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Healey Exhaust Notes

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 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 President:

Happy New Year to one and all! 2011 is taking shape to be a very exciting year for AHCA New England.

Before I formally introduce myself, I want to publically thank Bill and Debbie Berg for their service to the club for the past three years as President and Secretary, respectively. Through their dedication and leadership the club has prospered with exciting regional area events, topped off by last years great Summit 2010 event at Jiminy Peak. Bill will continue to be an active member of the club as the Vermont Area Coordinator.

My wife, Cindy and I are very excited to assume the roles of club President and Secretary. The club has also approved Bob Britton, as the newly created Vice President of New England position. Congratulations to Bob in his new appointment, as a key member of club officers.

Cindy and I had the great opportunity to live in England for a couple of years. I had always loved the beautiful lines of the Austin Healey as a child, and when we moved to the UK, I told Cindy I want to buy a Healey, because they would be plentiful and cheap, in the homeland. It wasn't until I started to do my research, did I find out nearly 90% of the Healey's produced in England, were exported to North America, and the prices were much higher than in the states.

We bought our first Big Healey, a '57 BN4 100-6, in Cindy's favorite color Black from a dealer in North London. We joined the Austin Healey Club, New Forest Centre and attended our first event in the spring of 1999. For the next two years the Healey and the friends we met through the club, became our primary social event focus, while living abroad.

When we relocated back to Mansfield in 2001, we chose to bring our Healey home with us. It didn't make financial sense but we had too many special memories that we just couldn't part with it.

As soon as we moved home, we joined AHCA New England as enthusiastic members. There is something very special about Healey owners and their warmth and love for life, and these funny British cars, produced half a century ago. Cindy and I have had some of the best memories with friends from the club, and touring to events all over the country, including Conclaves and NE Summit's.

Speaking of Summit's, "2011 Summit, Sun and Sand" will be a great event this July. Steve Bell and the Summit Committee have plans well under way, for this year's spectacular event, based in Norwich CT conveniently located to the CT shore, with great driving roads, and Mohegan Sun. The dates are Thursday, July 21st to Sunday, July 24th and for those interested, we will have a special pre-Summit day on Wednesday the 20th. Please mark your calendars and save the dates for 2011 Summit, Sun, and Sand.

In addition to Summit, we have compiled a preliminary calendar of 2011 British Car and Healey events across New England and Nationally. Local "one day events", are also being planned around the region. Our first 2011 Planning Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 15th at 10 AM at TJ O'Brien's in centrally located Sturbridge, MA. Planning meetings are open to all members, and I encourage your participation, to formulate our plans for 2011.

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2011 Tentative List of Events

Date	Event	Contact
January 15, 2011 Saturday 10:00 am-noon	1st planning meeting TJ O'Briens Sturbridge, MA	Peter Sturtevant Peter.Sturtevant@Covidien.com 1-508-339-1582
February 12, 2011 Saturday 10:00 am-noon	2nd planning meeting TJ O'Briens Sturbridge, MA	Peter Sturtevant Peter.Sturtevant@Covidien.com 1-508-339-1582
March 12, 2011 Saturday 10:00 am-noon	3rd planning meeting TJ O'Briens Sturbridge, MA	Peter Sturtevant Peter.Sturtevant@Covidien.com 1-508-339-1582
April		
May 20-22, 2011	Carlisle Imports Weekend Carlisle Fairgrounds 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd Carlisle, PA	
June 5, 2011 Sunday	British by the Sea Harkness Memorial State Park 275 Great Neck Road Waterford, CT	
June 27-July 1, 2011	Austin Healey Club Rendezvous	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA
July 3-8, 2011	AHCA Conclave	Crowne Plaza Hotel Colorado Springs, CO
July 21-24, 2011 Thursday-Sunday	Summit: Sun & Sand 10 Laura Boulevard	Holiday Inn Norwich, CTA
August TBA	Encounter 2011	Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club
August 13-19, 2011	Bonneville Speedweek Bonneville Salt Flats	Wendover, UT
September 2-5, 2011	Lime Rock Historical Festival Lime Rock Park	Lakeville, CT
September 14-17, 2011	Healeys Back to Bonneville Bonneville Salt Flats	Wendover, UT
September 16-18, 2011	British Invasion Stowe, VT	
October		
November		
December 3, 2011	AHCA NE Annual Holiday Party Location to be announced	

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For 2011, AHCA club dues are increasing modestly to \$60 per year. The club has not raised dues in 12 years, since 1999. The increased costs of managing the club and publication of the Marque have forced the new dues. In New England, we have kept our costs low and are not increasing our \$10 portion of the annual dues.

Thank you to those members who receive our Healey Exhaust Notes newsletter, via e-mail, which has allowed our New England region not to raise local dues. As a reminder, please notify Carole Paye, our excellent editor, at da-paye@crocker.com, whenever you update your address and e-mail address. Every month Carole has a modest number of newsletters returned as undeliverable, because of changes in club members contact information. We can only serve you as club members, if we can stay connected and in touch with each of you.

Your Area Coordinators and I, want to know what interests you most about our Austin Healey Club. We have created a short survey about the club, which those of you with current e-mail addresses have received electronically. A hardcopy of the survey is attached. Please complete the survey electronically, or this hardcopy and return to me at 10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA 02048 or via fax 508 261 8325. We want to bring to our club members the best events possible and need your recommendations and feedback.

