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AHCA NE August 2012 President's letter

Thank you to all those, who attended Healeys on the Summit 2012 in Jackson NH this year. We were blessed with great weather with sunny warm days, and cool evenings in the mountains. The drive up to the Summit of Mt. Washington with the great assistance of my navigator John Kelley was an adventure to be remembered. Cindy and I we honored to have our grandson Lucas join us for Summit this year and he had a blast. What a special event to have three members of the Healey family, Peter and his two children Rosie and Tim come over from the UK. Mike Pistone will have a full report of Summit in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, many of us have been directly affected with a loss of a family member, or friend by cancer. Drive Away Cancer is the ambitious campaign of John Nikas of CA, committed to drive a dilapidated Austin Healey 100 named "Grace" to all 50 states in 2012. John is raising awareness and money to Drive Away Cancer and over 9000 names of loved ones, adorn Grace covering almost every square inch. Through the generous gift of the Healey family of a commemorative plate of Donald's win of the '31 Monte Carlo rally, and an Austin Healey 100 60th anniversary etched glass memento, we held an auction at our Summit banquet. Through a high bid of Donald Kaplon we raised \$350 for Drive Away Cancer. The AHCA NE Summit committee has also agreed to match Don's generous bid to Drive Away Cancer.

Sunday after Summit was one of the longest days of my live. We had a nice but very warm day drive back from North Conway arriving home around 1:30. I had to clean out the 100-6 and load it onto the trailer for the drive down to NJ to ship the car to Europe for our tour in September and eventually back to the UK to be sold in the home country. We left at 3:30 for the drive to NJ with light traffic and clear skies. By the time we reach CT, RT 95 was a parking lot and the skies opened up with torrential down pours. We pulled into our hotel in Newark NJ just before midnight and the cars full of water.

With such great weather
enjoy your Healey this summer!

Happy Healeying,
Peter Sturtevant

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AHCA New England Event Schedule 2012

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 Win- dsor 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 Healevbj7@hotmail.com
October 2012			
Saturday October 6 th – Sunday October 7th	Foreign Auto Festival	Owls Head Transportation Mu- seum	Owls Head, ME 04854
<u>TENTATIVE</u> Saturday, October 13th	W. Mass No Traffic Foliage Tour	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

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 cook-out.

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 Tasshtasuc 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.

The New England Air Museum and Bar-B-Que September 8, 2012

Discover the treasure of the New England Air Museum where aviation history comes alive. Plan on a day of discovery and comradely with new and old Healey friends.

This day, September 8th (with a rain date of September 9th) will start off by meeting at 310 South Longyard Road in Southwick, MA. (Betty Charland's home 413-569-0922) at 10am for coffee & donuts.

From Betty's house we will take a leisurely 10 mile tour through scenic tobacco farms to the New England Air Museum. Here we will be treated to private parking and guided tours of three hangers packed with historic aircraft. There is even a "Kid's Port". So bring the kids and grand-kids along. As an added attraction, one of the professional guides is a Healey guy. Guess who and win a prize.

After the museum visit, we'll retrace our way back to Betty's house for a cook out and pool party. All of this for the bargain price of \$10 per head.

Please call Roy at 413-687-8178 or email him at roybaby34@yahoo.com by **August 31** for a head count. The museum requires the count by this date!!!

DIRECTIONS:

In case you don't have one of those new fangled GPS units:

From North, South, East or West: take route 91 to exit 3 "Agawam" to Rt. 57 West to the end of the divided highway. Turn left onto Pine St. In approximately 1.3 miles, turn right onto Barry Street. Continue through the stop sign to a fork in the road (1.7 mi.) Bear right onto Rising Corner. At the stop sign (.1mi) take a left. Betty's is the 3rd house on the left.

Phone 413-569-0922



BRITISH INVASION XXII September 14-16, 2012 Stowe, VT



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

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<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: healeysbj7@hotmail.com

BRITISH INVASION XXII From Michael Anthony-organizer

We are pleased to announce that plans for British Invasion XXII are progressing nicely. The British Invasion is the largest All-British Motorcar Show in the USA, annually attracting over 600 British Motorcars from the Northeast and Canada. This weekend celebration is always held on the weekend of the 3rd Saturday of month of September in Stowe VT. This year the dates are September 14th-16th. Full details and a Registration form can be found on our Website: www.britishinvasion.com.

