electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear detonation it will still work (until the ambient temperature reached 454°F).

I think I finally found a location where a GPS might be an advantage; Arlington, Texas. Of course I am assuming the GPS service is updated on a quarter hour basis. This place has so much construction and expansion there is no way the map publishers can keep up to date. Even the maps you get at the rental car agencies are not current. I was just on an expressway that was not on the map. Don't even get me started on road construction issues. Let's close the correct combination of ramps and see how long it takes that poor sap to get to his hotel which he has been able to see but cannot figure out how to get to for the last half hour. I passed one construction point so many times I was on a first name basis with the flagman, Chuck. Some of his instructions were not that helpful like "turn left at that orange cone down there a ways." All I saw in my 360° field of vision was the ultimate gymkhana. Construction companies in most areas have finally discovered it is easier to work on a road when the cars are not there, say 2AM as opposed to 8AM. Many metropolitan areas do not even have this advantage anymore as the roads seem packed 24/7. In our local area, the thought process seems to be just the opposite. What is the best time to repaint the SCHOOL ZONE labels on the intersection next to the school? Well at 7:30 AM on the first day of school of course. I warned you not to get me started.

Well I am on my way to enjoy a long Memorial Day weekend at home, watch the 500 on Sunday and get recharged and ready for a busy summer season. I hope to see many of you at Summit 2010 at Jiminy Peak in Hancock, MA. For you late decision makers, I think accommodations are still available for a great weekend in a great location. Check with Pat on registration and Jessica at Jiminy Peak for rooms. If I do not see you there, I hope our journeys cross else where some time this summer.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

# 2010 Tentative List of Events

| Date                            | Event   | Contact                                    |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| June 6                          | <b>British By the Sea,</b><br>Harkness Park/Waterford CT          | Dave Barton<br>860-658-7147                |
| June 11 -                       | <b>13 Montreal F-1 Weekend</b>                                    | Quebec AHC                                 |
| June 17-20                      | <b>Summit 2010 Jiminy Peak</b><br>Hancock MA                      | New England AHCA<br>802-442-2777           |
| July 11-16                      | <b>Conclave 2010 Galena, IL</b>                                   | Midwest Region AHCA                        |
| August 11-15 (Wednesday-Sunday) | ENCOUNTER 2010<br>(see information on page 3)                     | Historic Normandy Farm, Blue Bell, PA      |
| <u>correction</u> September 3-6 | <b>Lime Rock Park Vintage Fall Festival</b><br>Lime Rock Park, CT |  |
| September 17-19                 | <b>British Invasion</b><br>Stowe VT                               | Richard (Piggy) Pignatello<br>802-496-5097 |
| December 4                      | <b>Christmas Party</b><br>Sturbridge, MA                          | Betty Bender<br>413-684-3934               |

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Drawing

### Sunday: Check out

## Lime Rock Park Vintage Fall Festival

Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, 2010

I just received information from Fred Jackson, our go to guy at Lime Rock Park, about the fall festival. We will have the same number of spaces that we had last year in the B paddock. Last year some club members who were spending the weekend set up travel campers in our area. Space is limited so put Sept 3-6 in your day planner.

*Denny Broughel*

### AHSTC's ENCOUNTER 2010 Reminder

Please share the following information about ENCOUNTER 2010 with your fellow Healey club members, officers, activities director, and newsletter editor.

Thank you,

Baird Foster (Phone: 856-235-5862 )

ENCOUNTER 2010 Committee

The Philadelphia Region of the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club invites you to attend its annual event.

ENCOUNTER 2010.

DATES: August 11-15 (Wednesday-Sunday)

LOCATION: Historic Normandy Farm, Blue Bell, PA  
(just north of Philadelphia )

[www.normandyfarm.com](http://www.normandyfarm.com) (Reduced room rate includes breakfast for 2)

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

[www.austin-healey-stc.org](http://www.austin-healey-stc.org)

NOTE: Registration fee increases on June 15. To insure room availability at host hotel, please book now!

**From the editor:**

**Carole Paye**

**Our web site is now up and running again! [www.ahca-newengland.com](http://www.ahca-newengland.com)**

***DON'T FORGET TO:***

**1. Notify me of any email change!**

**2. Register for Summit 2010!** The committee has been hard at work finalizing the details for YOU!!!

**3. If you haven't sent in your membership dues,** do it today so you will be kept up on all of the happenings of the club.

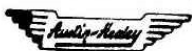
**4. Plan an event in your area during the months of July and August!**

Thanks....Carole

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### **Newsletter Deadline!**

All meet write-ups and advertisements by the 25th day of the month.

Your email newsletters about the 1st.

Snail mails about the 5th of the month.

### ***“The Carlisle Challenge!”***

I probably shouldn't say this too loud but here goes... *“It didn't rain in Carlisle for the Foreign Car/Kit Car Swap Meet this year...!!!”* .. or at least for the time the New England Region was holding court. As has often been this spring, temperatures on Friday and Saturday were more like August than mid May but the bright side was, this brought out lots of folks many with money to spend on everything from rusty old Healey parts to turn key Cobra replicas. There was some fear that we might see fewer vendors this year but that was not the case both in the flea market area and the kit car venue. Temptation was running strong everywhere not that I would know anything about that!! (but black is one of my favorite colors)

The faithful club members showed up Thursday to set up camp with an array of fenders, bumpers, seats and a slew of parts mostly carrying a coat of that all too familiar rusty color. But as the saying goes “one man's junk is another man's treasure” so don't throw anything away as someone is bound to give you a couple of bucks for that last evasive part they need. Steve Bill was joined by his good friend, actually everyone's friend, Tony Bennetto of Victoria, Australia who has joined us for many years. Steve had a fine array of Sprite goodies, many being cleaned and painted this year. Club regalia was on display with reduced prices on leftover Conclave items. Several visitors were invited to join AHCA and more specifically the New England region and as always, there was enough talk about Austin Healeys to last for a couple of months. Just as it appeared that the initial sales rush was over, two different buyers wandered in, one asking if there was a discount based on how much he bought. Needless to say we were willing to oblige as he started building a pile of body panels sent to Carlisle by Jim Smith including some very twisted 100 front shrouds. Fred Petroske who operates “Mostly British” in Chaumont, NY, a restoration shop near Watertown, ended up cleaning out a fair amount of the inventory.

