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October 2011 AHCA NE President's Letter

Fall is here in New England, but the recent weather still feels like summer with the heat and humidity. Personally, I have had an interesting month, as my position with Covidien was eliminated, after almost 30th years and traveling all over the world professionally. I think at 55, I am still too young to retire, so I am exploring all professional options, including positions to take advantage of my passion for British and Classic cars.

We had a great weekend at British Invasion in Stowe, VT including the sale of our 1964 Jaguar Mk2. We haven't been using the Jag enough in the past couple of years, and have been talking about selling the Cat, and the timing seemed appropriate. "Project Lucas" the '59 Iris Blue Sprite, which I have been restoring the past two years, for our seven year old grandson Lucas, should be running during October, and ready for final fit out.

Bob Britton did a great job in organizing the AHCA NE event at British Invasion, including the first Summit 2012 planning meeting, and the Saturday evening cocktail party at the Matterhorn. The variety of hors d'oeuvre and great Healey company from New England and Quebec made for an exceptional evening.

Summit 2012 will be July 12th – 15th at the Eagle Mountain Resort in Jackson, NH. We have many new and interesting ideas for next year's New England premier Healey event. Several club members are teaming up with Bob for the planning of Summit 2012. If you are interested in being part of next year's Summit committee, please contact Bob at healeybj7@hotmail.com.

There are still couple AHCA New England events planned for October including Rich Ray's Lake Winnepesaukee tour on Saturday October 1st and Jack Miller's Country Color Drive on Saturday, October 15th in Harvard, MA. Our final event of this year will be our annual Christmas party the first Saturday in December at Olde Sturbridge Village.

See you down the road,

Peter Sturtevant
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AHCA NE EVENT CALENDAR 2011

October 1, 2011 Sat. 10:00 AM	Lake Winnepesaukee tour with Rich Ray RSVP: richray210@gmail.com, Rich Ray 603 362 4221	Start Newburyport, MA
October 15, 2011 Saturday 10:00 AM	"Country Colors Drive"- Fruitlands Museum and Apple Picking RSVP: jackmiller2@aol.com, Jack Miller 617 633 2263	175 East Bare Hill Rd Harvard, MA 01451
October 23, 2011 Sun. 5:00pm	CT Drive and Dine with Adam Nolde adamnolde@yahoo.com or 203-606-4675	TBD
Dec 3, 2011 Sat. 6:00pm	AHCA NE Holiday Party at the Oliver Wight Tavern	Olde Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA

Just wanted to pass along that Paula and I took first place in class 6 "Fancy and Fun" at the Sunday in the Park Concourse show on Labor Day weekend at Lime Rock Park. Best, Ed Collins

"Keep calm and keep the Healey moving forward"

The Winni Run

October 1, 2011

We have 2 meeting points: # The first meeting point is in Rochester, NH Wild Willy's Hamburgers. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Wild Willy's located at the intersection of Rt. 125 and Rt 16.

The 2nd meeting point for those who do not meet at Wild Willy's is the Mc Donalds at the Alton Circle in Alton, NH. We should arrive by 11:45.

We head North on Rt. 28A along the lake toward Wolfeboro, NH. It is about 11 miles. We have reservations at the Wolfetrap Grill & Rawbar 19 Bay Street in Wolfeboro, NH. 603-569-1047. They have a great parking lot and are on Back Bay on the lake.

After lunch we head North on Rt 109 & 25 West toward Tuftonboro, NH passing through Melvin Village, NH. Beautiful farms and views of the lake along the way. There is an "Old car shop" in Melvin Village that might be worth a quick stop if time permits. On our way toward Moultonborough, NH we pass the turnoff for Castle in the Clouds. If you are staying an extra day this is a great place to visit. Leaving Moultonborough we continue on toward Center Harbor, NH. If we have any quilters in the group Center Harbor has a terrific quilt shop with a place for coffee or soft drinks next door. We look for Rt 3 to take us to Meredith, NH. Heading South from Meredith we look for 11B south that takes along the western shore. We take a quick drive along Governor's Island to view some of the most expensive real estate on the lake. Taking Rt. 11 East along the lake taking us back to Alton, NH. The trip around the lake is 62 miles. From here we can head for home or return to motels. This should be peak foliage season. If you are staying overnight be sure to make reservations early.

