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# February—March 2013

## *Healey Exhaust Notes*

*The official newsletter of the New England Region  
of the Austin-Healey Club of America*

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*NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME & Northern NJ*

## AHCA NE March 2013 President's letter

I hate to start this month's newsletter on a down note. Pam Broughel has lost her brave long fight against cancer this past weekend. It was great to see Pam's beautiful smile and warm personality at our December Holiday Party. Pam was such a positive and courageous person. Denny and the Broughel family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Thank you to the twenty members who attended our latest planning meeting. During the meeting we made several significant changes to the organization of the club. Carl Carvell was approved as our latest Membership/Treasurer Officer replacing Don Paye. Jim Smith was approved for the newly created Technical Advisor position for the NE region. Jim is a wealth of knowledge on the Healey marque and enjoys providing advice to any club members. Len Bach and Ted Stanton were approved as Area Coordinators for Northern and Southern CT respectively. I want to thank Don Paye and Bob Finucane for the commitment and support of AHCA NE through the years.

We currently have 276 members in New England which includes 4 new members. All members who have renewed their 2013 membership by January 15<sup>th</sup> and who have attended at least one AHCA NE event last year, will receive engraved AHCA NE name tags. Thank you to the 132 members and spouses who were most active with the club this year and were prompt with their renewals.

On a personal note, I have recently purchased a Phase 1 BJ8 from club member Bob Finucane of CT. Bob contacted me after seeing my ad in the last club newsletter and we agreed on the sale. The car is an excellent shade of BRG with tan interior and top. With only 2k miles since a rotisserie restoration, it will become our preferred Healey for long distance cruising. Ironically, this is the first time I have ever driven a left hand drive Big Healey since I only have owned RHD cars while living in the UK.

Dan Clancy of Motorclub Automotive Restorations 244 North Main St. Raynham, MA (specializing on the restoration of British sports cars) will host a tech session on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM. Dan is a new AHCA NE member and is restoring a National champion SCCA Sprite race car.

Happy Healeying 2013,  
Pete Sturtevant

[www.ahca-newengland.com](http://www.ahca-newengland.com)

Pam Broughel died on 3/4/13 after a heroic battle against cancer.  
Condolences to 518-663-8879  
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[brougheldp@gmail.com](mailto:brougheldp@gmail.com)

## 2013 Calendar of Events – AHCA NE

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Tech Session - Sprite SCCA solo champion race car restoration -  
Motorclub Automotive [www.motorclubautomotive.com](http://www.motorclubautomotive.com)  
244 North Main Street, Raynham MA 02767 –  
Lunch at the Jockey's Club, Rte. 44 Raynham, after the Tech Session  
Dan Clancy, [clancy36@comcast.net](mailto:clancy36@comcast.net), 508 942 6740  
Please RSVP Pete Sturtevant [healeybn4@comcast.net](mailto:healeybn4@comcast.net) or 774 284 1212 before **March 21st**

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>** - Dutcher Automotive Engineering Tech Session  
98 Shelburne Road Greenfield MA - 10 AM  
After the Tech session, lunch will be at Don Paye's house.  
RSVP by Monday April 1, 2013 to either Don Paye 413-625-6568 or [dpaye@crocker.com](mailto:dpaye@crocker.com) or  
to Bob Bender 413-684-3934 or [Robert.Bender@gd-ais.com](mailto:Robert.Bender@gd-ais.com) (Subject-Tech Session)

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>** Eastern MA/RI Newcomers meet - Larz Anderson Museum, 15 Newton St.  
Brookline, MA (11 AM to 2 PM) with catered lunch - Pete & Cindy Sturtevant,  
[Healeybn4@comcast.net](mailto:Healeybn4@comcast.net) 774 284 1212 \$15 per person

**Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>** – 19<sup>th</sup> Carlisle Imports Show– Carlisle, PA – Steve Bell  
Some members have confirmed they will attend.

