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AHCA NE September 2012 President's letter

What an action packed season of great Healey events across New England. The weather has treated us very well this year, with very little rain affecting events.

Our Healey calendar has been action packed in August, starting with the second annual "Healeys on the Green" a Mystic Seaport. George Greider did an outstanding job organizing this event, and the staff of Mystic Seaport were very gracious. Congratulations to new members Craig and Misty Stevens for winning the popular car show with their square Sprite. Speaking of new members, Dutcha Sliker-Hersant and her husband Doug brought their beautifully restored BT7 and John and Bea Swanson brought their original one owner Jensen Healey. Ted and Judi Stanton and Cindy and I hosted the South County RI Driving tour on Sunday August 12th and you can read and see pictures about that event in this newsletter.

Summit is still fresh in our memory, and please see a recent note sent from Peter Healey to Bob and Linda:

"Just a quick note to say how much Tim, Rosie and I enjoyed the meet. The venue, trips, and above all the people made it very special. Tim's tennis trophy is on display on his bedroom shelf! It was also nice to have such lovely weather, which continued into the following week in California. That was also fun, in particular the drive up route 1, and a few days in San Francisco."

Having organized a few meets myself, I know just how hard you, and the rest of the team, all worked to make it all come together so well. We all appreciated it very much!

Thanks again, and with best wishes, Peter"

Tom Webster suggested it would be interesting to hear from our 7 year old grandson Lucas, and his experience in attending his first Summit. You can read Lucas' "Aloha Everyone" in this month's newsletter.

September will be another action packed month with Healey and British Car events. It all starts with the Vintage Car races over Labor day and Lime Rock, CT, The New England Air Museum tour on September 8th at Bradley Airport in Hartford, and British Invasion the long weekend of September 16 – 18 in Stowe, VT.

Cindy and I unfortunately will miss the New England events, but will enjoy our European driving tour in our 100-6. After touring Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy we are driving back to the UK to sell our RHD 100-6. It comes with mixed emotions selling the BN4, as it was our first Healey, and the origins of my e-mail address. But the time is right, and she deserves to go home, to be sold in the UK, or EU.

Get out and enjoy your Healey this fall.

Happy Healeying,
Pete Sturtevant

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AHCA New England Event Schedule 2012

September 2012			
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
October 2012			
Cancelled Saturday October 6 th – Sunday October 7 th	Foreign Auto Festival	Owls Head Transportation Museum	Owls Head, ME 04854
NEW!! Saturday, October 13, 2012	Fall Monadnock Tour/Ralley		Bob Britton/Linda http://www.britishinvasion.com Cell: 603-381-3158
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 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 grandkids 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

AHCA New England Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8, 2012

6:00PM

Publick House Inn & Lodge Sturbridge, MA

Final details will be available in the next newsletter. It will be a sit down meal with choices of beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian. Reservations due before December 1. Seating limited to 60. \$10 exchange gift/person if you wish to participate in Yankee Swap. Business meeting prior to dinner. Save the date!!!



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

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

5:30-6:30PM (new time)

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

MONADNOCK REGION, NH FALL FOLIAGE TOUR & RALLY

WHAT: Spend a few hours with your AHCA-NE friends taking part in a foliage tour or optional gimmick rally for those who like to be challenged by finding the answers to silly clues. The Tour/Rally will start in Milford, NH and wind its way through a number of classic New England towns in Southern NH. This is usually peak foliage time in S/W NH so come enjoy the beautiful rural back roads of the region. There will be spectacular views of the local mountains along the route and the route is sure to delight every Healey driver.

The Tour/Rally will end at the home of Bob Britton and Linda Hakala, 17 Bittersweet Lane, Hancock, NH for an afternoon BBQ Lunch.

WHEN: Saturday October 13, 2012 (rain date Sun 10/14). Gather by 10-10:30 AM and depart on the Tour/Rally by 11:00 AM. The Tour/Rally will be about 50 miles and will take about 1 ½ hours (unless you insist in finding the answers to every stupid clue!).