Motels, Inns, and B&Bs: Wolfeboro Inn 90 N. Main St. 603-569-3016

Piping Rock Resort, Lakeview Inn, Tuc-Me-Inn B&B

Want to Golf? Bald Peak Golf Resort or

Kingswood Golf Club

Want to Shop? Wolfeboro & Meredith offer fun shops

RSVP: richray210@gmail.com, Rich Ray 603 362 4221

Lake Winnepesaukee Tour



Sir Winston the Bulldog

"Country Colors Drive" October 15, 2011
175 East Bare Hill Rd Harvard, MA 01451
Jack Miller 617 633 2263 RSVP: jackmiller2@aol.com,

Starting from a welcome at our house, we can direct people to several driving opportunities close by. The first would be The Fruitlands Museum. It has Indian and Shaker artifacts as well as a spectacular view to the west for Fall Foliage. We also have the Harvard Fall Flea market and Antiques sale close by with at least 50 booths of neat "STUFF". People from all over set up to sell their goodies. Next we have numerous opportunities to pick your own apples. Carlsons has great picking as well as really good Cider. There is also "Phils" the State Cider Champ for several of the last years. Next is the Nashoba Valley Winery which is a nice ride and has a very interesting venue. That along with some nice roads make for a busy day. We can welcome people any time after 10:00 am. We will offer plenty of food, area maps, a place to relax, bathrooms, and good comraderie.

The Austin Healey Holiday Party
Saturday, December 3, 2011

6:00 PM Till 11:00 PM
Oliver Wight Tavern
Olde Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA

For this years party, we will be in a little larger and quieter room with our own bathrooms, coat racks, bar and bar tender.

The dinner buffet will be very similar to the delicious and generous offerings of last year with carved roast sirloin of beef, pan roasted sage chicken and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Three hot and two cold hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 for 1 hour prior to the dinner. The price will be \$35/person.

Santa will arrive so keep your eyes open for just the right \$10 gift for our Yankee Swap.

At 5:00 there will be a short club business meeting in order to get a head start planning for next year's events

I will include a map and reservation information
in the next newsletter

Add the date to your calendar today. Limited seating.

Carole Paye dpaye@crocker.com



We Had a Hot Time at the New England Region Sun and Sand Summit 2011!

By George M Greider

The New England Region's Sun and Sand Summit 2011 was held on July 20th to 24th in southeastern Connecticut and coastal Rhode Island for the first time in the event's fourteen-year history. Our local organizing committee pulled out all the stops to show the others why we love living here.

After check-in and a pool party at the Holiday Inn in Norwich, CT Wednesday night, Carl and Amy Carvell organized a traditional (and very generously portioned) New England Clam Bake on the ocean in Weekapaug, RI. The next morning Ted and Judi Stanton hosted Breakfast on the Beach near their home in Stonington, CT after which Ted told about the remarkable and much-celebrated Battle of Stonington.

There were many optional driving tours afterward with potential stops at the Groton Submarine Museum and the USS Nautilus, Olde Mystic Village, Mystic Aquarium and The Pequot Native American Museum at Foxwoods Resort Casino (the largest casino in the Western Hemisphere).

That afternoon Adam Nolde had designed —and Steve Bell laid out—a very tight gymkhana course through three parking lots behind the inn. Because of excellent advanced publicity, we had over a dozen cars of onlookers, including one woman using a wheelchair who remembered when her father had run gymkhanas in his TR3. She “walked” the course with the drivers.

That night pretty much everybody took the hotel courtesy van to other Indian casino – Mohegan Sun for a buffet dinner and a free show by Paul Revere and the Raiders.

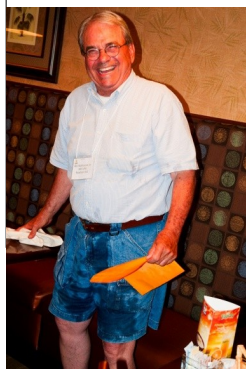
This was the Sun and Sand Summit and Friday broke local records for heat. The Poker Rallye left at 10:00 am and included stops in the exceptionally scenic town of East Haddam for lunch, a look at a castle, an ice-cream break and a photo op near waterfalls that prompted one member to leave most of his clothes in the car and jump in to cool off. As we drove back to the Inn, a bank thermometer read 102°.

Saturday morning offered tech sessions on wiring by Rhode Island Wiring Service of West Kingston, RI and car detailing by Bill Erickson.

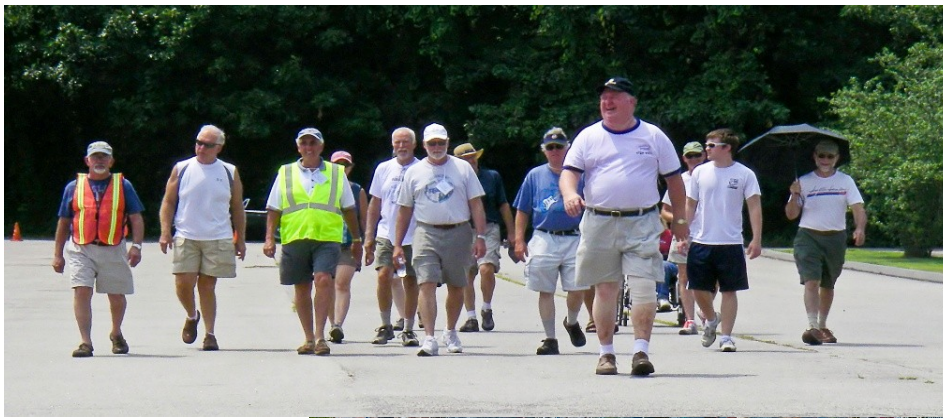
Saturday afternoon, we were invited onto the green in Mystic Seaport, The Museum of Man and the Sea, one of the region's largest, most historic and busiest attractions (www.mysticseaport.org). We planned the car show to include the public as voters for their favorite car and had the opportunity to talk to hundreds of people about our dear LBCs. Adam Nolde had made posters for each category with key differences highlighted for Sprites, 100s, Roadsters and Convertibles. Cindy Sturtevant had designed and printed an activity book that included trading cards, coloring pages and a set of color-and-cut, foldout car models that were very popular with younger folks.

After the banquet Saturday night, trophies were awarded for the gymkhana and Popularity Car Show as well as few extemporaneous awards such as Deb Katz's Pretty Woman plaque and Don Paye's Most Unusual Sightseeing for his side trip to the hospital. Robert Scalla picked up a Coming Out Of His Shell award for his karaoke singing. Bob Britton won Most Unusual Rally Event for his impromptu swim at Chapman Falls

We feel we really packed a Conclave-quality experience into our schedule. Afterwards, the President of Mystic Seaport invited us to come back again next year and we hope to make “Healeys at Mystic Seaport” an annual event that will entice people from not only New England and Canada (as came this year), but also Healeys from elsewhere in the mid-Atlantic and beyond to come spend a weekend enjoying our Sun and Sand.







The oldest entry in the show.....



Special thanks to
George Greider,
Gayle Kranz
and Robert Scalla
for providing write-ups
on a terrific Summit!!!

Dear Friends across the world:

Please welcome the new addition to our family as we also bid farewell to Vars' race car that he owned since 1977. He bought the race car as a derelict in the Texas desert and brought it back to life from its' prior glory of early 1960's racing to become a modern vintage racer from 1996 through 2006. It's now time to put away racing and instead enjoy vacationing with other car enthusiasts.

We've had the pleasure of our annual trips to England to the Healey Drivers Club for six years now, but we always had to say we only had a race car for a Healey and not one we could drive on the road.



We also just attended our very first Healey event in the U.S. Vars has been a club member for over 25 years but we never went to events because we did not have a road-going Healey to drive. The weekend in Norwich, Connecticut that we attended "Summit..Sun & Sand" in late July linked us up with Don and Carole Paye who sold us our "new" 1960 Austin Healey "Frogeye" Sprite. This is in very sound shape and will become a fun driver for Nancy during the summer. She can reach the pedals and steering wheel, something she can't do in our 1960 Triumph TR 3 and 1990 Jaguar XJS that Vars gets to drive during the summer good weather.

The race Healey 100-4 has just been trailered down our driveway on Saturday, September 3rd to be delivered to a gentleman in Paris, France. He is very active in vintage racing in Europe and intends to drive it in the LeMans Historic race this coming July, 2012. We, who have and love vintage cars, understand that we are never really "owners" of the cars, instead we are their "caretakers" who pass them on to other "caretakers" to continue their lives with other people. We are confident that the race Healey has gone to a good home.



So please join us in welcoming our new addition and saying farewell to an old friend.

Best Regards to All, Vars and Nancy Smith

LIME ROCK'S "HISTORIC 29" WEEKEND:

Unlike last year, my Healey ran well, so this year's "HISTORIC 29" was uneventful. Just another GREAT weekend and time-warp back to the sports cars of the '50s and '60s.

I've been to Lime Rock on many a hot & humid weekend. This weekend, down in the low land called "paddock B", there was no breeze at all. So the heat and humidity got to me. Being among the trailers & campers didn't help. Thankfully, I could escape to the upper campgrounds where I was set up and had shade and some breeze. The NEW showers (on a trailer) also helped.

In the pits, my two racer friends with Healey 100s had no problems and did well. One friend (1st place last year) won 1st place in 3rd race with his Healey, set fastest lap, and would have won 1st place in 4th race if not for going off track in rain.

It's interesting to see what goes on in the pits. More than just race what you bring, sometimes racers are involved with car repairs between races. One friend in the pits had a problem with oil getting up to the rocker shaft & arms; tore the head off, cleared a blockage, and re-assembled the head to race again. Similarly, another racer also had a valve problem and disassembled the head on his motor to try fix. (Once before, Jim Smith did the same on his Healey.) Interestingly, some spare parts for repairs come from the swap vendors. Jim Smith lost a Whitworth nut in the grass(???) and found some in the swap space. Once I helped a guy tear apart an MGA tranny when he found a replacement gear in the swap space and was able to race again.



Speaking of Jim Smith, it was too bad that the club couldn't get desired accommodations in the swap space area. The club space has always been a focal point for club members, and perhaps a visit by Jim Smith. As it was, I only met one other club member. This year, Lime Rock officials seemed to exercise more control (organize?) of pit spaces and swap spaces, and restricted unnecessary vehicles. Perhaps the pits are getting too crowded? Maybe that's why the club couldn't get adequate accommodations?

As I drove by the parking areas, I overheard someone say to his friend: "Austin Healey". It kind-of amused me to hear that. Of all the unique and interesting cars at Lime Rock, someone took notice of MY car. Although Healeys have been a part of my life, I realized that perhaps not many people see every day Healeys running on the streets.

There was the usual contingency of Healeys present. On track, there were the two 100s of my friends, a couple Bugeyes (a pretty blue & white one), a 3000, and Sprigets. The Sunday car show included three 3000s, three 100-6, two more 100s, and a Bugeye. And all the way from Ontario were a few guys in a Healey and a MGTC!

On Monday (Labor Day), with rain predicted for the afternoon and Tuesday, I decided to leave after the 1st race rather than put my convertible to up and drive in rain and traffic. As it was, I had no rain on the way, and sunshine at home. Late news showed I missed heavy rain at Lime Rock. My friends who stayed said they got flooded!

Did I tell you the story of the 1st place trophy swap?? ... you don't want to hear it!!

Remember: it's better in overdrive! Duane Walzer

An afternoon in the life of a Healey owner!



*How many
lighthouses did
you see????*



The Quebec AHCA is hosting CONCLAVE 2013
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At the MANOIR RICHELIEU
HARLEVOIX, QUEBEC, CANADA
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Mystic Car Show 2012?????

Sun and Sand Summit 2011 in Southeastern Connecticut and Southwestern Rhode Island had many, many high points; including the temperature.

One of the most significant events was the car show on the green at Mystic Seaport. We put over forty Healeys in front of hundreds of visitors to one of New England's premiere destinations.

And, we have been invited to come back next year.

Ted Stanton and I gave (from the Austin-Healey Club – New England Region) to Mystic Seaport President Steve White a check for \$200. President White invited us to be a signature part of the same weekend next year.

Meaning that "Healeys on the Green" would be a part of the promotion and the event name changed to something like "Antique Boat and Car Festival Weekend."

I personally think that it would be a fantastically effective way to promote awareness and appreciation of the Healey marque as well as a fun event. Participants would not only get a day at the Seaport – which, if you did not attend, is a magnificent recreation of a 18th-19th century whaling village and seaport with a world-class collection of period-perfect buildings and craftsmen and most of all boats, boats and more boats; many of which you can rent or ride on. (To get an idea visit, www.mysticseaport.org.) In addition there is a party on Saturday night that we did not stay for this year, although we were invited, called the Rumrunners Rendezvous. President Smith suggested that the presence of Healeys next year should inform the party theme next year.

As you can see from the photo we let Steve sit in Ted's 100-4 and told him he had a year to get his own.

But before I get carried away we need to be sure that it won't just be five or six cars which was all Amy could count after an informal survey at Stowe.

I would like to hear from anyone in the region who would seriously plan to attend Saturday July 28, 2012.

The concept is a car show starting shortly after noon, popularity judging by the crowd at the Seaport, followed that evening with the Rumrunners Rendezvous party. (This year they had a steel drum group playing during cocktails and the buffet and a Jimmy Buffet tribute band for the dance.) People should plan to stay at a nearby hotel Saturday night; there are several within a mile or so. There are ample breakfast and brunch options in the neighborhood for Sunday morning.

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