



Healey Exhaust Notes

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AHCA NE December 2011 President's letter

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as the President of the New England region. I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and energy in support of club events. The AHCA NE sponsored or participated in 15 British car events in 2011. Membership was down slightly by 2% or net 6 members from last year, with a current total of 325 members. Unfortunately, we lost a couple of members who passed away this year, and several more who sold their cars. Positively, we have added roughly 25 new members during 2011. New England proudly continues to be the largest and best represented region of AHCA. Steve Bell recently represented our membership at the annual Delegates meeting in Louisville, KY, which you can read separately in this month's newsletter.

On a personal note, my three month "early retirement" is over! I have recently started a new sales and business development role for a global transportation and logistics company, Nippon Express. During my "retirement" I completed the restoration of our '59 Sprite, "Project Lucas" and have driven around 150 "break in" miles, and she goes great with the 1275 engine and 5 speed Datsun transmission. The car has been restored for our grandson Lucas, (at least that is my excuse to Cindy), as he won't get his license for another ten years.

For 2011, we have been soliciting new ideas from the membership. We had two on-line member surveys to support the growth of the club. Thank you to the 35% of the membership who promptly completed the surveys. 50% of the members did not attend any AHCA NE events in 2010. The membership is most interested in local one day events, our monthly newsletter; Healey Exhaust Notes, Healey Marque, and Tech Sessions. I was very pleased this year that three (3) newer members hosted one day events for the first time. Our editor Carole Paye is doing a great job in publishing our monthly newsletter. We have converted the vast majority of members to receive their newsletter, electronically. Carole and Bob Britton our NE VP have done a great job to assure we have current and active e-mail addresses for members. Over 90% of the members have current and accurate e-mail addresses.

Summit, Sun and Sand was our region's premier event in July of 2011. Steve Bell chaired the organizing committee for Summit 2011, and the team did an outstanding job in delivering a great Healey event. Summit consisted of four days on coastal CT and RI with the highest temperatures of the entire summer. Summit this year, included a Clam Bake, a morning breakfast on the beach, two tech sessions, and evening a Mohegan Sun, Chinese Auction, and Poker Rally driving tour of costal CT, an exclusive Car show at Mystic Seaport Village, Gymkhana, and the closing Banquet. To promote the Future 50, we created a Healey Activity Book for children to learn about the Marque, with the history of each model with pictures, coloring pages, and cutouts from Moss Motors. At the Delegates meeting other regions were very impressed with the Activity Book and it will be expanded by National in the future.

The finances of the region are healthy with \$12k dollars in joint savings and checking accounts. Club officers have recent authorized funding of the account for Summit 2012 which will be held at the Eagle Mountain Resort in Jackson, NH. Bob Britton will chair Summit 2012 and has held two planning meetings thus far, and the next meeting will be on Saturday January 14th at TJ O'Brien's in Sturbridge, MA at 10 AM. We will not have a Summit 2013 to potentially impact attendance of Conclave 2013 with our Healey friends in Quebec.

Our annual Christmas Holiday party was a great evening and thanks to Carole Paye for arranging a great venue and meal for the club members. Santa Claus Bender was back in rare form, for the traditional Yankee Swap gift giving, and the Sunoco Healey sign was far and away to most swapped present this year, changing hands close to a dozen times. (cont'd next page)

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Tentative 2012 New England Events

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February...TBA???		
and	Planning Meetings	Peter Sturtevant 744-284-1212
March..TBA???		
July 11-15, 2012	Eagle Mountain House Jackson, New Hampshire	Bob Britton 603-381-3158 healeybj7@hotmail.com

(Continued from front page) I am looking forward to an even better 2012 for AHCA NE. On January 21st, our New England club we will be donating to Jay Leno at his Big Dog Garage in CA, the freshly restored Dunlop Tire Bridge, originally created for Conclave 2007 in Burlington, VT. The Dunlop Tire will be permanently displayed at Leno's museum for others to enjoy a new life, after spending the past four years hidden in a coffin crate, which it survived a warehouse roof collapse last winter. Exciting plans for 2012 are well underway with members providing excellent ideas for new events. We will again use new on-line surveys to support our strategies for the club for 2012, and beyond.