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** South Western CT driving tour – Bedford, NY (rain date Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> - Rudi Markl

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** British by the Sea - Harkness Memorial Park, Waterford, CT Meet at Fort Trumbull  
Marina Railway 93 Trumbull St, New London, CT 06320 for breakfast at around 9. Please  
RSVP Ted Stanton [healey@snet.net](mailto:healey@snet.net) or 860 535 9184

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** British Car Day - Larz Anderson Museum, 15 Newton St. Brookline, MA

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday, June 28<sup>rd</sup>**-Conclave 2013 Charlevoix, Quebec - AHCA National

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** Healey's on the Green, Mystic Seaport - Mystic, CT – George Greider and Ted Stanton

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** BCNH Show of Dreams, Wolfeboro, NH – David LeBlanc  
Bob Britton working with BCNH on single day driving tour event in July or August. TBD

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Vintage Racing Celebration - NH Motor Speedway Loudon, NH –  
Bob Britton – They have car show tied into races. Park in classes. If we can commit to  
have 15 cars, they will give us our own class. After races, car show members can do a group  
lap around track.

**Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>** – Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Lime Rock Historic Festival, Lime Rock, CT –  
Bill Berg Pete will reach out to Bill for update

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** South County RI Clam Bake - 12 Spray Rock Road, Weekapaug (Westerly), RI  
Amy & Carl Carvell [abcarvell@gmail.com](mailto:abcarvell@gmail.com) 860 633 0579 Price will be \$45 per person in  
cluding Lobster/Clam Bake. BYOB

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** Southern ME Driving Tour – Kittery, ME – Bill and Sheila Hayes

**Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** British Invasion – Stowe, VT – Bob Britton will reserve rooms at the Inn  
at the Mountain

**Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Applecrest Harvest Festival joint event with North Shore Old Car club starting at  
10 AM– Hampton Falls, NH Nick Zarkades

**Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Party - Publick House – Sturbridge, MA - Len Bach

### Austin-Healey Club Tech Session Saturday March 23rd 10AM

"MEN WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY. SMALL WAGES,  
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Do you know who spoke these words?

Goal: The resurrection, documentation, and restoration of The 1978 SCCA Grand National Champion Austin-Healey Sprite. It isn't pretty, having been sat outside for the past many years, but it is a National championship car, with 70's graphics and body work

<http://www.motorclubautomotive.com/1978-grand-nationals-champ.html>

Our Host will be new AHCA NE member, Dan Clancy of Motorclub Automotive, 244 N. Main Street, Raynham, MA 02767. The club will provide coffee and continental breakfast.

After the tech session, we will have a group lunch in a private room, at the Jockey Club Rt. 44 Raynham, MA. Lunch, Drinks (nonalcoholic), and service \$15 per person.

Please RSVP Pete Sturtevant, [healeyn4@comcast.net](mailto:healeyn4@comcast.net) or 774 284 1212 by Thursday March 21st.

### TECH SESSION on REBUILDING ENGINES

Dutcher Automotive Engineering

98 Shelburne Road Greenfield, MA 01301

10 AM on Saturday, April 6, 2013

Dutcher Automotive Engineering is a privately owned machine shop dealing solely in the repair and rebuilding of automotive engines of all types and sizes. This is a full service facility with machinery and expertise to complete all necessary operations for stock rebuilds or complete custom modifications and fabrications. This shop has completed rebuilds for several AHCA Club members as well as members of JANE and racing teams such as Donovan Jaguar. Steve Dutcher will give a tour of his facilities, a run-down on fully rebuilding a Healey engine and will be available for your questions.

Coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. Following the tech session we will take a fifteen minute ride west on Rt 2 to the home of Don and Carole Paye in the neighboring town of Shelburne Falls for lunch and time to swap stories.

RSVP by Monday April 1, 2013 to either Don Paye 413-625-6568 or [dpaye@crocker.com](mailto:dpaye@crocker.com) or to Bob Bender 413-684-3934 or [Robert.Bender@gd-ais.com](mailto:Robert.Bender@gd-ais.com) (Subject-Tech Session)

**DIRECTIONS:** From South... I -91 North to Exit 26, first exit of rotary and immediate left onto Miner Street (just after Applebees), turn right at end of street, watch for Healey Club sandwich board on right.

From East.... Follow Rt 2 directly to I-91 south bound (do not enter Greenfield), go south to first exit, No. 26, go 3/4 around, exit off rotary at Rt -2A east and follow instructions for South above.

From West.... Follow Rt 2 to rotary with I-91 in Greenfield, exit off rotary at Rt 2A east and follow instructions for South above.

From North.... I - 91 South to Exit 26 and follow instructions for East above

### Healeys on the Green Mark III

**Saturday, July 27, 2013**

Save the date on your calendars! Mystic Seaport's town green will be the site once again for Healeys on the Green during the Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous.

