



Healey Exhaust Notes

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AHCA NE January 2012 President's letter

We have turned the page, starting another promising Healey year. This mild winter has been great for NE Healey owners in the southern states, with occasional runs on the sunny dry days, without any salt and sand on the road. I always try and keep the Healey's exercised in the winter, whenever possible. It is always a good idea to keep the batteries charged with any inexpensive trickle charger, such as a Battery Tender.

2012 is looking like a great year, with 20 already planned AHCA NE events, or meets in conjunction with other British car clubs. We are listening to your recommendations, from the survey results, and suggestions to our Area Coordinators and Officers. Our first 2012 Planning meeting January 14th had great attendance from members from around the region, and the minutes are printed in this month's Healey Exhaust Notes Newsletter. We have the largest array of AHCA NE one day events this year; including Tech Sessions, Driving tours, the Collings Foundation automotive and aviation museum, "Healey's on the Green" at Mystic Seaport, accompanying the antique boat show, as well as regional events starting a members' homes. These exciting one day events are in addition to "Healey's on the Summit" 2012, mid-July in North Conway, NH including a drive up to the Summit of Mt. Washington. On a clear day, the view will be breathtaking from the Summit!

AHCA NE will have representation and organization at many British car events this year including Carlisle Imports weekend, British by the Sea, Tanglewood British Festival, British Car Day at Lars Anderson Museum, Hemmings Sports & Exotics – Saratoga, NY, Lime Rock Historic Festival featuring Sterling Moss, and British Invasion. If you are aware of other interesting Healey and British car events planned for 2012 please contact me or any of the Officers or Area Coordinators with your ideas. I am hearing a lot more from members around the region looking to buy or sell cars for the upcoming driving season. Please remember to use club advertisers when you need advice or work completed on your Healey.

Thank you to all the members who update you Healey ownership details including chassis number and year of manufacturer. Our club member data base currently has over 350 cars and I have summarized the ownership by Model. We have details on 47 100's including, 12 100M's and the earliest model accounts for 13% of the Healey's, in our region. 29 100-6's have survived in New England, with just slightly more BN4's, compared to the two seat BN6. BT7's account for 10% of the Healey's in NE, and we only are aware of 10 their two seat brothers, BN7. The first convertible Big Healey's the BJ7, account for 7% of the models in the region, with 24 cars. BJ8's are far and away the most popular Healey in NE, with 149 examples and 41% of all Healey's. The BJ8 survival rate is more than double any of the other Big Healey models in here.

Sprites make up 18% of all Healey's in the region with the Mark 1 (Bugeye) the most popular accounting for 84% of known Sprites, still on the road. The survival rate on Sprites is also much lower than Big Healey's by a factor of 4 times compared to their Big brother. We know of two examples in our club, of the rarest Sprite, the Italian made, Innocenti.

On January 21st, our New England club, we will be donating to Jay Leno at his Big Dog Garage in Burbank, 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 Garage for others to enjoy in a new setting. We will provide complete coverage in next month newsletter of the presentation to Jay Leno, plus articles in the Healey Marque, Boston Globe, and other classic car magazines. Jay will have a film crew on site, for a production of the presentation, to be included on his Big Dog Garage website. www.jaylenosgarage.com

We have exciting plans for AHCA New England in 2012 with members providing excellent ideas for new events. Please join us for our next 2012 planning meeting on Saturday morning 10 AM February 25th at TJ O'Brien's Sturbridge, MA. All members are welcome!

Happy Healeying, Peter Sturtevant

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AHCA New England Tentative Event Schedule 2012

