

Healey Exhaust Notes

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From the President:

Everyone knows that great weather can help make a good event even better. That was certainly the case at Summit 2010. I think most everyone had a great time at the various events from the road rally which included a trip to the top of Mt Greylock to the fun (but possibly Sprite sized) gymkhana and the car show at the Mt Greylock visitors center

I was not so sure Thursday night when I was informed that I had a totally flat right front tire a mere 30 minutes after I had arrived at Jiminy Peak. I must admit it was better to have a flat tire in a dry flat parking lot with several other Healeyist offering a lending hand rather than at night on the shoulder of I-95 in the pouring rain with 18 wheelers whistling by a few feet away. I also learned in the process it is easier to jack up a Healey with a floor jack in a garage than a used scissor jack in a parking lot in the dark. Of course it did not help that the one flat tire was very difficult to slide off for some reason I have yet to determine. When I returned home, I checked the other three corners and those wheels slid right off. Go figure. The root cause of the flat tire was when the new tires were mounted 6 years ago, they left the label inside the tire and it wore through the tube in a spot the size of a silver dollar. (1 1/2" diameter for those who have not seen one in a while.)

My lesson learned was to try out all you repair systems at home before you need to use them on the road. I now need to locate a scissor jack that is about one inch shorter than the one I have with a crank lever about six inches longer. Or I can just travel with Nick and George so they can lift up my front bumper so I can slide my jack under the frame.

Since there will be an event write up further back in this newsletter, I will put in a plug for a future event this fall. The Healey will be one of the featured marques this year at the British Invasion in Stowe. Piggy has secured a block of rooms at the Inn at the Mountain this year at a good value which includes a continental breakfast in the rate. The hotel is located up Mountain Road at the Toll Road a few miles west of the show field. There is a summary of the details and contact information about the hotel in this newsletter.

We will also have a presence at the Vintage Fall Festival similar to our location and will have more information in the next newsletter.

It was good to see several old friends and meet several new ones at Summit 2010. Get together with a couple local club members and head out for a nice evening drive or casual get together. Even two or three Healeys together can attract attention. Enjoy some summer evening driving.

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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.

2010 Tentative List of Events

Event Date Contact Conclave 2010 Galena, IL Midwest Region AHC July 11-16

2nd Annual VT MOUNTAIN TOUR **July 17 Bob Britton and Linda** Brattleboro, VT Hakala

August 11-15 (Wednesday-Sunday) ENCOUNTER 2010 Historic Normandy Farm, Blue Bell, PA

August 19 Lunch on the Cape Cod Central RR Hyannis to canal and back Call Steve Bell ASAP 508-947-6499 Limited Number More details to follow in August newsletter

correction September 3-6 Lime Rock Park Vintage Fall Festival Denny Broughel Lime Rock Park, CT (518-663-8879)

September 17-19 Richard (Piggy) Pignatello **British Invasion** Stowe VT 802-496-5097

Christmas Party December 4 Betty Bender413-684-3934 Sturbridge, MA

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- * Pair aluminum side frames with plex glass. \$125
 - * Rear seat back squab. Black. \$50
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 - * Upper aluminum grille surround. \$125
 - * Lower aluminum grille surround. \$20
- * Aluminum rear seat (single piece) cockpit surround, \$100
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AHSTC's ENCOUNTER 2010 Reminder Please share the following information about EN-COUNTER 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 (Reduced room rate includes breakfast for 2)

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

www.austin-healey-stc.org

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

2nd Annual VT MOUNTAIN TOUR

Saturday July 17, 2010 WHERE: Meet in Brattleboro, VT Bickford's Restaurant On the Circle at Exit 3, off of I-91 9:30 - Approx 4 PM TIME: **TOUR GUIDES: Bob Britton and** Linda Hakala

We had so much fun last year with a tour up Mt. Ascutney and Okemo Mountain that we are going to lead another tour in southern VT. This year's tour will start at Bickford's Restaurant in Brattleboro and head up to Stratton Mountain. We will attend the Hemming's New England Concours d'Elegance car show at Stratton for a few hours. Cost of Admission is \$20 per couple/car. The shops at Stratton Village will be open for lunch, browsing and shopping for those who would rather not spend hours looking at cars.

In the afternoon we will head down famous Route 100 to Dover, VT and head back to Putney, VT on some spectacular back roads made just for Healey's and end up at Curtiss's Famous Barbeque shack for an early diner of the best ribs this side of the Pecos River.

This is an impromptu tour so last minute deviations are called for and expected.

No need to RSVP..... Just show up in Brattleboro before we depart at 10:00AM Sharp.

Contact Cell # 603-381-3158

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

Summit 2010 at Jiminy Peak June 17–20, 2010

Thursday is always fun when you greet old friends and meet new ones as everyone arrives with as many suitcases as will fit in their Austin Healey. It's been three years since I have been to a large meet. I was fortunate to travel in Paul Dunnell's, "big truck," because I've forgotten how to pack for traveling in a Healey. (one suitcase for shoes, one for toiletries, one for summer wear, a bag for sweatshirt/jackets, one for....) "How in the world do two people pack for a weekend trip in a bugeye?"

Friday morning's Road Rallye was an enjoyable route through the countryside taking in picturesque views of the mountains, various water sources, farms, old cemeteries, mixed in with some tricky rallye questions. Rallye Master Allen Miller took all the grumbling in stride and gave away ½ points to anyone who was "almost" right. (EASY MARK!!!!) Not one competitor was heard to be critical of the event. -----"Quite a feat, Rallye Master Allen!" The Friday Barbeque was held below the clock tower, preceded by a social hour that was topnotch. Everyone ate their fill and once again --- "no grumbling" – just happy, content Austin Healey families.

