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AHCA NE July 2012 President's letter

The Healey driving event schedule is in full swing and the nice weather has cooperated for the most part. There were four exciting AHCA or British Car events in our area this June.

The month start off in spectacular fashion, with a private tour of the Collings Foundation exhibit on a very wet Saturday morning, on the 2nd. Please read the details of the exhibit in the article written by Jud Perkins. For those who may have missed this tour, you have a second chance to see this private Air, Auto, Race Car, and Military Vehicle, with the North Shore Antique car club in August. Fortunately, the weather was much better on Sunday the 3rd for British by the Sea in CT. Unfortunately, I did not have a chance to attend, but I heard from those members who attended in was another nice event. The second annual, Berkshire British Car Festival was held over Father's day weekend. Conclave in Louisville KY was a huge success for all I have read through the on-line Healey forums. Finally, the June events concluded at Larz Anderson Museum in Brookline for British Car Day where 150 BMC enthusiasts were treated to glorious weather. Peter Army's beautiful BJ8 won best in show this year.

"Healeys on the Summit" is just a few days away and with over 60 cars registered this will be one of the largest NE events in recent memory. I am very excited to welcome two new enthusiastic members, Mike and Trish Pistone who will be joining us to experience their first Summit in their recently acquired BJ8 from Mike's dad. From south western England Steve Trimble is coming on Saturday during a business trip to MA. Steve is the webmaster of the Austin Healey southwest Centre in the UK and will be relocating to MA this fall and will be a great addition to our club.

On Sunday July 8th Robert Scalla is organizing the VCCC Car Show featuring the Austin Healey, at the Farmington River and Simsbury, CT Flower Bridge. Please confirm with Robert at 860 658 0072 or robertalan-star@gmail.com. It will be great to see a nice contingent of CT members supporting Robert for this event. The last weekend of July on the 28th, we will be back in CT at Healey's on the Green at Mystic Seaport in conjunction with their annual antique boat show. We will have the whole day to experience Mystic Seaport this year. Please contact George Greider 860 922 0757 or ggreider@gmail.com.

Get out and enjoy your Healey this summer.

Happy Healeying,
Peter Sturtevant

AHCA New England Event Schedule 2012

July 2012			
Sunday, July 8 10:00-3:00	VCCC Car Show for Charity, featuring Austin Healey	Farmington River & Simsbury Flower Bridge	Robert & Donna Scalla 860-658-0072 robert-talanstar@gmail.com
Wednesday, July 11 Sunday, July 15	AHCA NE "Healeys on the Summit" Summit 2012	Eagle Mountain Resort 179 Carter Notch Road, Jackson, New Hampshire 03846	Bob Britton 603 381 3158 Healeybj7@hotmail.com
Saturday, July 28th	2nd annual Healey's on the Green Classic and Antique Boat and Car Show & Rum Runners Rendezvous	Mystic Seaport 75 Greenmanville Avenue Mystic, CT 06355-0990	Hosted by New England Region and Mystic Seaport George Greider 860 922 0757 ggreider@gmail.com
August 2012			
Saturday, August 4th	Hemmings Sports & Exotics Concours	Saratoga Auto Museum 110 Avenue of the Pines Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	Bill Berg 802-442-2777 jmdberg@comcast.net
Saturday, August 4th 10am – 4pm	16 th Annual Show of Dreams	Nick Field Wolfeboro, N.H.	Robert Stanley tickit@yahoo.com N.H. High Hopes Foundation
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	45 Ocean Village Court, Matunuck (Wakefield) RI	Peter & Cindy Sturtevant 774 284 1212 healeynb4@comcast.net
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
Saturday, Sept. 8	New England Air Museum & BBQ	360 Perimeter Road Windsor Locks, Ct	Roy Balthazard roybaby34@yahoo.com
Friday, Sept 14 - Sunday, Sept 16	British Invasion	Stowe Event Field Weeks Hill Road, Stowe, VT	Bob Britton 603 381 3158 Healeybj7@hotmail.com
Saturday Sept. 29th	Southern CT AHCA NE event	11 Long Close Road Stamford, CT 06902	Hans Abrahams, ethermaster04@yahoo.com
October 2012			
Saturday October 6th – Sunday October 7th	Foreign Auto Festival	Owls Head Transportation Museum	Owls Head, ME 04854
Saturday, October 13th	Kittridge car collection	Tour and Bar-B-Que Buckland, MA	Don & Carole Paye 413-625-6568 dpaye@crocker.com
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