There is a New component in the works for 2012 in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We are working to set-up a special tent, **The Queen's Court**, which will feature seating for roughly 150 people and in the center will be a throne and the "Queen," in her royal attire, who will hold court for the ladies. The tent will feature a collection of vendors focused pampering the ladies. Vendors will offer Jewelry; Ladies Hats, Scarves and Fashions; Massage and Nail Treatment; Chocolates; Salads; English Tea and Pastry, and more. The Queen will also preside over a Ladies Hat Competition with awards for "The Most British," "The Most Humorous," "The Most Elaborate," "The Most Creative," and possibly more. We are still at the early stages on this project and still working on selecting the vendors. We are also considering adding a live band on Friday for our Registrant's Reception, which will be held in the Queens Court, but perhaps a bit later this year, so more can attend (5:00 to 7:00 PM or so). This year's featured British motorcar marques include Mini and Singer. We understand that the Singer Club is working hard to attract the largest collection of Singers see in North America at the Invasion and will no doubt set the mark for British Motorcar Club Displays at the Invasion. Saturday will feature our Concours d'Elegance (Judge Competition) and the British Classic (People's Choice Competition). If you are planning to attend we would encourage you to book your accommodations early as some properties in Stowe, VT are already fully booked for the weekend.

We hope to see you in September.

HEALEY PARTS FOR SALE

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Dad's Greatest Gift of Love

by Michael Pistone

My Grandfather bought my Dad an Austin Healey 3000 in gold beige metallic when he was in his early 20s. Despite his passion and love for the car, it was unreliable and he eventually sold it. Growing up, I developed my own love for cars and my Dad would share stories and pictures of his Austin Healey. For his 50th birthday, my Mom bought him another 3000, this time navy blue over white. Unfortunately, I had moved to New York so I had limited time to spend with the car during my weekend visits to home.



In April of this year, my Dad made the decision to give me his Austin Healey. The sad part of this story is that his back problems reached a point where he could no longer care for the vehicle. We accepted the car and had it shipped up to our home in Fitchburg, MA. Through video chat and visits, my Dad and I started working on the car together. Dad and I have always had a phenomenal relationship, but his incredible gesture was the equivalent of adding chocolate sauce to ice cream, simply making a great thing better.

I asked my wife, Trish, "How do we thank Dad for this?" What could we possibly do to demonstrate our gratitude? Material items just didn't seem significant enough, so we offered to take him on a vacation. More specifically, we asked him if he wanted to go to "Healeys on the Summit", AHCA NE's big meeting for 2012. Dad made it very clear that he was interested in attending. I won't lie to you. I was super nervous about the 4 hour trip to Jackson, NH. The car had broken down several times (bad rotors) and had three leaking issues over the past couple of months. Dad reassured me: "That's part of the fun and adventure!" I responded: "Ummm, okaaay."

After going through our preflight checklist on the night before, Dad headed into the house. Alone with the Healey, I put my hand on the car and asked (begged): "Please don't let us down. It's just four hours to Jackson and four hours back and I promise I won't make you climb Mt. Washington." Much to my surprise, we arrived in Jackson the following day with a big sigh of relief.

The next four days would be filled with fun and adventures. I kept my promise to the car and left the Healey at the base of the mountain and opted for my wife's Jeep instead. After watching the more experienced Healey drivers battle the mountain, I was glad I did. That night, my son Dominic and Peter Sturtevant's grandson Lucas made friends and bonded quickly in the game room. The following day, my Dad and I got about 4 hours of drive time in the road rally. Despite a few "heated" moments, we managed to subdue fights over his navigation skills and my 20+ illegal U-turns and heavy right foot. And just as both of us felt the rally was getting to be too long and hot, the drive went from great to unbelievable, even to the point where just driving the twisty roads through the notches cut in the mountains superseded the need for accurate rally answers. It became clear to me that this car was designed to eat up the curves in fourth gear at 40mph. I also started to understand what Healey owners are talking about when the car shifts its weight and powers through a turn. You can't describe this feeling to someone. It's not present in modern day cars. We had found driving utopia in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, but this wasn't the best part of the trip...



The best part of the trip was witnessing my father's passion for the car reignite. All of the members were more than willing to share their knowledge with us. Peter and Cindy Sturtevant went above and beyond in welcoming us to the club. Dad was fortunate enough to sit next to Peter Healey at the banquet and he was also able to reconnect with friends from the Sports and Turning Club from the Philadelphia region. I cannot take credit for Dad's great trip. It was the members of the AHCA NE, the STC, The Healeys, and everyone else that attended this event that made us feel welcome as new members and more importantly, part of their family. And for this, I cannot thank you enough.



On Sunday morning, I conducted preflight while my family packed. Again, I whispered words of encouragement to my vehicle as I didn't want other members to think I had lost my mind. The drive home was monumental, backtracking on the rally route, my wife was now riding with me and could experience what she missed the other day. Four hours later, our Healey growled up into our driveway, issue free.



I'm not sure if I'll ever be able to thank my Dad for the Healey as well as everything else that he is done for me, but this trip was a great starting point, thanks to all of you.

HEALEYS ON THE GREEN, PART DEUX - RAINY DAY EDITON

Mystic Seaport on July 28 , 2012

Twenty-one Healeys returned to Mystic Seaport on July 28 for our second annual Healeys on the Green during the Seaport's Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous.