February 2012			
Saturday, Feb. 25 10:00 AM	AHCA NE 2012 2nd Planning meeting	TJ O'Brien's 407 Main St Sturbridge MA 01566	Peter Sturtevant Healeybn4@comcast.net 774 284 1212
March 2012			
Saturday, March 24th 10:00 AM	AHCA NE 2012 3 rd Planning meeting	TJ O'Brien's 407 Main St Stur- bridge MA 01566	Peter Sturtevant Healeybn4@comcast.net 774 284 1212
April 2012			
Saturday April 21st 10:00 AM	Tech Session	British Car Restore & Repair	11 Old Right Road # B Ipswich, MA 01938 Bob Abbott healeybj7@aol.com 603 425 3333
May 2012			
Friday May 18- Sunday May 20	Carlisle Imports weekend	Carlisle Fairgrounds 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Car- lisle PA 17013	Steve Bell 508 947 6499 scbell1@comcast.net
June 2012			
Saturday June 2 nd	Automotive and Aviation Museum	The Collings Foundation 137 Barton Road, Stow, MA	Peter Sturtevant Healeybn4@comcast.net 774 284 1212
Sunday, June 3	British by the Sea	Harkness Memorial State PK	275 Great Neck Road, Central Waterford, CT 06385 Ted Stanton healey@snet.net 203 605 4172
Friday, June 15 - Sunday, June 17	The Tanglewood British Mo- torcar Festival	Tanglewood	Lenox, MA
Sunday, June 17 th – Friday June 22 nd	Conclave 2012	Hosted by Bluegrass AHCA	Louisville, KY
Sunday, June 24 th	British Car Day	Museum of Transportation	15 Newton St Brookline, MA 02445
July 2012			
Sunday, July 8		60 Riverside Rd. Simsbury, CT 06070	Robert & Donna Scalla 860-658-0072 izpqmp6913@att.net
Wednesday, July 11 - Sunday, July 15	AHCA NE Summit 2012	Eagle Mountain Resort 179 Carter Notch Road, Jackson, New Hampshire 03846	Bob Britton Healeybj7@hotmail.com 603 381 3158
Saturday, July 28th	Healey's on the Green	Mystic Seaport AHCA NE and the Antique Boat Show	75 Greenmanville Avenue Mystic, CT 06355- 0990 George Greider ggreider@gmail.com 860 922 0757
August 2012			
Saturday, August 4th	Hemmings Sports & Exotics Concours	Saratoga Auto Museum	110 Avenue of the Pines Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Bill Berg jmdberg@verizon.net 802 222 1867
Thurs. Aug. 9- Sunday Aug. 12, 2012	Encounter 2012	Crowne Plaza Hotel Somerset, NJ	john.heffron@hotmail.com
Saturday, August 11th	Southern RI/CT Driving Tour	Peter & Cindy Sturtevant 45 Ocean Village Court, Matunuck (Wakefield) RI	Peter Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net 774 284 1212
September 2012			
Friday, Aug 31st - Monday, Sept 2nd	Lime Rock Historical Festival	Lime Rock Park 60 White Hollow Rd, Lakeville, CT	Steve Bell 508 947 6499 scbell1@comcast.net
Friday, Sept 14 - Sunday, Sept 16	British Invasion	Stowe Event Field	Weeks Hill Road, Stowe, VT Bob Britton Healeybj7@hotmail.com 603 381 3158
Saturday Sept. 29th	Southern CT AHCA NE event	11 Long Close Road Stamford, CT 06902	Hans Abrahams, ethermaster04@yahoo.com
October 2012			
Saturday October 6 th – Sun- day October 7th	Foreign Auto Festival	Owls Head Transportation Museum	Owls Head, ME 04854
November 2012 – No Events planned at this time.			
December 2012			
Saturday, Dec 8th 6:00 PM	AHCA NE Holiday Party	Publick House Inn & Lodge Sturbridge, MA	Carole Paye 413 625 6568 dpaye@crocker.com

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. Bob Britton



A Healey Christmas Party to Remember by Vars and Nancy Smith

As fresh new members of the North East AHC we attended our first Christmas party with the club at Old Sturbridge Village in early December. The drive from Syracuse, New York, though long, was well worth it. The weather was so mild and sunny we wished we had our “new” Frogeye, bought through Don Paye, already on the road. We briefly thought of driving our XJS Jaguar, now with functioning air conditioning – unlike when we attended Sun and Sand Summit in July in that wonderful 100° heat, as we thought it would be great fun, but decided to just drive a “normal” car.

From the hospitality exhibited at Sun and Sand and the new friendships we are starting through the club, we anticipated a super event. Joining up with Don and Carole at The Public House Inn on Friday afternoon we had a bit of libation to wash down the dust of the long trail before heading to Old Sturbridge Village as darkness fell. Once there we enjoyed the Christmas-oriented atmosphere of carolers in the church, a horse drawn carriage ride around the town green and a bit of spiked cider as we warmed ourselves by the central bonfire. Browsing through the Colonial village buildings and their period costumed re-enactors was a “step back in time”, giving us a vision of how simple, yet challenging, life must have been as our country was being settled. The magician show (re-enacting an actual character of the mid-1800’s) was “fun-omenal”. The village had so many buildings and exhibits I think our legs and energy waned before our enthusiasm to see more faded. This is truly a place not to miss, and we hope to come back during the summer months when all of the village and outlying farm areas are buzzing with activity. The evening continued with dinner at the Piccadilly Pub. It was not quite “downtown London”, but the food and company was spot-on. A little nightcap toddy back at the hotel followed by the super comfortable beds rewarded us with pleasant dreams and restful sleep.

Saturday morning was crisp but turning sunny and there was plenty of time for a bit of sightseeing and antique store browsing. After relaxing at the Inn, we headed back to Old Sturbridge Village for the evening festivities, arriving at the tail end of the business meeting. Warm greetings by Peter and Cindy Sturtevant and other members whom we had briefly gotten to know during Sun & Sand put us at immediate ease to enjoy the evening. We were surprised to see Bev Sealand, whom we’ve known previously from The Healey Drivers Club annual international meets in England. We had not realized she was a member of the Northeast Region and had a great talk. The appetizers and buffet dinner was enticing and the bar servings were hardy. We had been told about the \$10 gift exchange but had never experienced the “Yankee” way of doing it. Those of you who were not at the party missed a jolly bearded fellow in a red suit who had quite the eye for the lovely ladies attending and a wit that was boundless and a bit colorful. Should we let the secret of Santa be known? Or just his initials of B.B.? As he called out playing cards the gifts were collected and the exchange fun began. The coveted prize of the evening, a Sunoco Company poster featuring a Big Healey donated by Don and Carole, went down to the wire to a very happy member after having traded hands probably a dozen times. We had hoped our two matching gifts of “potato guns”, hearkening back to Vars’ childhood, might have started a Hatfield and McCoy’s skirmish but the recipients held on to them for their children, nephews or grandchildren. Our importation of a HDC tradition of “rocket balloons” was pretty well received. Our regret was that we only had one small packet, but for the next event – watch out – as we may smuggle many more in so all attendees can loosen their inhibitions a bit and join the raucousness. All one needs is a little hot air! Thanks again to all the members who attended and extended a Healey Holiday Greeting to us. For those of you who couldn’t attend, take it from us, it’s a lot of fun that you should plan on for this year.

Antique Boat and Car Festival Weekend??

One of the most significant events of Summit 2011, Sun and Sand; was the great car show on the Green at Mystic Seaport. We put over forty Healey's in front of hundreds of visitors to one of New England's premiere destinations. Ted Stanton and George Greider 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 in 2012.

Meaning that —"Healey's 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 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. or http://www.mysticseaport.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewPage&page_id=C9BEE772-BF19-EC5D-3C1290ADD3112083

In addition to the boat and Healey show, there is a party on Saturday night, called the Rumrunners Rendezvous http://www.mysticseaport.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.viewPage&page_id=B1552D69-1E4F-379B-60AAF5304F9F7F59

President Smith suggested that the presence of Healey's in 2012 should inform the party theme. The concept is a car show starting shortly after noon, popularity judging by the crowd at the Seaport, followed by an optional evening with the Rumrunners Rendezvous party. Guests are invited to an evening of Caribbean-themed music, food, drink and festivities. The evening will feature steel drums by "Pan Man Jose," dancing to the "Key West Trio," delicious Caribbean fare, and, of course, signature rum cocktails — all set against a backdrop of antique and classic boats on the Mystic River. ***Tropical attire is encouraged!***

People who plan to stay over Saturday night, there are several convenient hotels within a mile of Mystic Seaport. There are ample breakfast and brunch options in the neighborhood for Sunday morning.

We would like to hear from anyone in the region who would seriously plan to attend "Healey's on the Green", on Saturday July 28, 2012. Please confirm George Greider at ggreider@gmail.com by January 31st.