The August "Healey Exhaust Notes" will not be sent until August 10th or later. If you have a meet in September or October or you have a write-up about a previous meet, please send me the details before August 7th... Carole

**The Valley Collector Car Club of CT's
11th Annual Car Show for Charity
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday July 8th 2012
Simsbury, CT**



The Austin Healey has been selected by VCCC members to be the Featured Car at this year's Car Show. Several AHCA members belong to VCCC and our cars are usually represented. This year, we will have a Special Parking Area, reserved for 15 to 30 cars. We want to try to get all the different models represented and can use our Club Model Signage as we have done so well in the past. Overflow Healeys will be parked in the general population, among the Jags, MGs and such. The Austin Healey will be on the cover of the Show Ad Book. Those who register and provide info in a timely manner will have their cars featured in the Show Ad Book.

The Event will be well promoted and always gets good publicity. There is a small entry fee of \$10 and the money is donated to charity. The VCCC is a 501c3 Corp. Dash Plaques are given to entrants as well as a popular choice judging with awards for the various classes.

The show is held in lovely, tree-lined parking lots just behind the center of town. This is next to the Farmington River and Simsbury's Flower Bridge, be sure to see it. Though Austin Healeys will be featured and given special treatment, all classic cars are welcome so there will be lot of interesting vehicles that we don't often see. Usually we have 400 to 500 cars and several thousand spectators attending. There is a rain date of July 15th.

Contact: Robert Scalla, 860-658-0072

robertalanstar@gmail.com

Healeys on the Green, July 28, 2012

Mystic Seaport; Mystic, CT

**Mystic Seaport Antique and Classic Boat &
Car Show – Rum Runners Rendezvous**

It's on! We have had over two dozen people so far express interest in putting Healeys on the Green at Mystic Seaport again this summer. We'll form up across the street from the Seaport at 10:30 am (I'll send all registrants directions.) and drive onto the grounds in a parade at 11:00 am. We got Healeys into a lot of home videos last year that way! We'll ask people to have one person by each car for the duration of the show which will end at 2:00 pm. You can then explore the Seaport for as long as you like and leave when you wish. The cars will be judged by the public for popularity with no distinction by model -- although we will have those great posters Adam Nolde made last year showing the model features. The most popular Healey takes home a plaque. The entry fee is \$20 per car – admits two people (a \$48 value). Make checks payable to Mystic Seaport, but mail to George Greider; 956 Brookdale Drive; Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

Saturday evening from 7:00-10:30 will be the Seaport Museum's Rum Runners Rendezvous. This is a Caribbean-themed night of food, drink, dancing and signature rum cocktails (tropical attire encouraged!). Steel drums will be played by *Pan Man Jose* and dancing music will be provided by the *Key West Trio*. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling (860) 572-5376 or via email at advancement@mysticseaport.org. Dinner and drinks are included.

There are several hotels in the area and the Seaport has offered to let anyone who wishes to attend the Rum Runners Rendezvous leave his or her car on their secured and patrolled grounds overnight with us arranging a shuttle bus to the hotel. This would work best if we all stayed in the same hotel (and if there are enough we might get a break on room rates). Please indicate with your check if you want to take advantage of the Designated Shuttle Bus (DSB) option and I will be in touch about hotel choices. I will need to have your registration check by June 27, 2012 if you are interested in the group rate hotel/DSB option.

Several people would like to graze a brunch on Sunday. Please let me know with your registration check if you would like to do that so we can make reservations.

George M Greider

ggreider@gmail.com



**South County, RI Summer Driving Tour
Saturday, August 11th**

Come experience spectacular views of Narragansett Bay, great Healey driving roads, and concluding with a cookout near the beach at 45 Ocean Village Court, Matunuck (Wakefield), RI. Cindy and Peter Sturtevant are hosting with the support of Amy and Carl Carvell, plus Judi and Ted Stanton, the South County RI Summer Driver Tour. The day will start at Beavertail State Park, at the end of Beavertail Road Jamestown RI at 10 AM. We will have a chance to explore the park and tour the Beavertail Lighthouse museum. Coffee and sweets will be provided.

Approximately, 11 AM first car off of the driving tour of great Healey roads, in South County RI. Driving tour is approximately 60 miles. The tour ends at the summer home of Cindy and Peter in Matunuck Road along Cards Pond Road for a cookout. Please RSVP healeybn4@comcast.net or 774 284 1212 by August 9th.

Look forward to seeing you on the 11th, rain date Sunday August 12th.

Directions to the start: From Route 4, RI take RI-east towards Jamestown/Newport, Exit off of 138 towards Jamestown on the Helm Street Exit (last exit before Newport Bridge), Merge onto Tasshtassuc Rd., Turn right in Jamestown center onto North St., Continue onto Southwest Ave., turn slightly right and becomes Beavertail road. We will meet at Parking Lot 2.



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This year is the 22nd Anniversary of the **British Invasion** held in the lovely VT town of Stowe. If you have never attended you are missing the largest all British car and motorcycle show on the East coast.

Last year there were over 650 British vehicles on the show field.

The Austin Healey Club of New England has reserved rooms again this year at the lovely **Inn at the Mountain**, which is part of the Stowe Mountain Resort. The room rate is one of the best deals in Stowe for this

event. Each room features fabulous mountainside lodging, balconies or deck with seating area, cable TV, air conditioning, refrigerator and daily maid service. All rooms are non-smoking.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 1 TO GET THE SPECIAL RATES

CALL: 802-253-3656 or 800-253-4754 and mention the Austin Healey Group

<http://summer.stowe.com/vacation/lodging/inn/> **Inn Rooms: \$127.88/night**

Rate includes Room Tax and a complimentary Continental Breakfast

COCKTAIL PARTY

All members of the AHCA are invited to a cocktail party at the MATTER-HORN Restaurant on Saturday Sept 15th

6-7PM

4969 Mountain Rd, Stowe

Hors d'oeuvres & Sushi will be served - Cash Bar

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

For more information contact Bob Britton Cell: 603-381-3158 Email: healeymbj7@hotmail.com



Collings Foundation Aviation and Auto Museum

About 40 Club Members attended a tour of the Collings Foundation Aviation and Auto Museum on June 2nd. The day was literally dampened by rain which forced everyone to attend in their BJ-9's but this is the only thing which dampened the event. We had the privilege of having the tour conducted by Bob Collings, the owner of the collection. We had the further privilege of having two World War II veterans

in attendance who shared stories about World War II with the group.

The Collins Foundation collection includes several WWII vintage aircraft and artillery pieces, about a dozen Indianapolis 500 race cars, Sprint Cars and a wonderful collection of 1920's and 1930's era cars including a spectacular Duesenberg. In addition, the Collings Foundation owns a vintage B-17, B-24 Liberator and P-51 Mustang which perform at air shows throughout the country.



After the tour Club Members adjourned to a local restaurant for lunch before returning home. The museum is only open to the public four weeks a year and to have a personally guided tour by its owner was a real highlight. Bob Collings told many interesting histories of the items in the collection.

Jud Perkins



SUMMIT 2012

HEALEYS ON THE SUMMIT



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR SUMMIT

For the signature event at Summit 2012 the Austin Healey Club of New England has reserved the Mount Washington Auto Road for a private driving tour to the top of the highest mountain in the North East at 6288' above sea level to watch the sunset. The 7.8 mile auto road is paved for all but a short section which is hard packed gravel.

The event starts with a delicious BBQ dinner at the foot of the mountain at 6PM on Thursday, July 12 (rain date is Friday). At approximately 7PM we'll line up our Healeys (BJ9's are welcome as well) to start the ½ hour ride to the top of Mt Washington. You will then have about ¾ hour to explore the mountain or go on the optional ½ hour tour of the Mount Washington Observatory (limited to the first 30 people who sign up at registration) before the sunset at 8:30PM. At approximately 8:45 we'll start the caravan down the mountain. As the temperature difference between base and summit can be 30-40 degrees, even during the summer, make sure you bring a warm jacket or sweater for the ride. Or better yet order a *Healeys on the Summit* Fleece sweatshirt when you register.

DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER..... REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND SUMMIT 2012

Registrations accepted through July 9, 2012

<http://www.ahca-newengland.com/summit2012.htm>



SUMMIT 2012

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 11

3-6PM Registration & Chinese Auction – Eagle Mt Room
 6-8PM Diner at the Shannon Door Pub -Jackson
 8-9PM Registration and Chinese Auction- Eagle Mt Room
 8-10PM Jackson 850 Qualifying & Hospitality– Lower Porch/Rm G-10

Thursday, July 12

9-10AM Registration & Chinese Auction- Eagle Mt Room
 10-12Noon Tour to John Moir Auto Museum- Leaves from Parking Lot
 12-1PM Picnic Lunch
 2-4 PM Golf / Tennis Tournaments and Pool Party at EMH
 2-5PM Self-Guided Tours & Shopping in N. Conway
 3-5PM Registration & Chinese Auction – Eagle Mt Room
 3-4PM Jackson 850 Hot Wheel Qualifying–Lower Porch
 4-5PM Tech Session- STA-BIL Additives-Carriage House
 5:30PM Depart for BBQ at Mt. Washington
 6-7PM BBQ Diner at Mt Washington
 7:15PM Sunset Tour to top of Mt. Washington, sponsored by AAA
 9:30PM Return to hotel

Friday, July 13

9-10AM Registration & Chinese Auction – Eagle Mt Room
 9:15AM Rally Drivers Meeting – Front Porch
 9:30AM Rally – Starts under Porte-cochere
 3-5PM Chinese Auction – Eagle Mt Room
 3-4:30PM Ice Cream Social & Valve Cover Races- Side Porch and Parking Lot
 5-6PM Wine and Cheese Party & Jackson 850 Hot Wheel Quarter Finals-Lower Porch
 6-9PM Diner on your own (or rain date for Sunset Tour)
 7:30PM Summer Theater Option- “A Lie of the Minds”, M&D Productions
 8-9PM Chinese Auction- Eagle Mt Room
 9-10 PM Hospitality and Jackson 850 Hot Wheels Semi Finals- Lower Porch/Rm G-10

Saturday, July 14

9-12AM Driving Event at Kennett High School, N. Conway sponsored by BradPenn Oil
 12 Noon Lunch on own in N. Conway
 1-3:30PM Car Show in Schouler Park, Main St, N. Conway- Public Voting
 4-5 PM Chinese Auction- Eagle Mountain Room
 5-PM Jackson 850 Hot Wheel Finals-Lower Porch
 6-7PM Cocktail Reception –Carriage House
 7-9PM Banquet, Awards and Guest Speaker
 9-10PM Hospitality –Rm G-10
 9-10PM Chinese Auction-Last chance

Sunday, July 15

:00-11:00 Pick-up Chinese Auction items and head home8

Here is a tally of the events and the number of participants that have signed up or paid for each event.

Hotwheels 56	Banquet Diner 91
Shannon Door Pub 77	John Moir tour 44 cars
Mt Washington BBQ 96	Mt Washington Tour 42 cars and 79 people
Mt Washington Observatory Tour 30 people, first come,first serve at registration	
Rally 44 cars and 88+/- people	Golf 12
Tennis 6	VCR 17 racers
Consistency Driving 27	Car Show 49 Healey's

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For Sale

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HEALEY PARTS FOR SALE

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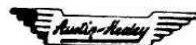
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It Pays to Look for More than Just MORE!

By Adam Nolde June 4, 2012

It was an amazing vintage auto weekend at Lime Rock Park Raceway. In the final race among the remaining twenty two cars from all three VSCCA run groups, my yellow Austin Healey M-spec 100-4 finished third overall. Third; in front of the faster #92 Elva Formula Jr car from a faster group. What? How is that possible?

Two Austin Healey 100-4 cars finished well in the combined three-group final race. The green M-spec 100-4 driven by John Wood, also a member of the Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA), finished in fifth right behind the faster Elva after a ten lap duel with an excellent Alfa sedan. Both Wood and I posted very impressive (personal best) lap times of one minute ten seconds (1:10) at the challenging 1.53 mile historic track. That's over 78mph average! Still, we were nearly one second slower than the Elva's best lap of that same race; 1:09.

It had been a very wet Saturday (June 2, 2012) with practice and qualifying sessions all being held in the rain. Conditions that both the Healey's and their drivers excelled in. Rain was the great equalizer. Cars that had been six seconds a lap faster the previous day had become slower than the Healey's or had their advantage reduced to as little as a half second per lap. Still the final two races took place on a mostly dry and very fast course. No matter. Wood and I brought our earned confidence to bear and, like the hot rubber under our cars, made it stick.