An "unsettled" (meaning the weatherman does not know what is going to happen) forecast made for a smaller crowd than last year, but even with occasional showers, we had lots of interest – including at least five couples I spoke to who came just to see and ask about the cars.



We also had three cars (and owners) new to the club, one of whom bought a Healey last year after seeing us at Norwich, CT.

Cindy Sturtevant's Activity Books and trading cards were big hits again; many people appreciated the Healey Spotting Guide that Jud Perkins and Pat Duncan had copied.



People arrived much earlier than requested (i.e. before I got there), but Jay and Marie Staats took on early traffic control duties and got everyone to the right lot before Carl and Amy Carvell arrived to relieve them. Somehow, Jud



got everyone in order to drive down in the proper groups.

On the grounds, Rudi Markl up from Rye, NY for the day (without his Concours-winning 100M) found himself in a Union Jack vest helping Judy and Ted Stanton directing cars onto the field.



Sue and Steve Bell brought along kid-sized regalia and some very useful pamphlets on AHCA that I gave to the three guys who said they were serious about getting a car.



In addition to our usual line of Sprites and Big Healeys, we had a welcome Jensen-Healy owned by John and Bea Swanson whom I had met at a local car show in Essex, CT. John is the original owner and although the car is virtually un-restored, it is in remarkably fine shape.



The Popularity Vote winners were Craig and Misty Stevens whose 70s-era, MoPar-Plum-Crazy-Purple-painted Sprite III (with foliage-motif overspray and racing stripes) just edged out Les and Jan Roberts more conventional BT-7. Craig and Misty were reminded of her first car (1967 Sprite) when they saw all of us in Norwich (where they live) last year. So they went to Craigslist and a little work later came to Mystic and won at their first show.

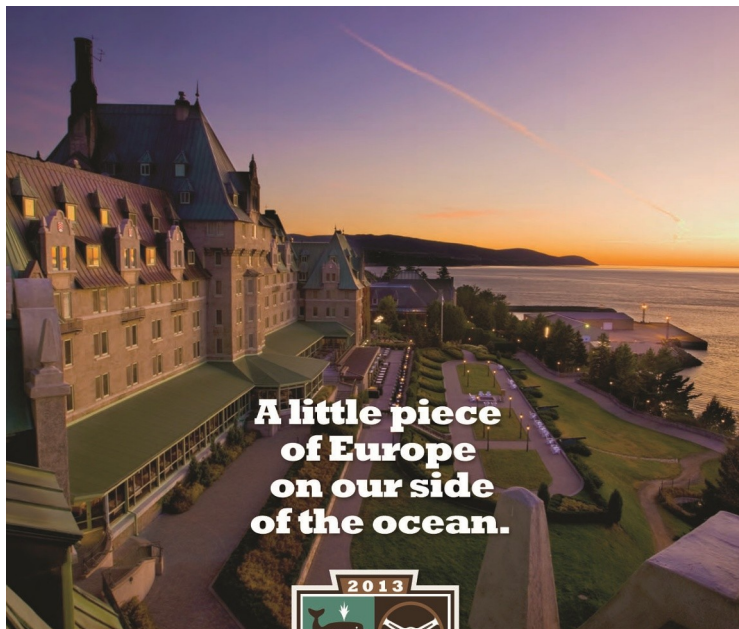
About eighteen people went to the Rum Runners Rendezvous party Saturday night and all I can say is, "How long has this been going on?" and "I will never miss another one."

Registration fees donated \$460 to the Charles W. Morgan (the last wooden whaling ship) restoration which we recognized by giving as a trophy a Charles W. Morgan Deck Prism, suitably inscribed.



George M Greider





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Car Problems at Summit...Solved!

As anyone knows that attended the Summit my Austin Healey arrived on a trailer and left on a tow truck, not the ideal way to spend a Summit. My Hot Wheels racer did more miles than my Healey in Jackson. I would like to thank everyone that attempted to help me get the car running again. At the end of the Summit I had it towed to Britt Bitts in Rye NH (91 miles away thankfully I had AAA Plus). They solved the problem in about forty minutes. Like we all thought it was simple solution. First they put a spark tester on all the plugs witch confirmed a bad miss fire. They then changed the condenser, problem solved. Yes I know that was about the third thing we tried and it did not work at the Summit. Maybe the replacement condenser was bad and maybe it was more than one thing I have no idea. The Healey is now running fine. Despite the lack of the driving experience, Anna and I had a great time at the Summit, thanks to Bob Britton for planning a great event. Again I would like to thank everyone for their help

Eric Longbottom



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.

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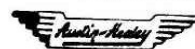
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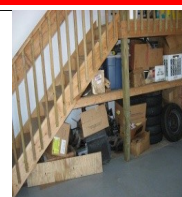
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Bill Powell

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Pictures from Summit 2012...“Healeys on the Summit”