Thomas Mannetta from "Auto Appraisal Network" gave an informative tech session on the advantages of establishing a professional appraised value for classic cars. He also spoke on the advantages of agreed values involved in classic car insurance. Carl Caravell won the raffle prize of the appraisal donated by Auto appraisal network.

Another tech session was given by Mike Maguire about the importance of using Penn Grade high performance oil. Mike also treated Betty Bender and me to a quickly shortened "Tech Session" on engine oil and ZDDP. He totally understood that as a female, the draw to the swimming pool was stronger than a meeting room full of gear heads. (** Call me if you need to know where to get your Brad Penn High Performance 20/50 oil --- I have a source!) Carl Caravell won the raffle prize of a case of oil at the banquet.

The Saturday morning gymkhana involved a unique course of a straight run start into not one but two parking lots to maneuver through pylons. Older Austin Healey members always have fun in this event but to see the look on newcomer Adam Nolde's face (#10) was the best part of the event. "Did you know that it *is actually possible* to show a toothy smile from one ear all the way to the other?" *I saw it!* (Yes, Adam did win his class – he's one of those young, "no fear," members that nailed the throttle up the straight-a-way!) New attendee, Mary Warlop, also ran in the event and earned herself the title of being a "Fast Woman!" Go Mary!

The event Car Show was held on the hillside of Mount Greylock. The cars all washed and shined to perfection were displayed for all attending to view and choose their favorite. Again, food and cold drinks were available for the comfort of partying auto enthusiasts.

I had the pleasure of speaking with a very newly signed up Healey member who was walking amongst the cars. She is awaiting the delivery of her California purchased red Austin Healey 3000 Mark II. (Guess what? She has to learn to drive a standard shift!!!! How is that for a confident and enthusiastic new member!) In the meantime, she has been informed that it,

"IS perfectly OK", to come to a car club meet in a BJ-9.

Jim and Elaine Smith came to surprise us at the Car Show on the Hill, at Mount Greylock. He is doing well and Elaine is happy to have us stop by for a short visit at their home. Call first, but do make a visit to talk cars with our friend and watch him – smile!

Saturday's Award Banquet was a delightful sit down dinner with personal choice of menu. Again, delicious! (I am getting a theme here.)

The Canadian Formula One Race auction took a surprising turn! An opening bid of \$1200 went up quite quickly when the Lady of the house, Gayle Kranz, took over the bidding for her husband. Apparently, Gayle, really, really, really wanted to go to the Canadian race next year! I hope everyone was able to see George Greider 's face when he heard his wife bid behind him! FUNNY! She closed the bid at \$1900 after being assured that Steve Bell would concede defeat. What a hoot!

Denny Broughel surprised us with a visit, bringing the good news that, "Our Pam," is doing well after surgery. I hope she feels the love we all send to her.

I was truly amazed at how many new Austin Healey club members have joined in our Summit Event. FABU-LOUS! I hope that all of you had an amazing weekend and "tingle" with anticipation of our next Summit. WAIT – "Maybe <u>you can help put a meet together!"</u>

"Thank you," to the Summit Committee for their obvious hard work. An event as smooth and rewarding as this Summit does not happen without many hours of hard planning. A special, "Thank you," goes to Betty Bender and her committee for the fabulous social side of, *Summit at Jiminy Peak*.

Love you all,
Deb Krut
Aka "She's Back!"

Summit 2010 at Jiminy Peak Award winners

Road Rallye 1st Adam & Mona Nolde 2nd Steve & Sue Bell 3rd Steve & Lynn Grant

Car Show Sprites: 1st Steve& Sue Bell 2nd Paul Dunnell

100/100-6 1st Ed Collins 2nd Bob/ Betty Bender 3rd Andy /Pat Plue / Gerry Paquette

3000MkII 1st Roy Balthazard 2nd Bill/Debbie Berg 3rd Bob Britton

3000MkIII 1st Adam Nolde 2nd Steve/Lynn Grant 3rd Richard (Piggy) Pignatello

Gymkhana: 6 cyl. 1st Adam Nolde (34.910) 4 cyl. 1st Peter Sturtevant (34.672)

 2nd John Wood (36.112)
 2nd Steve Bell (34.730)

 3rd Bob Britton (36.272)
 3rd Bob Bender (41.339)

4th Bill Berg (39.634) 5th Jud Perkins (41.682)

> Fastest Woman Mary Warlop (50.317) Fastest Time of the day Paul Dunnell (34.214)



BRITISH INVASION XX September 17-19, 2010 Stowe, VT

This year is the 20th Anniversary of the **British Invasion** held in the lovely VT town of Stowe. If you have never attended you are missing the largest all British car and motorcycle show on the East coast. Last year there were over 600 vehicles on the show field. This year the AUSTIN HEALEY is one of the featured marques along with Rolls Royce and Bentley.

The Austin Healey Club of New England is changing accommodations this

year and will be staying at the lovely **Inn at the Mountain**, which is part of the Stowe Mountain Resort. The room rate is less than we paid last year at the Commodore. Each room features fabulous mountainside lodging, balconies or deck with seating area, cable TV, air conditioning, refrigerator and daily maid service. All rooms are non-smoking. There are also 2-3 bedroom condos available if couples want to stay together.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 15 TO GET THE SPECIAL RATES

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http://summer.stowe.com/vacation/lodging/inn/

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You must <u>pre-register</u> for the British Invasion. The deadline is September 5th. It is best to visit the British Invasion web site and download the registration form and mail your registration fee before the deadline. Last minute registrations are allowed at the field on Friday between 12 Noon -6PM. No registration is allowed on Saturday!

http://www.britishinvasion.com

For more information Contact Richard "PIGGY" Pignatello

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A group diner is being planned for Saturday night. More on that in the next newsletter.

Summit 2010 at Jiminy Peak