WHERE: Starting at the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) parking lot at the corners of Route 101 and Phelan Rd in Milford, NH 03055. (Actual DMV address is 4 Meadow Brook Dr. if you want to Google it).

This is west of Milford center, a left off Rte.101 at the traffic light onto Phelan Rd and then left on Meadow Brook Dr. into the DMV parking lot. Other landmarks in the area are the VIP Auto Store and Market Basket Supermarket. If you get to the intersection of Rte.101A you went too far on Rte. 101.

COST: A nominal fee per person for the BBQ lunch.

RSVP: Please call or email by Wednesday October 10th to let us know you are coming so we can plan for the food and beverage. Bob 603-381-3158 or healeybj7@hotmail.com



Aloha everyone! So I went to my first real Healey event and it was awesome!!

Once before my Papa had a big Healey party at his house, and lots of people showed up with their cars. There were so many Healeys there! They were all different and it was really cool checking them out. But this time I actually got to ride in one! It was super fun, it was really loud, and the car went so fast.

We started our weekend at my grandparents' house in Mansfield MA. After a long drive from Massachusetts to New Hampshire we finally made it to our hotel. The hotel we stayed in was really nice especially the game room. It was so awesome! I played a lot of ping pong there. I beat my Gram a bunch, and she won a few games too.

I met a new friend named Dominic, while I was there. His dad was really nice and taught me how to serve a pin pong ball the right way, like from corner to corner. It really helped. I think that's why I kept winning. There was also a pretty sweet pool at the hotel, but I was so busy doing other things that I never even got to go swimming.

There was so many great parts about my weekend, valve cover races, the car show, but I have to say that my favorite part was the Hot Wheels races. It was so fun!! I raced for a while, but got beat in the second to last race. But it was still cool, because I got to help run the finishing cars up to the starting point. I did it during the whole race, and I was super tired by the time we finished. I went to bed so early.



The valve cover races were cool too, but I didn't last very long. In only my second race, my car was all busted up. The car came down the ramp, turned really quick and crashed into the wall. I'm pretty sure I was in the lead for a second. My wheel broke off in that race, so it was all over after that. I think it's because we used plastic parts. Next time we'll try using metal. I didn't win, but I did get a trophy for best design that was pretty awesome. I took the trophy back to Hawaii with me, and now it's in my bed room right next to my baseball and taekwondo trophies.

The whole weekend was really cool. I met lots of people. I even met a guy who's name was Peter, the same as my papa. His papa actually invented the Healey. I met my friend Dominic, and a bunch of other really nice people. There was even a funny guy with long hair like me. He told me to put my hair in a ponytail, but that wasn't going to happen.

I wish they had a Healey club here on Maui, so I could go to more of those kinds of parties. Well at least it felt like a big party. Hopefully I can go to another one, the next time I'm on the mainland visiting my family.

Mahalo Nui Loa (thank you very much) to everyone for having me! I had so much fun!! I hope I see you guys again soon! Aloha from Maui!! Lucas Kekoa Kashtan



South County RI Summer Driving Tour

I never would have guessed we would have had such a great day for the South County RI Driving Tour. I looked out our bedroom window at 6:30 AM and as the Brits would say, "It was chucking in down" with heavy rain. We had already postponed the event several days earlier, because of a very wet forecast on Saturday August 11th. Thankfully, everyone who had RSVP'd for Saturday, could change their plans to Sunday.

Luckily just before 9, the rain had stopped, but the skies were still threatening and dark. I set off in the Sprite, to meet everyone at Beavertail State Park for the start of our driving tour. The skies were continuing to brighten on the drive up route 1 towards Jamestown RI to meet the cars arriving between 10 and 11 AM. We arrived in Jamestown and still no rain. The first of the BJ9's arrived right at 10 AM to be greeted by Judi and Ted Stanton's boxes of joe, bagels with cream cheese, and donuts from DD's. Forty eager members arrived by 11 AM to enjoy the spectacular views of Narragansett Bay to meet several new members and catch-up with those they may have know for many years. We had an excellent turnout of eight Big Healey's, two Sprites, and an original Jensen Healey. Others drove their BJ9's, as it was still raining in other areas in southern New England.