As before, we will form up across the street at 10:30 and then parade onto the museum grounds by model groups just before 11:00 AM. The show will run from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with the option to stay until the museum closes at 5:00 PM.

Entry to the show and grounds is \$20 for a car and two people (a \$48.00 value). A prize will be awarded to the most popular car as voted by Seaport visitors. Please make checks payable to Mystic Seaport and mail to George Greider; 956 Brookdale Drive; Boynton Beach, FL 33435. And please indicate your name and address as well as your car's year and model. You will get a show display card with your entry number, map and directions by return mail.

Any questions, contact [ggreider@gamil.com](mailto:ggreider@gamil.com) or 860-922-0757



## Healeying at Its Best

Yup, we're looking forward to another Healey season and as we ponder what we might want to take in we think about some fun runs. Last Fall, we planned to head to New Jersey to take in the grandkids' games and we decided to do so in Little Blue, our BJ 8.

At speed (no fun) we traveled the Mass Pike from Shrewsbury, MA to Lenox. We exited heading to Stockbridge and had a yummy breakfast at the Stockbridge General Store. Prior to touring Rt. 7 through north western Connecticut, we took in the West Cornwall covered bridge where we chatted with an English gent who left his workplace to admire Little Blue. We stopped at Kent Falls and then drove through Bulls covered Bridge into New York. We goofed and ended up in Poughkeepsie so we toured the city. We made our way along the eastern shore of the Hudson River and turning south, we stopped at several villages and tourist attractions. When we reached Route 287 in New York, we went over the Tappan Zee Bridge and followed it to New Jersey. We then took Skyline Drive West toward the Delaware Water Gap. When we reached Rt. 517 we headed South to Hacketstown, New Jersey and ended up at our son's home on Quemby Mountain.

During the visit we had fun driving our grandson to soccer games and he thought that was pretty COOL! And our BJ 8 drove the granddaughter to lunch and a cruise over great roads—made especially for Healeys-- on Jenny Jump Mountain.

We had to cut the visit short because SANDY was headed in our direction. We packed Little Blue and headed back home along the west side of the Hudson River. We did the tourist thing while all the rest of the world around us was hibernating and preparing for the storm. We enjoyed small villages, Nyack State Park, Stony Point Battlefield, West Point and other sites that caught our eyes.

When we reached Rt. 84, we drove hard to Shrewsbury. Up to that point the trip was great. Then in Connecticut darkness set in and the rain started----- need I say more about driving a Healey at night in the rain with those bright headlights, 10" wipers and BJ 9's going 70 MPH plus?

All in all Little Blue didn't skip a beat and we had a great run. The best way to see our country is in a Healey, right?

Bill and Mary Lou McMahon





## Lempert 3:54 Rear-end Gears

***Would you like your Healey to get 20% better gas mileage on the road and run at about 20% less RPM?***

Than let me install Lempert 3:54 gears in the rear-end of your car.

Total price for the whole job including gears is **\$1,200.00.**

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Ask someone who has them or if you have any questions call:

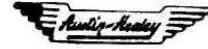
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### Healeyites

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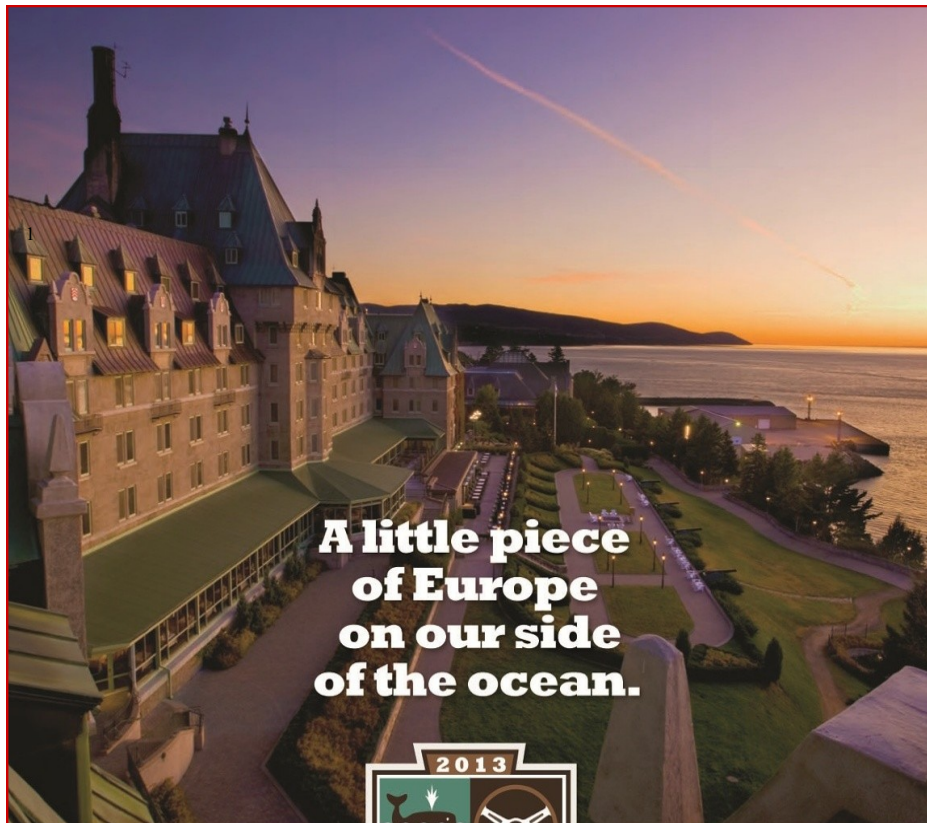
Contact Robert Scalla  
860-658-0072 in CT.