Happy Holidays to you and your families and wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Kindly, Peter Sturtevant

The Journey of the Dunlop Tire Display

For those of you who attended Conclave 2007 in Burlington Vermont, you will no doubt recall the Dunlop tire display which made its debut at that event. It was designed and built Dominic Falconeiri with the help of 7 other other club volunteers: Ed Brennon, Frank Motta, Jim Dechambeau, Jane Dechambeau, Steve Bell, John Kelley and Peter Sturtevant. From the day it was completed in Middleboro Ma., it has had an interesting journey.

The display when erected is 16 feet long, 3 feet wide at its bases and stands 7 feet 6 inches tall. To build the tire it required 22 sheets of plywood and many structural elements. To facilitate moving it, it was built in 2 sections and was fitted together at the top dead center of the arch. Dave Altman agreed to pick it up in Middleboro and deliver it to Burlington, using one of his large box trucks. Upholstered cradles were made to secure it and the journey of the Dunlop Display began. It was assembled at Conclave and used as a photo backdrop and centerpiece with many Healey's and people being photographed under and around it including Bic Healey and Gerry Coker. After the closing of Conclave, Dave Altman once again volunteered to pick it up and truck it to his warehouse in Ipswich Ma for storage.



A few months later our club was asked, by a group of British Austin Healey club members who were in attendance at Burlington, if we would be willing to ship it to the UK to be used at the Goodwood Race Track as a focal point of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Austin Healey Sprite. They agreed to cover the expenses and again the display was loaded into one of the Altman's trucks and shipped from Ipswich back to Falconeiri's shop in Middleboro. A crate was designed and built with volunteers to house and ship the tire in a container to the UK. The crate was 13 feet long, 4 feet wide and 7 feet high. The 2 halves and all accessory pieces were stacked on top of each other with upholstered cradles supporting them. Another 14 sheets of plywood were required to build the crate.

In 2008 the display was shipped to the UK and made an impressive appearance at the Goodwood event, and returned once again to find its home in Altman's warehouse. The display was leading a very comfortable life in its warehouse along with about 45 other collectable cars until the fateful snow and rain storms that hit New England in February 2011. The state of Ma. alone encountered over 185 roof collapses from abnormal snow loads. Altman suffered the fate of many and lost 1/3 of his warehouse and many of the collectable cars were destroyed.

The Dunlop crate was stored in an area that received less destruction and was further protected by an inflatable boat which was stored above it. The boat cushioned the collapse of the crushed steel roof. The crate at this time was picked up with a fork lift and moved outside to the edge of the parking area as clean up of the destroyed and salvageable cars got under way.

After Altman had sufficient opportunity to get the disaster and its consequences under control it was decided that Dave and I would meet and remove a sheet of plywood from the side of the crate and evaluate the contents. After 5 months of exposure to the elements, our analogy was that it was going to be like opening the safe of the Andrea Doria: Could it be jewels, or could it be seawater? A time and date was selected and with the help of a few club members, the plywood was removed and the contents were evaluated. In talking it over with President Pete, it was decided that as we no longer had free storage it would be much better if we could donate the Dunlop to a worthy car museum which would put it on display and not stick it in a warehouse. If the condition of the contents did not warrant the donation then we were going to take it to the dump.

As this story gets a little lengthy maybe we will continue it until the following winter month's newsletter. Kind of like the serials we listened to "Back in the Day" Don't you hate that phrase?

Best to all... Dominic

SUMMIT 2012 UPDATE

Mark your calendars and save the dates July 11-15, 2012 for Summit 2012. For our 15th Anniversary Summit we are heading back to where it all started in 1997 in Jackson, NH at the Eagle Mountain House. www.eaglemt.com. The Eagle Mountain House, one of the five remaining “Grand Dame” hotels of the White Mountain Region, was built in 1879 and is listed as a Historic Hotel of America. One of the main features of the Eagle Mountain house is the 230’ long veranda that fronts the entire hotel where guests can sit in the rocking chairs overlooking the mountain views and golf course watching the world and Healey cars pass by. What a great setting to host the next Summit.

While your Summit Committee is still working on the many details and schedule for Summit a preview of tentatively scheduled events include a tour to the John Moir Auto Museum to see a collection of cars from every letter of the alphabet, a picnic lunch at a most unusual site, a rib and chicken BBQ diner at an inn that celebrates the Christmas season year round, a golf and tennis tournament and pool party one afternoon at the Eagle Mountain House, of course a rally along some of the most beautiful roads and breathtaking scenery the East Coast has to offer, several tech sessions to learn more about the care of our Healey’s, a Chinese auction to get that part or Healey item that you always wanted, a traditional Gymkhana and Funkhane event that may appeal to those who don’t want to “race” their cars, a car show in downtown North Conway that will surely attract a large crowd of summer visitors, the return of the 72’ long track for competitive Hot Wheel racing, and a new event this year, Valve Cover Racing. See Rich Ray’s article elsewhere in the newsletter. Of course we will have the usual Banquet diner at the Eagle Mountain house to celebrate the conclusion of Summit with an award ceremony.