The Elva Formula Jr had accidentally missed the second to last race of the day on a dry track. His subsequent fourteenth grid position was based on his earlier wet qualifying times. After fighting his way to fourth from fourteenth in under three laps, he hit the wall. The big yellow Austin Healey wall dubbed "Buttercup" by her former owners, Allan and Jeanie Miller, also of the AHCA.

For the rest of the ten lap race I drove like a man possessed, or at least like a man wearing underpants made out of hornets. I frequently took the steep downhill turn onto the straight at around 80mph without any braking and always looking for "MORE". ...At the end of the half mile straight-away there is a bridge and on its left side in letters as tall as a man is the word MORE.

When we started lapping traffic I knew it would give the Elva an opening to pass me. That's how I lost fourth place in the previous race. So this time I was bent on timing my passes to minimize the Elva's cornering advantage. I tried to collect the slower cars as we entered the corners and pass them just before the apex, in an effort to stuff the Elva in behind them. If that didn't work, I had to take the Healey to as much as 5,600rpm in third and fourth gear to stay in front (I normally shift at 5,000rpm). Did I mention the fact that I have no overdrive?

There were two intense moments I hope always to remember.

One, we passed two cars in the scary off-camber corner (West Bend) only to collect four more cars heading into the Downhill before the straight. To my complete horror and eventual pleasure three of them were fighting their own battle and ended up three abreast roaring down the straight. This left only enough room for myself and the Elva to pass on the right in single file at what must have been over 110mph heading to the inside of Big Bend corner. We made it! Just. All eight tires were sliding, screaming, and begging for mercy from our taking the worst possible line into that corner.

I used every foot-pound of torque the 2.7 liter Healey could muster to pull away from the Elva through turns two, three (the Left-Hander), and four, onto No-Name-Straight, where I can really give-it-the-beans and pull away before the Uphill turn. I collected one more moving chicane (slow car) at the Uphill and stuffed the Elva behind it. (I'd like to thank God and Dennis Welch for four flat-top pistons the size of coffee cans.)

As I blasted down the straight, three car lengths in front of the Elva, I was looking for more than just MORE! I was looking for the checkered flag. No. Instead, the flaggers arm stuck out straight and from his fist swung, slowly and ominously, a hangman's noose. Was I dead? Had my car crashed and my spirit continued racing? The noose at Lime Rock indicates last-lap. Yes! I had it! A lead. A lap to go. A chance to hold off a car that should only be behind me when he's lapping me.

This set up the second intense moment-to-remember.

With no traffic to slow either car down the Elva used the gap I had built to gain the kind of astronomical momentum only an icy-commits and Formula cars can posses. Surely I had achieved nearly 100mph up No-Name-Straight. It didn't matter. When I looked in my rearview just before the Uphill turn he was absent. I checked my right mirror and there he was. Not in the reflection, but in person. Right next to me, half a car from the lead, and gaining. He could out-brake me into the corner and push me to the outside and third place would be gone. But he didn't. He slowed and conceded the line. So I did my own "didn't" back at him. I didn't blaze though the Uphill turn in fourth gear and coast over the top on momentum alone. Instead I slowed a little more than usual, and not being one to squander a good gift given, I used my time on the race-line to double clutch down to third gear. Something I "didn't" do previously in the race. It was a surprise to the Elva and left him hopeless as his momentum was lost and my torque was just kicking in.

Two turns and a long straight later we crossed the finish line within a car's length of each other, the Healey in front. We had lapped eleven of the twenty-two cars in the group, one of them twice.

As we entered big bend for the cool-down lap we gave each other a vigorous thumbs-up. I could tell by his eyes that his smile was as big as mine. This is why we go vintage racing. It's fun! Win or lose, it gives us the chance to test our old cars and ourselves. Occasionally we perform better then we should. That is the only trophy.

Later when I shook Hervey's hand and we had a great smile together I asked him, "Why on earth did you stay behind me through the Uphill?" He replied, "I didn't know it was last-lap. I thought I'd get another chance." He hadn't seen the noose.

The little yellow Healey that Allan and Jeanie named "Buttercup" looks more like a school bus when compared to an Elva Formula Jr. This day it proved nearly as hard to get around. I think I'll rename it "The School Bus".