Happy Healeying! Peter Sturtevant

A quick update on Summit 2011

SUMMIT: SUN & SAND

July 21-24, 2011

The Holiday Inn at Norwich, CT.....a wonderful "Home Base" for our SUMMIT. The Hotel has been renovated throughout with some unique group meeting and gathering possibilities. Excellent pool area, huge back parking lot and a sports bar and restaurant on site!

Some possibilities are a tour of Mystic and a trip to Mohegan Sun. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service in 15 passenger vans (literally a five minute ride) and a buy one, get one free buffet ticket at \$17.95 it is a great deal!

The weekend rate will be \$139.00 and the Thursday night rate perhaps as low as \$99.

The committee is looking to customize your adventure with a few special features before the actual registration date with a New England Clam Bake and Breakfast on the Beach. Contact Steve Bell if this sounds like something you don't want to miss!

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.



Repair, Restoration, Winter Storage

Winter is just around the corner and many people are thinking about putting their cars away for the season. At British Car R and R we offer a complete fall service program and there is still some space left for winter storage.

Our storage area is a concrete floored area with sprinklers and an alarm system. The building is active so critters are never a problem and we can keep your battery on trickle charge if you wish. Cars stored with us will be ready to go in the spring when you're ready to start driving again.

Call to inquire about prices and the remaining spaces.

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



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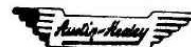
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Christmas Party "Olde Sturbridge Style"

Last year on the Friday night before the Healey party, Don & I went to Olde Sturbridge Village for their "Christmas by Candlelight". The weather was mild and not typical for New England in December. We enjoyed the exhibits and performances in many of the different buildings. When the time came to make reservations for this year's party, we included a return visit to the village for the Christmas productions. How lucky we were for once again the weather was mild and storm free. The exhibits had increased in number and complexity and there were several fabulous musical performances. What a wonderful way to get in the "holiday" spirit!

When we found out the planned location for our annual Christmas Party had been sold, we immediately went hunting for a new venue. Not having a party this year would have been the first time in 35 years for us. Luckily the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village had a room available for our previously scheduled date. After speaking with events coordinator Dara about our predicament, she took pity on us and waived the normal \$150 room charge and also provided a cheese and cracker tray at no charge to the Club. With a wide variety of food options, we settled on one of the buffet options (with a few modifications) in hopes that this would please those attending. When I spoke with Jon Kastberg, he assured me that the food would be superb and we were not let down the night of the party.

Despite a few folks having some trouble finding the Tavern in the dark, the forty seven members who joined in the festivities had a great evening. The food was wonderful and plentiful, the room was large enough to move around and visit and we even enjoyed a fire in the fireplace. Next year we will provide a map or more complete instructions. Our apologies to all who wandered aimlessly around town.

The real Santa was absent this year due to a bit of illness so Steve Bell graciously agreed to act as Santa sans suit and volunteered Don to act as his assistant "Elf". Everyone had a good time and again I ended up going home with the gift that I brought... I wouldn't have bought it if I didn't like it!! Walt Michaels even had to get a normal gift this year. As usual there were a couple of gifts that seemed to attract a lot of attention like the piece of Polish cook ware and the infamous "Laser Level"... apparently some thought they could use it to do a front end alignment on their Healey.

There were several new faces amongst the partiers. The Hawes from NH have been members for 10 years and made this their first Healey event. We had a great time talking with them at our table during dinner.. The Foleys have recently purchased a Healey with the able guidance of Jon Kastberg. Hopefully we will see them at more meets this coming year.

Many thanks to all that joined us in Sturbridge, a location that has been opted for due to it's relatively central location for the bulk of the membership. If the powers to be agree, we hope to make a return trip to the Oliver Wight Tavern next December. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you.



AHCA New England Members Survey

As a member of the Austin Healey Club of America, New England Region, we are interested in your thoughts and recommendations. Please complete this short survey, so that your Area Coordinators and I, may be able to provide an experience to maximize your enjoyment in the Austin Healey NE club.

1. Which Area do you live?

Eastern CT Western CT Western NH/VT Eastern NH Western MA Eastern MA/RI
Maine New York, New Jersey other

2. Which Austin Healey events interest you the most?

	Most Important	Somewhat Important	Little or No Interest
Annual Summit			
Local AHCA Events			
Monthly Newsletter "Healey Exhaust Notes"			
Monthly Ntl Mag "Healey Marque"			
Website			
Tech Sessions			
Gymkhanas			
Driving rallies			
Driving progressive dinners			
Ice cream socials			
Other (specify)			

3. How many AHCA NE Events did you attend in 2010?

Zero One Two to Four Five or more

4. What distance in miles are you willing to drive your Healey to attend local one day events?

0 - 25 miles 26 - 50 miles 50 +

5. Summit 2011 will be held July 21st - 24th in Eastern CT. Which events would you be most likely to participate? (Check all that apply)

Car Show Gymkhana Planned Drive Rally Banquet Dinner
Event at Mohegan Sun Tech Sessions Self Guided tours
New England Clam Bake

6. Do you plan on attending Summit 2011?

Yes No Maybe