The highlight of Summit may very well be the “Healey’s on Top” summit ascent to the top of Mount Washington at 6200’ to view the sunset preceded by a BBQ diner at the base of the mountain. If any of you remember this event in 1997 you know how spectacular it will be.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help many of the club members who have already committed to running an event at Summit. No experience is necessary, only a commitment to have fun is required. If interested please email Bob Britton at healeybj7@hotmail.com. All are invited to attend the next Business and Summit Planning meeting at TJ O’Brien’s in Sturbridge, MA on Sat. Jan. 14th. Bob Britton



Valve Cover Racing is coming to YOU At Summit 2012

On November 16th I did not know what “Valve Cover Racing” was. Now as I write this article I find myself running the event at Summit 2012 and very excited about it. This event is loaded with fun for all attendees of our Annual Summer Meeting. If you still have your November 2010 issues of Healey Marque there is a picture of some valve cover racers on page 25. They are designed to go down an 8 foot track as fast as possible. www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKYPEGdTGwg will show you some valve cover racing in Atlanta and Australia. The ones with really funny accents are from Georgia. J

Bob Britton and I are just starting to get going on planning the 2012 Summit (July 12th through the 15th). Bob is in charge of the whole shebang! I am just working on the valve cover racing event. We want to get you involved early. The Summit starts in 223 days. Don’t waste a minute. Start looking around for a 4 or 6 cylinder valve cover now! If you have extra covers kicking around the garage that you might donate please let me know via e mail and we will get the information out to other members through Exhaust Notes. They do not have to be Healey valve covers. They do not fancy or new.

VALVE COVER RACER GUIDELINES:

Racers can be up to 26” long and up to 18” wide.

Maximum weight is 12 lbs.

All wheels must be 6” or less in diameter, and must have a non-metallic outer surface that contacts the track.

Wheels cannot extend beyond the front or rear of the valve cover.

No mechanical propulsion is allowed.

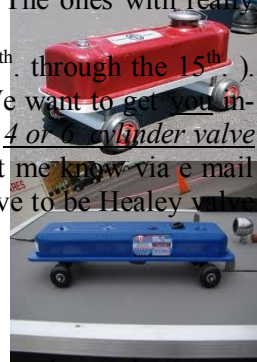
All racers must be “home-made” No catalogue racers allowed.

There will be prizes for the fastest cars, best design, and a special event for kids.

In our group kids are anyone under 40! We look forward to lots of entrants. I promise it will be a lot of fun!

Rich Ray

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Delegates Report November 12-13, 2011 Louisville, KY

The annual fall AHCA delegates meeting was held at the Breckenridge Inn, Louisville, KY. President Gary Brierton opened the session at 9 AM on Saturday morning and the roll call was taken. Following the roll call, it was noted that this was the best attended delegates meeting in quite some time with only 9 chapters not being represented.

Ben Moore, president of the local Bluegrass Club, was on hand to welcome us to Louisville. The minutes from the summer (Conclave) delegate's meeting were reviewed approved.

Chapter reports followed with a request to keep them to two minutes. The following is a short list of items I found to be worth recording and reporting to our club.

The Atlanta Chapter does a "Toys For Tots" fundraiser by asking attendees to their Christmas Party to bring along a wrapped toy. I thought this was a good idea!

Mid-Ohio Region reported that they run an "All-Marque" Auto Cross as their chief fundraising event and it is always well attended. Northeast Ohio reported that they hold their Christmas Party in January and have found that more members attend. The Wisconsin Chapter stated that they made 2 donations to local vo-tech high schools to support those students in the auto related classes. Several clubs reported excellent bank balances while some of the smaller clubs are struggling in this regard. To courage these especially small clubs to have representation at the delegates meeting, a sponsorship program was to be considered in the future.

Following the midmorning break, reports were heard from the various vice-presidents.

Greg Lauser, VP of Promotion, had a large number of the new Hemmings Car Reference Books, with several given to each delegate to bring back to the local clubs. These are to be used to reward local club members for bringing in new members or for sponsoring a very special event. There was also discussion regarding national business cards, available to be downloaded by each chapter.