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!

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Our BN1 - Year One

By Ted Cryer

On a cold and windy December 02, 2010 we test drove a 1955 Austin Healey 100 BN1 and made an offer to buy it. Sixteen days later BN1L 221354 arrived at our home. This is the story of the first year with our BN1. This is the eighth big Healey I have owned.

Among the prior seven big Healeys only one was a 100-4 and was a non-running project car that I sold before I got to do anything with it. The test drive on December 02 and moving this BN1 into our garage on December 18th were my only experiences from the driver's seat of a Healey 100. Since Christmas was only seven days away, not to mention working, the BN1 was the center of much admiration but no activity. In the Hudson Valley we received our first snow storm on December 26. The Healey did not see sunshine again until the end of April, 2011. And since it had been licensed and a fully operational vehicle, the four month winter delay until I would drive it again was a torture. I was most anxious to put the windshield down to "speed position", my term, and experience that vintage hero-driver rush.



BN1L 221354 had been mildly vintage raced four times by a prior owner. I received the VSCCA log book. Still installed were its roll bar, ignition kill switch, fire extinguisher, Simpson 5-point harness and Brooklins racing windshield. The lady I purchased the BN1 from intended to also vintage race it and upgraded the rear axle to a BN2, had a rebuild of the carbs and ignition and thorough cooling system service. All of which added to my hero-driver anxiety. All I needed was the usual NYS registration, inspection, insurance and snow free roads.

In no way did the Healey sit dormant awaiting the warm weather. It had been restored in early 1970s displaying a wealth of patina and the signs of wear and tear like a favorite bomber jacket. All things chrome and upholstered welcomed a cleaning and polishing. The excitement of a child with a new toy drove me to play and investigate all its mechanical features. The only panic drill came about from checking the ammeter and battery charge gauges that had been added prior. My fiddling had apparently shifted the ammeter dash mounting bracket and shorting against the hot lead that came from the starter motor. Upon turning on the ignition switch I was immediately horrified by the smell of burning wires and smoke rising from the engine compartment. YIKES! The melting of the newish wiring harness flashed thru my mind with atomic speed. Fortunately I was standing next to the kill switch and had the lightning quick reflexes to use it. The only harm was to a short section of wire added to power the gear reduction starter. After that, my tinkering for the next four months was non-eventful and all fun. Thankfully.

Another thrill from buying the BN1 was that I could finally use some of the parts I had acquired when I worked in 1971-72 at a Jaguar & MG dealer that had been an Austin Healey dealer. The BN1 received NOS parts for its gear shift knob, both right hand knock-offs and shift lever to trans fork bushing. I spend many hours reading the original shop repair manual and spare parts catalog while sitting by the fireplace.

When the last snow had disappeared, the roads were clear and I was ready to drive the Healey to get its NYS inspection. Although it was late April and the convertible top would not fit over the roll bar I was too excited to notice the chilly early morning spring air. The repair shop is about six miles over an open, winding, two lane road and I soaked in every minute and mile of pure vintage Healey Hundred motoring. I envisioned a summer full of Healey inspired drives and adventures.

The first outing was to the Rhinebeck, NY Classic Car Show which has been on the first weekend of May for over thirty years. Two friends in their Lotus Elans made up our sports car caravan of three. I had the windshield lower to the speed position, a tonneau cover in place and I wore WWI flying goggles. I feel the Healey image was completed by the absence of bumpers and a pair of Lucas Flame Thrower driving lights in front. The drive was a total thrill and exhilarating adventure for me. The lowered windshield is a real attention getter, particularly with children. There were six other big Healeys at the show to represent the marque.

My wife has always enjoyed my Healeys and we dated in BN4, which is also an interesting saga. We enjoyed many local drives in the BN1. Unfortunately we were not able to take the Healey to the Summit at Mystic Seaport because the main relay was flaky and rendered the overdrive inoperative. I'd have to say that may have been fortunate because we had forgotten how (very) hot a big Healey interior can be in the summer. We did attend the Summit by way of our VW Jetta Turbo and enjoyed meeting members of the NE AHCA. Seeing so many beautiful Healeys was an awesome treat.