The planned drive through the back roads of South County was a modest run of 38 miles without any mystery clues or questions to answer. Everyone could just enjoy the beauty of southern RI roads and scenery. The cars starting arriving at our summer home in Matunuck around 12:30 and we fired up the grill. The sun was bright with warm breezes off the Atlantic. We had a feast with goodies brought by many, and Johnny Marzano graciously brought both red and white wine, from his distribution business in Westerly.

Our meet coincidentally fell on the weekend of the National "Drive Away Cancer" event. John Nikas is driving an ailing '53 Austin Healey 100 across the US covering 50k miles with more than 9000 signatures to raise awareness and donations to "Drive Away Cancer". Through the generous donations of our members we raised \$430 which the club matched to support the National efforts to "Drive Away Cancer". Everyone who donated was able to choose Austin Healey regalia from the club's inventory.

Cindy and I want to thank all those who joined our South County RI driving tour. I believe a good time was had by all. Peter pictures of the meet



South County RI Summer Driving Tour pictures



SUMMIT EVENT RESULTS

And the Winners are:

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Linda Hakala and Tim Healey

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Roger Hamel, Jud Perkins,

Pat Dunkin and Pete Sturtevant

RALLY

1st Place- Steve and Sue Bell

2nd Place- Larry and Marilyn

Swift

3rd Place – Len and Carolyn Bach

VALVE COVER RACES

1st Place- Jim Begin

2nd Place- Steve Bell

3rd Place – Robert Scalla

1st Place Kids – Aoife Collins

Best Design- Lucas Kashtan

JACKSON 850 HOT WHEEL RACES

1st Place- Dominic Falconeiri
(driven by John Kelley)

2nd Place - Karen Shevlin

3rd Place - Paul Hetu

CONSISTENCY

DRIVING EVENT

1st Place – Len Bach

CAR SHOW

SPRITE CLASS

1st Place – Jim Mousseau

2nd Place- Steve Bell

3rd Place – Robert Scalla

100 CLASS

1st- Gerry Giroux

ROADSTER CLASS

1st Jim Begin

2nd Bill Hayes

3rd Ed Collins

CONVERTIBLE CLASS

1st Mark Evans

2nd Claude Jauron

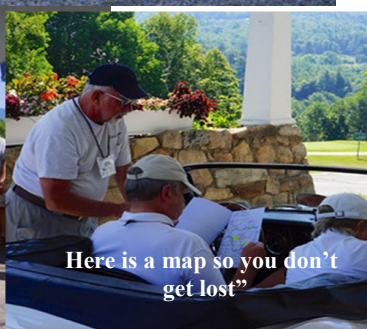
3rd Don Paye



Our Healeys climbed Mount Washington!!!



The line-up at the start of the rally.



Here is a map so you don't get lost"



Bob bidding farewell and Godspeed to the Rally Participants.



And they're off! VCR Racing on the veranda at Eagle Mountain House!



The biggest VCR trophy goes to the smallest driver, Aoife Collins



Accepting 1st place in the Jackson 850 on behalf of Dom.



Even the Teddy Bears enjoyed the Car Show!



The Car Show in downtown N. Conway

Some More Pictures From Summit 2012—"Sun & Sand"



Scoring the Rallye Sheets



Admiring those cars



Good tires are a must!!



There is always room for a bugeye!



Ready, set, launch them!!