Gary Feldman, VP of Club Support, was able to pass out many sets of cards for members who may sell their Austin Healey locally. These cards will be used to try to keep track of where club members cars go when sold. Also, "New Member" cards were updated and the delegates were requested to get several of these out to local club members who are active and may be able to leave the contact information at other events where Austin Healey's are present. He also reported that more club information is needed for the Healey Marque's back page where events are listed. He also strongly advocated that the web site be used for listing these events as well. Clubs need to take advantage of the system that is already in place. The AHCA would like to create a list of repair facilities known to each local club for publication. This is to help club members who do not have a regular mechanic or for traveling members who may need to have emergency service. Membership cards would also be sent to these facilities with the hope that the owners would give one to anyone who would bring their Austin Healey in for service and was not already a member.

Don Klein, VP of Classification and Safety handed out a reclassification sheet for approval. Although it's still a work in progress, the attempt is being made to consolidate some categories and assign points for various modifications on a more reasonable basis. By reducing the number of classes, this will also decrease the number of awards and trophies needed at various club events.

Jim Frakes, VP of Conclaves introduced the following members who made reports regarding the recent Conclave and those in the planning stages:

John May reported that the Colorado Conclave was a financial success with his comment that "Sponsorship is everything". Without the heavy sponsorship and the attendance a bit below "average", it was not clear whether or not they would finish in the black. But they did.

Ben Moore reported on Conclave 2012 to be held in Louisville, KY. There was a great audio visual presentation and Ben certainly showed a great deal of enthusiasm for the events his club has planned. Registrations made before February 29, 2012, will receive a boxed "bourbon cake" that will be provided by a local entrepreneur. The Conclave will be from June 17 - 22nd. Some of the highlights include; a visit and lunch buffet at Churchill Downs, Museum Row, The Kentucky Derby Museum, a venture around the Urban Bourbon Trail as well as a barn party at Hubers' Orchard Winery. Back, by popular request, a Ladies Tea!

Roger Hamel, from the Quebec Chapter reported on Conclave 2013 to be held in Charlevoix Quebec from June 23 - 28. The host site will be Le Manoir Richelieu, a 405 room world class hotel. This conclave will be the "farthest North" any conclave will have been hosted and certainly hot weather will not be a concern. Roger did not have an audio visual presentation but did supply local maps and hotel information. The hotel is located next to the Saint Lawrence Seaway and a spectacular view is afforded!

Jim Frakes reported that there is a proposal on hand for 2014 from a club in the Southeast who has asked to remain anonymous for the present. On two separate occasions, it was brought to the delegates' attention that Conclaves should not be held during the summer months in the southern regions. This will be considered by the group looking to put together the Conclave for 2014.

Treasurer, Beverly Sealand passed out a copy of a report to all members, which included comparing numbers to recent years etc. While there is no dues increase projected for 2012 a number of issues related to the budget were raised. Due to the economy, interest revenue from CD's and other investments has dwindled significantly. The costs of producing the Healey Marque and the membership directory continue to rise. A proposal will be made under "New Business" in the afternoon session. At this time, the checking account and the savings account have a balance of \$39,167.69

Mike Schneider, Membership Director passed out a chart showing membership activity for the past year. Many clubs have stayed within their normal quotas while New England had an overall increase of 25 members after several years of declining numbers. There was a great deal of discussion relating back to the delegates reports about the causes for membership fluctuation. Membership issues will be considered at one of the upcoming "breakout sessions".

Healey Marque editor, Reid Trummel also passed out 2 separate reports. Paper and mailing costs continue to be the two items that drive up costs. Also, he reported that some of the advertising money has yet to come in, but was expected. The total costs involved with producing and distributing the Healey Marque are projected to come to \$93,500 for the current year.

Rich Chrysler, in charge of Concours Judging was not in attendance but Reid Trummel reported on his behalf that there were 3 additional inspections held at Encounter this year. (cont'd next page)

Club Insurance, was reported on by a letter from Fred Dabney, who was unable to be in attendance. There had been no issues this past year and there were no increases or changes in coverage expected for the coming year.

Ben Moore reported on Future 50. His focus has now changed to target the 30 to 40 year old age group as these people will likely be the next owners of our cars. A break out session has been planned for the future of "Future 50", which has just completed 10 years of activity. He was pleased to receive a hard copy of the New England Region's "Activity Book" that was prepared for SUMMIT. Other delegates also asked to receive electronic copies for their use as well. (This was passed around during the delegates report.)

Advertising Manager, Bob Gilleland wanted to express his "thanks" to the many sponsors that supported Conclave 2011 and rescued it from potential danger. He also apologized for his lateness in mailing out bills to Healey Marque sponsors. He has had some serious health issues in the family which demanded his attention. He has served in this position for ten years and is asking to find a replacement for the coming year as he intends to step down. He indicated the task is very well laid out and just needs someone who can be timely in handling the mailing issues.

John Eslinger, in charge of National Regalia did not have much to report. There has been very little activity in sales and it was suggested that a new attempt be made, using EBay with a special account set up for AHCA. Several items left over from Conclave 2011 will be put up on the site including the Cubana Shirts, which were also offered to delegates and officers at a reduced rate to help offset the regalia costs of Conclave. No new items are currently under consideration

Old Business Greg Lauser, Reid Trummel, and Carl Brown reported that the "Members Only Page" on the national website is still under construction. When completed past issues of the Healey Marque and Chatter can be viewed. Indexing has been completed from 1982-2002 as well as 2006 & 2007. Members will need to have an active membership and password, probably based on their membership number which appears on the Healey Marque magazine. There will be a one-time cost of \$7000.00 associated with this set up with a very low annual maintenance cost. This same network will allow delegates and officers to directly place information into the web site and to also communicate directly with each other. This site is expected to be ready by November of 2012.

Gary Brierton and Gary Feldman reported briefly on the Angie's List Fundraiser. There seems to be some question as to how many entries were actually submitted last year as several members indicated that they had done so. No money has been forthcoming from Angie's List as part of this fund raising event. Gary was going to look into this matter and report back to the delegates.

New Business Ron Varley, delegate from the Gateway Chapter spoke to the delegation regarding a proposal based on the concerns he has heard about finances, during the past few years. He proposed that AHCA be divided into 9 regions or districts and that local club delegates would need to elect a regional delegate to attend meetings and act on their behalf. This would save the expense of reimbursing some of the travel expenses and accommodation expenses of so many delegates. He outlined what he thought the 9 areas would be and serious discussion ensued. It became clear that the "local delegate" was considered to be the strength of the AHCA and any move away from this local form of representation was not in the club's best interest. The proposal was not seconded and no vote was taken as it was clear in discussion that it was not going to be seriously considered.

Further cost cutting suggestions were made regarding the Membership Directory which is produced and mailed annually. Mike Schneider fielded many questions about how this was handled and how many actual changes occurred each year. It was suggested that this directory could be produced and mailed every other year as the annual cost to do so was approximately \$14,000, 60% of which was mailing cost. A lengthy discussion followed, including putting the "off year" changes on line, once the new web site was complete or producing only a supplemental packet to be mailed to each member. Each of these suggestions only brought a partial savings as Mike also indicated that, in any one calendar year, there has been a change in membership of 350-400 new members, who would need to receive the latest complete directory. Nothing has been planned for 2012 and the following resolution was put forth to the delegates to bring back to their local clubs for deliberation.

"Would the members agree to produce the Membership Directory every other year, with only supplemental information being produced in the "off-year"? Concerned members should contact Steve Bell with their thoughts as soon as possible. 508-947-6499 or scbell1@comcast.net

With the concern over the importance of the club delegate, Gary Brierton moved that a "Delegate's Handbook" be created, that could be passed on to new delegates as they assume their duties. Edie Anderson provided an outline that had been used when AHCA was first formed. Originally scheduled as a breakout session item, Gary decided that with the additional importance brought to light during the proposal to reorganize the structure of AHCA, that he wanted everyone's input into the information that should be placed in such a handbook. The following things were mentioned;

A listing of that specific local delegate's membership

A copy of the AHCA bylaws

A history of the National Club

A history of the local club

A summary of all resolutions

Reports from the Safety Committee

Reports and forms from the Insurance Committee

Delegates reimbursement guidelines

Information on how to use the club website, including passwords and management responsibilities

Treasurer's Report and all other financial reports

Membership Committee Reports

A copy of the most recent delegate's report as given to the local club

A copy of the minutes from the delegates meeting

Information on how to host a delegates meeting Various forms and facts that delegates are responsible for providing to

national

Conclave information.....and Extra paper (cont'd next page)

While no resolution was passed adopting a budget for this or, placing anyone in charge, Gary Brierton will create an outline to be sent out to the delegates.

The following three topics were scheduled for "Breakout Sessions" for late afternoon

- A) AHCA Registries Program
- B) AHCA, Recruitment, Retention and Growth
- C) Future 50

Following the afternoon break, I attended the Future 50 Breakout Session.

Ben Moore led the brainstorming and discussion session with great input from the 10 members who chose to attend this session. Members were very happy with the New England Activity Book and suggested that it could be expanded upon. Ben wanted to try to focus more on the teens to twenty group. What could be done to provide interest in that age group? The suggestion was made to create an Austin Healey race video, with race events; auto crosses etc., to be well done with exciting music and dramatic video. Could an Austin Healey App (application) be created featuring a Healey video game? If so, at what cost? It was also suggested that we could create fund raising events and support area vo-tech schools working on cars or provide a rolling chassis for them at club expense. This would probably have to be a Sprite MKII or III.

Ben also wanted to focus on creating Conclave events that would attract this age group as well. For example, a go-cart experience at a local track or at the gymkhana course, have a 70's style stand-alone driver's video game, keeping track of scores etc., providing a Road Rally for novice navigators so that they can enjoy that kind of event. It was also suggested that the local club could provide a car under construction and actually have these young conclave participants put the car together as the week goes along, perhaps adding trim, installing the radiator, exhaust system, interior etc. It was also suggested that AHCA could provide Conclave scholarships to help offset the cost of bringing an older child to Conclave.

This was a very good session with lots of enthusiasm and I had several requests to receive the Activity's Book on line. I have forwarded Ben Moore's request to the Sturtevant's who helped with the production of those books.

That evening, we traveled to a local Golden Corral for dinner and returned back to the hotel for dessert and to hold an auction of items brought by delegates and officers. The proceeds from this event help to defray the cost of the Delegate's Meeting.

I was unable to be present for the summation of the other two breakout sessions as my travel plans had me leaving very early on Sunday morning to return home.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Bell

Delegate, New England Region

Little Blue---the '67 Healey of Shrewsbury

About 2 ½ years ago, a driver on a cell phone rear-ended me at a stop light in Worcester-----OUCH!

Just this year, my owner completed my chassis off restoration and I was ready for some serious Healeying-----but, my driver fell into many, many weeks of ill health. We weren't able to enjoy much at all---two short Healey events, a couple with the Shrewsbury Old Car Club and then a treat with the Cape Cod British Car Club. For the fifth year in a row, that club held a Martha's Vineyard weekend. Early Saturday morning, November 5, my driver, wife and I met up for breakfast with a few participants at Betsy's Diner in Falmouth and then rallied to Woods Hole for a 9:30 AM ferry departure to Vineyard Haven. It was chilly so my top was up until we disembarked on the island. Then while rounding up at the Tashmoo Overlook on State Road, my top came down and stayed that way until I was tucked away Sunday night in Mashpee.

What a delight to be out on the near empty roads taking in all the scenery in the crisp Fall air. After a stop at the fishing village of Menemsha it was off to Gay Head Light to view the cliffs of Aquinnah, and then to Oak Bluffs for lunch. Participants were free to make their personnel choice. My driver chose Linda Jeans were food and service didn't disappoint. Following lunch, we headed to Edgartown to check in at the Harbor View and then spend some free time until a group dinner at the Wharf Pub where once again food and service were great. Back at Harbor view, folks sat around the fire or lounge enjoying the camaraderie of CCBC friends.

All participants made their own ferry arrangements, so folks did their own thing until ferry departure. My driver and wife walked to breakfast at the Main Street diner, drove me about the island again, taking turns not yet traveled and spotting more new and interesting roads and sights. Once again, roads were empty of traffic and oft times we were alone. It was peaceful, tranquil, and unhurried. We saw an unusual sight and later came upon it again and slowed to chat with its driver. This vello-mobile operated by a year round resident of Martha's Vineyard proved to be one more highlight of the weekend.

Back on the ferry to Woods Hole at 5:15 PM, I was examined by a few passengers only to learn that I had a twin on island-----yup, same year, model and paint job.

Had I known beforehand, I would have looked him up!

Traveling familiar and some not so familiar roads with other British cars was a pleasure. A great trip! A joy to be on the road again!

Little Blue McMahon





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



I am on the board of a school for severely mentally and physically handicapped children.

We had a 2005 Chrysler Crossfire with **800 miles** donated to us.

Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 Ea.

The drawing is when all tickets are sold.

Thanks,
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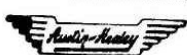
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