A prior owner of our BN1 from 1975 to April, 2010 lives in Cape Cod near to where we go for vacation every year. We had a very enjoyable lunch with him this September and learned quite a bit more about the past of our BN1. And we swapped a variety of other sports car stories accompanied by a few glasses of local brews.

I did take the BN1 to the Woodstock, NY British Car Show in October. This was a very good show. There was near a dozen Big Healeys and Sprites among the 100 cars. Best of show went to a 1952 Alard J2 that was stunning.

We experienced the "hot and colds" of open big Healey motoring this year. On a 90 degree Sunday afternoon in late June we set out for a summer drive. We didn't recall prior six cylinder Healeys being that HOT! And I made sure the fresh air vent was working. Good news is the engine never showed signs of overheating and stayed around 180 degrees. I have since installed DynaMat insulation under the carpets. The other extreme was this past Saturday which had a high temperature in the low 50s. We drove the BN1 to visit a local Healey friend who lives about an hour to the North East. Although our return leg of the trip was in mid-afternoon, the chilly air from the setting sun made we wish the BN1's heater was not sitting on a shelf in the garage. Brrrr! Is all I can say.

That wraps up 'Our BN1 - Year One' I have fully enjoyed rekindling my Healey spirit after a 33 year hibernation. I wonder how that happened? Perhaps because I also have a 1964 TR4 and 1970 TVR Vixen. Each has its own special character that it shares with you. But the Healey Hundred has captivated me with that unique vintage feeling different than the others. And...it is a Healey.

Aside from the inherent Healey charm and spirit I found I was drawn into the personality of this BN1 beyond any of the other 15 sports cars I have owned, Austin Healeys and otherwise. I have become acquainted with three prior owners and how they contributed to what it is now. A man in Connecticut did a frame on restoration only to discover he was too big to drive it comfortably and, therefore, only put 900 miles on it from 1975 thru 1998. The next owner took it home to Cape Cod, enjoyed a brief period of vintage racing and toured around the Cape on summers for the next eleven years. The lady I bought it from only owned it for seven months, had high anticipations to expand her portfolio of life's adventures only to have other challenges force its sale prematurely. Now it's my turn to write another chapter in this BN1's saga. As I have crawled under, in, over this old car and driven it many times I feel an association with these people and how each contributed to its patina and stories it could tell. How did the windshield get a sticker from the Pacific Centre AHC? Was it originally a west coast car? Numerous people have suggested this would be a great car for a thorough restoration. For now, I can't bring myself to erase the legacy of its past and the opportunity to build on that.

So....."Year One With BN1" was a very good year.

AHCA NE Planning Meeting minutes 1/14/2012

Attendees: Carl and Amy Carvell, Ted and Judy Stanton, Bob Abbott, Bev Sealand, Deb Katz, Carole and Don Paye, Bill Berg, Bob Britton, Rich Ray, Larry Swift, Nick Zarkadas, Craig Dunning, Roy Balthazard, Bob and Betty Bender, Bob Selvidio, Jon Kastberg, Cindy and Peter Sturtevant

Old Business – None

Treasurer's Report – Based on a conversation Keith Risk, bank balance about \$13K, update will be in the Newsletter.

National Update – Bev Sealand No... updates were in the last delegates report

Webmaster's Update – Deb Katz thanks everyone for the Bio's. Anyone who hasn't sent one, please do.

Editor's Report – Carole Paye Delegates report in next newsletter. There are a number of people not on published membership list. Snail mail list needs to update with current email addresses. Membership is good. Concern – renewal list reasonable, not complete but Carole is hoping next month it will be updated. Suggestion to publish events twice before actual event occurs. Sent event/meet notices to Carole as soon as possible.

Area Coordinator's Report – Nothing new to report

Regalia Update – Bob Bender would like to put pictures of regalia on the website as well as send out an email with regalia details to all members. There was mention of regalia for children/grandchildren at future events.

Summary of Survey – Pete discussed key points

Betty – commented on the fact that new members don't find as much value in the club. What can we do to improve to new member's interest... what aren't we doing, what are we doing that we can do better?

Pete suggested local members reach out to new members – buddy system – Bob Britton said area coordinators should be the "buddy". Let members know wives and kids can attend. Give more attention to New Members on the Newsletter – "special section". Don Paye advised we don't lose sight of the fact that some new members don't want to participate because they may have joined for other reasons.

Planning activity for 2012

George Greider and Ted Stanton's event – Healey's on the Green, at Mystic Seaport Saturday July 28th. Since the e-mail reminder, we have heard from 20 people + 6 already confirmed. George will handle publicity. Pete said they are trying to get a Healey boat. Boat show will be same day. 6 hour event including a Dinner Dance – Caribbean dress. Include the value of the \$25 Seaport tickets in the meeting announcement, so people want look at the \$75 per dinner ticket, as outrageous.

Rich Ray asked about driving events on tracks... Bob Britton will check on Auto Cross running with the Porsche Club option at Fort Devens if there is enough interest. Or maybe someone else could check to see about doing one with the Jaguar Club. Bob Britton proposed doing a survey for interest. Look into it for 2013. Bill Berg questioned, can we tie in to our Gymkhana something to get young people join to tie into another club. Maybe Mini? John Kastberg – take into consideration you may have to work the track.

How do we get more people to events: Members could offer to carpool to events for people that don't have a running Healey.

Christmas party – Will be at the Publick House in Sturbridge. It will be a sit down meal with our own bar and bartender / \$99 hotel room with full breakfast.

August 11th RI Drive and maybe with Pig Roast (Pete & Cindy, Carl & Amy). Details to be worked out at a later date.

Sports and Exotic show event – Bill Berg – breakfast and drive to show

Steve Bell – Lime Rock? Where do we stand this year?

British invasion – Club event – yes - Bob Britton will coordinate. Club will host party. Bob will research options with Hotels. We will go with last year's hotel unless he can find one closer for the same money.

Dates are locked in with some members that were interested, but no specifics of the event at this time. We need to go back to verify.

Monthly meeting for Feb 25th and March 24th at TJ O'Brien's are set.

Tech session with Bob Abbott - Saturday, April 21st Ipswich, MA – Healey alterations for comfort, safety. Suggestion from Bob Bender to show to insure late your car? Bob may incorporate into tech session.

Can we put Tech sessions video on website? Deb Katz will find out.

Pete to send Healey list to Rich, Ed, Ted, Bob Britton – Healey Digest??

Don Paye – offered to organize an event at Estate/Museum of the founder of Yankee Candle. First class event... Visit the Car barn lunch and tour. Don will get an Oct date with the owner and let us know. Location may be in Amherst MA.

Roy will contact the New England Air Museum. Picnic at Betty's and visit to Museum Sept. 22nd or 23rd

Hans Abraham Driving Event from Stanford CT – Sat. Sept 29th

September fly in on Sept. 23rd Contact Bev if we decide to do it

Steve Bell – will pull together May Carlisle event – club covers fee to get in.

Need other events for May

Collings Foundation – restoration of air crafts and has auto's, Stow MA. Pete will coordinate effort if interest. Grass fields, offer demonstrations. June 2nd – members interested.

British by the Sea – June 3rd

Tanglewood Event – assuming it is the same weekend it is Father's day weekend. Betty will look into date.

Conclave in Louisville KY... interesting website. Register before Feb. 29th you get a Bourbon cake

Summit Update – Bob Britton

Good start – most area's volunteers covered

Charity – Cindy - come up with ideas to raise money... auction, rides in Healey's, local papers to print coupons, ??? Local charity contact – get local people to help – Put tickets in front of cars for rides... other car club charities – how do they raise money

Get kids involved - besides Valve cover racing what other things can we do.

Make up coloring books – find out through National

Competitions – Changing tires?? Creeper racers – Don Paye

Top of the mountain – option to take Stage Coach up. Sunset tour is \$26 per person. \$5 additional per person for tour of observatory. Also will do barbeque \$22 per person. Minimum of 20 cars. \$690 to do tour. Option to just go up with General public but if it's a nice day traffic is an issue.

Bob Britton will reach out to Dom for suggestions in regards to Rally tour – Maybe Cannon Mt tour

Morning Breakfast run other than Breakfast at Hotel

Live music or DJ at banquet

PR – Larry Swift is in charge

"Healey's on Top" Theme – corporate donation suggestions, Sunoco – Healey campaign, Vera Bradley – Healey campaign, Jay Leno?

Budget - \$65 per person for registration

Banquet probably \$45

Hot Wheels – Steve Bell

Website – add Link to Summit

Write up blurb for Charity

Car show – Craig Dunning – need certificate of insurance from National – speak with Steve Bell, needs help.

Roy – Funkhana – Lawn tractor – device to hold dish with Water – timed event plus holding water in dish

Gymkhana – school gave permission to use parking lot, but concerned about skid marks. Do skills and consistency so no speeding.

Room rates - \$99 / \$ weekend rate

Promoting to other clubs – Pete

Valve Covers – contact Rich Ray – rules, restrictions – republish in Newsletter – Rich will build start-up ramp

Adjourn at 12:00 noon



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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,
Nick Barber

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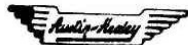
Newsletter Deadline!

All meet write-ups and advertisements by email on or before the 25th day of the month. Also, include the articles as an attachment in Microsoft word... Pictures should also be as attachments.

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on the new MEMBERS HEALEY CAR page
on the clubs web site.

Send a photo of your Healey(s) to Deb Katz at

dlkatz_99@hotmail.com

We want to get as many members car shown on the web site so email your digital photo now. Include the year and model, i.e 100-4, 100-M, 100-6, 3000 MKI, MKII, MKIII. Brief Bios are also welcome.

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Collings Foundation Saturday June 2, 2012

The Collings Foundation is a non-profit, Educational Foundation (501c-3), founded in 1979. The purpose of the Foundation is to organize and support "living history" events that enable Americans to learn more about their heritage through direct participation. The original focus of the Foundation was transportation-related events such as antique car rallies, hill climbs, carriage and sleigh rides, and a winter ice-cutting festival in the Stow, MA area. During the mid-eighties, these activities were broadened to include aviation-related events such as air shows, barnstorming, historical reunions, and joint museum displays on a nationwide level.

Since 1989, a major focus of the Foundation has been the "Wings of Freedom Tour" of WWII aircraft. This tour showcases two fully restored bomber aircraft: a B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress. The newest addition to the Wings of Freedom Tour is a WWII P-51C Mustang dual-control fighter aircraft.

Watch for more details!!!!

The Quebec AHCA is hosting
CONCLAVE 2013 JUNE 23-27, 2013

At the MANOIR RICHELIEU
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For pictures and information on this venue go to:

<http://www.fairmont.com/richelieu>

Start saving now and add this event to your 2013 calendar.

Wanted:

BJ8 in nice driving condition.

Not looking for a show car, but would like a solid, rust free well maintained car that has little or no needs.

Please call Bob at (781) 760-9491
or email info, price and pictures to:

2011 Year End AHCA New England On-Line Survey Results

All those members who participated in the on-line survey thank you for your insight recommendations. This is this third survey, which we have conducted over the past year plus. The purpose of the survey is to gauge the interest of the members in past events and to shape the direction of the club for 2012 and beyond. The fall 2011 survey used a couple of follow up questions from 2010 and spring 2011. This way we can compare the direction of the club compared to the past. We had several new questions to evaluate the 10 one day and 5 multi day AHCA NE and multi marque British car events. Finally, we had a new question to determine the member's satisfaction with your club, and its future direction..

1. How long have you been an AHCA NE Club member?
2. How many AHCA NE Events did you attend in 2011?
3. How would you rate this year's quality of each of the one day events from (Excellent) to (Just OK), or did not attend because of (Weather), (Distance), (Conflict), or (No interest)?
4. How would you rate this year's multi day British Car events from (Excellent) to (Just OK), or did not attend because of (Price), (Distance), (Conflict) or (No interest)?
5. What would you like see more in the club during 2012?
6. What distance in miles are you willing to drive your Healey to attend local one day events?
7. How would you rate your current experience of the New England Austin Healey club?
8. Summit 2012 will be held at the Eagle Mountain Resort Jackson, NH, Wednesday July 11th – Sunday July 15th and I plan to attend.
9. I would like to help in the planning of Summit 2012 and will contact Bob Britton
healeybj7@hotmail.com or 603 381 3158.

The results of the survey revealed a positive trend in terms of Participation, Quality of events, overall Satisfaction of being a member of AHCA NE, and the value. Almost 50 percent of our members have belonged for over 16 years, but the fastest growing segments are members from 1 to 15 years, with a 15% growth in these two categories.

Members participation in 2011 events improved over 30% from last year with approximately 2/3's of the members participating in at least one of the fifteen events. Over a third of the membership attended 2 or more events in 2011, with 2 percent attending 5 or more. Conflict and Distance were the largest reasons why members did not attend events. Our membership loves to drive our Healey's as 95% are willing to drive over 25 miles to attend and one day event. AHCA NE is the largest region in terms of membership and geography. During 2011, we sponsored or participated in events in each of the seven state territories which AHCA NE covers, which is a strong tribute to our member's contributions.

Summit, Sun and Sand, was the best attended event in 2011, followed by the Christmas Party, British Invasion, and British Car day at Lars Anderson Museum of Transportation. Approximately, 50% of the respondents attended Summit 2011 with a strong satisfaction rating over 93%. British Invasion had a 100% satisfactory rating followed closely by the Christmas Party at greater than 93%.

I want to personal thank and recognize Bill Erickson, Jim Smith, Rich Ray, and Jack Miller for organizing and hosting very interesting and enjoyable one day events. Conflicts, Distance, or Weather are the biggest challenges to one day events. The other areas which interest our members the most are; Touring and Driving events, more Fall events, e-mail reminders of upcoming events, museum or car collections, and tech sessions.

As it relates to members interest for 2012, regional one day events, has the greatest interest. Don't let other members have all the fun of hosting a one day event in 2012. Please let me or any of the club officers know of your interesting in hosting an event and proposed date which we can lock into the 2012 Event Calendar. Our first planning meeting for 2012 is the middle of January so let us know your ideas.

Summit 2012 is going to be held at the Eagle Mountain resort in Jackson, NH July 11th – 15th. This is the 15th Anniversary of rotating venue, Summits and the only New England premier Healey event, for two years. 84% of the respondents said they may, or will be attending Summit 2012, chaired by Bob Britton. Of that group 50%, said they are willing to contribute or help with the planning and execution of Summit 2012. Thank you to everyone who has already agreed to support Bob with Summit.

Our members approve of the New England Austin Healey club, with 90% rating the club as Meets or Exceeds their expectations. We want to hear from the 10 percent of members, which gave no response or believe the club needs to improve in the future. On a rating scale of 0 to 4, the average score was 2.9.

Rating Scale	Satisfaction
0	not renewing
1	Needs Improvement
2	No Response
3	Meets
4	Outstanding

Drilling down deeper into the responses revealed, generally the longer the membership in AHCA NE, the more events attended and the better satisfaction. The newer members are the ones who scored their satisfaction with the club lower and attended fewer events. I suggest participation increases the enjoyment and satisfaction with AHCA NE.

Years	Events	Average Events attended	Satisfaction average	Rating
New	0	1.0	Meets/needs Improvement	2.3
1 to 5	1	1.3	Meets/no response	2.4
6 to 15	2 to 4	1.6	Meets	3.0
16 or more	5 or more	1.7	Meets/Outstanding	3.1
1.5				2.9

In closing, I would like to recognize the other officers of the AHCA NE: Bob Britton - VP; Cindy Sturtevant - Secretary; Carole Paye – Editor in Chief, Steve Bell- National Delegate; Deb Katz – Web-site; and Keith Risk - Treasurer. This club also succeeds because of the hard work and efforts of our Area Coordinators: Denny Broughel – Upstate NY, Bill Berg – VT, Bob Abbott – NH, James Lea – ME, Bob Bender – Western MA, Steve Bell Eastern MA & RI, Bob Finucane – Western CT, and Jim Smith – Eastern CT.

2012 is shaping up to be an event better year with events already planned for Mystic Seaport – CT, Collings Foundation Transportation tour - Stow, MA, the John Moir extensive private Automotive collection – NH, Tulip Rally – RI, Tech Session – Ipswich, MA. Stay tuned for more updates to the 2012 Event Calendar in the January Healey Exhaust Notes newsletter.