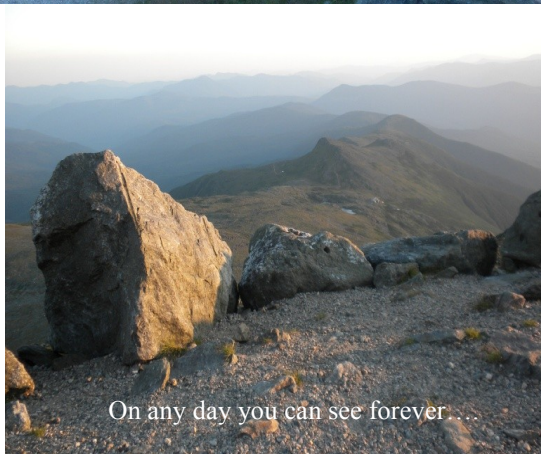
The Lucas Mobile



I'm sitting on top of the world!



Puppy love



On any day you can see forever....



A beautiful line up...ready to climb!

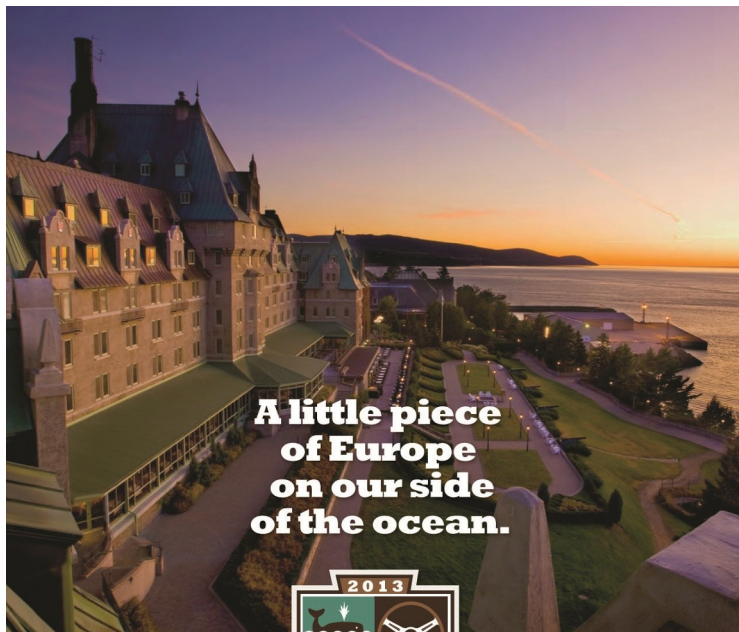


The Healey Law of Averages states...

“50% of all members will cross their legs when seated.”

Men..left over right and women.. right over left..

50% don't give a care!!



**A little piece
of Europe
on our side
of the ocean.**



Conclave Charlevoix 2013

Charlevoix, Québec, Canada

June 23rd-28th, 2013

Hosted by the Québec Austin-Healey Club www.conclavecharlevoix.org

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Price in current Moss cat., part # 021-539 is \$424.95 plus shipping. Price: \$350.00 includes shipping.

Call Bruce @ 508-272-6565.

A Challenge for You!!!

I wanted to point out or... challenge your readers to the number of Bugeyes in the closing ceremony of the London Olympics. Early in the closing ceremony there was one in the parade of vehicles covered in newsprint and about midway in the ceremony, in another parade of vehicles, I caught a glimpse of a black Bugeye. Sorry to say I didn't see any big Healeys but ...that may be the challenge ...did anyone see other Healeys? Is there an Olympics- Healey story to be told? John Smolinsky



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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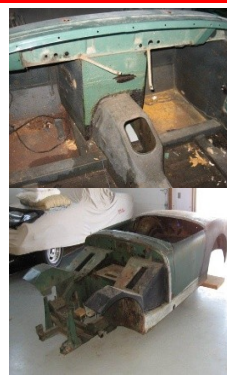
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Paul Dunnell 413-339-0102

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For Sale

1960 Bugeye

project car

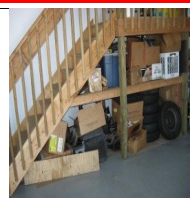
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Joe Smith (860) 324-4669

jrsmith@eba-d.com



For Sale

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