One highlight to the weekend came when Paul Dunnell and Bob Bender delivered Ed Seigrist's Bugeye project car (you may have seen it advertised in the last newsletter) to a young couple with a seven year old son who live outside of DC. As you might imagine, they were excited to have their new toy safely stored in their garage and Paul and Bob are certain they will be new additions to the “Future Fifty” group.

By noon on Saturday, the show field of the Fairgrounds was nearly covered with foreign cars of all types and sizes grouped by manufacturer. Many car clubs in the northeast will plan their major event of the year to coincide with Carlisle. You have to remember this event is not just for British cars and there were clusters of Saabs, Volvos, Renaults, Citroens, Minis, Triumphs, VWs, etc as well as a group of Myers Manx dune buggies and newer copies of the same. There are numerous tool vendors on hand as well as Meguiar's traveling display truck with all the latest cleaning supplies and of course there was plenty of good food to be had.

Of course the whole fairgrounds is spattered with “temptations” in the form of used cars, interesting used cars not just basic sedans and SUV's but rather fun cars to be had in a variety of price ranges. Even 60's Toyotas and Bimmers are getting into the picture. \$3500 would buy you a very nice VW Sciroco. Austin Healeys still seem to attract a lot of attention including a very battered 100-6 with a bunch of parts which rumor has it was on sale for 4500 bucks and was sold in the first day. Across the aisle was a very nice, all original white MK1 complete with factory hardtop all in top notch un-restored condition for a mere \$74,900... but who's counting. Temptations, temptations, temptations but who am I to say! Suffice it to say that I probably will not be going to Carlisle next year if there is to be an empty trailer coming home. (Did I mention I also like German cars!!) ***Plan on joining us next year so we can kick your butt on the Go-Cart track! Don Paye***



## AHCA Eastern MA/RI Region – “Newcomers meet” May 8, 2010

Spring in New England is very unpredictable. The beautiful weather in March and April, did not greet the Healey community in Eastern Mass on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>. In traditional British fashion, the heavy rain and thunderstorms forced many of the local Healey's to stay safely tucked away in their garages.

Fortunately, several hearty soles ventured out on a miserable Saturday morning, including three Big Healey's from as far away as Salem, CT. Thanks to Duane Walzer, Randy and Jeannie Hicks, and Jud Perkins and Mary Warlop for driving their Healey's to the event. Also, thank you to the other couple of dozen Healey enthusiasts, who joined us, driving their BJ9's.

Cindy entertained most of the women inside the warmth of the house with coffee and muffin's. Most of the men socialized in our Healey workshop. Jud Perkin's took advantage of our drive-on lift to grease his BJ8 and inspect the underside.

As lunch was approaching, seven couples took on the challenge of a Tulip rally through the back roads and country lanes from Mansfield to Raynham. The driving event “treasure hunt” included several questions along the way, bringing out the best in Healey enthusiasts competitive nature.

Surly Johnson's welcomed the Austin Healey Club on their marquee. Inside the sports bar, we played Healey videos and enjoyed traditional British luncheon fare of Sheppard's Pie, Bangers and Mash, plus Fish and Chips. Cindy awarded the winners of the treasure hunt rally, Karen Kullas and Bruce Newcomb the grand prize to Surly Johnson T shirts. All the Healey drivers were also awarded shirts for their bravery.

A good time was had by all those who ventured out on a wet and miserable Saturday morning.

Cheers, Pete and Cindy Sturtevant



Duane Walzer's 100  
Randy Hicks BJ8



Jud Perkins servicing his BJ8



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69,000 original miles; red with black interior; Ex-  
cellent driver in great condition; only driven on  
sunny days since frame-up restoration some time  
ago; very good original interior; chrome 72-spoke  
wire wheels, new stainless exhaust, top and carpets;  
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**REGISTRATION # \_\_\_\_\_**

## Registration Form

**Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort – Hancock, MA June 17-20, 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Car (Year, Make, Model) \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration:

- \$55 (covers 1 car plus 2 adults) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$70 after May 15, 2010)
- Additional people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional cars \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Night BBQ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Night Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$51 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Selection \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Total ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

| Regalia is Pre-Event Sales Only<br><b>NO ONSITE SALES!</b> | Price    | Quantity |   |   |    |     | Total<br>Price | Color |        |      |      |
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| Womens Performance Polo Shirts 2XL                         | \$ 37.00 |          |   |   |    |     |                |       |        |      |      |
| Mens Short sleeve T shirt                                  | \$ 10.00 |          |   |   |    |     |                |       |        |      |      |
| Womens Short sleeve T shirt                                | \$ 10.00 |          |   |   |    |     |                |       |        |      |      |
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| Baseball cap (unisex)                                      | \$ 18.00 |          |   |   |    |     |                |       |        |      |      |
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