### Wanted

A good running sprite 1275  
engine

Denny

[Brougheldp@gmail.com](mailto:Brougheldp@gmail.com)



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**Conclave Charlevoix 2013**

*Charlevoix, Québec, Canada*

June 23rd-28th, 2013

Hosted by the Québec Austin-Healey Club [www.conclavecharlevoix.org](http://www.conclavecharlevoix.org)

Go on line to  
Conclave Charlevoix  
2013's  
web site for more  
information  
and registration form.  
[www.conclavecharlevoix.org](http://www.conclavecharlevoix.org)

## Scenic Tour of Greenwich, CT

Sunday, June 2, 2013      Rain date June 9<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy a 50-mile tour of scenic “back country” Greenwich, CT.

Bring picnic.

We leave the green in Bedford, NY (Rt 22 @ 172) at 11:00.

Rudi Markl 914 481 8555; [rmarkl@optonline.net](mailto:rmarkl@optonline.net). On Sunday try cell: 914 565 2804.



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## AHCA NE Meeting Minutes March 2, 2013

- Membership / Treasure Report – Don Paye  
2013 members 276, including 4 new members, 53 previous members remain outstanding  
Second renewals from National going out shortly  
Treasury – balance \$16K
- Newsletter report – Carole Paye  
March newsletter to be published next week  
Carole needs articles!! We are looking for a new Newsletter Editor to replace Carole for 2014.  
She spends about 3 or 4 hours a month publishing the newsletter.
- Web Master report – Deb Katz  
We are now on Facebook, and linked to National's Facebook.
- Report from National – Bev Sealand  
Bev will attend the officers meeting, next weekend in Indianapolis.
- New Engraved Members name tags – Ted Stanton  
Any members, who paid their 2013 Dues on time by January 15<sup>th</sup> and attended at least one AHCA NE event, received engraved name tags, as well as new members. 131 magnetic engraved name tags were produced. Any other members who want a customized engraved name tag and order them directly from the supplier for \$9.00 including shipping to your home. Deb will add name tags details to website
- Open Officers and Area Coordinator positions  
Carl Carvell has been approved as the new Membership/Treasurer Officer position, effective immediately, replacing Don Paye.  
Jim Smith has been approved for a newly created Technical Advisor position. Jim has years of experience and great knowledge of the Healey marque. Jim enjoys the opportunity to provide technical advice to NE club members.  
Len Bach has been approved as Area Coordinator for Northern CT  
Ted Stanton has been approved as Area Coordinator for Southern CT.  
I want to thank Don Paye and Bob Finucane for their commitment and service to the club for past many years.
- Conclave 2013  
20 members from New England have signed up for Conclave 2013. Thus far, registration totals 120 for Conclave 2013 in Quebec.
- 2015 Conclave / Encounter  
We have been approached by Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club and AHCA National about the potential for a joint Conclave/Encounter in 2015. The potential joint Conclave/Encounter could be located in upstate New York or Pennsylvania. An exploratory committee of Deb Katz, Bill Berg, Nick Zarkades, Roy Balthazard, and I will look for potential venues. We plan to report to all AHCA NE Officers and Area Coordinators within 60 days a proposal to be brought to a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon