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Healey Exhaust Notes

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AHCA NE April 2013 President's letter

Will this snow ever end and warm spring weather arrive? I am sure that as we turn the page on April, the weather will be cooperate for us to get out and enjoy our Healey's.

This past Saturday we had an excellent Tech Session hosted by new member Dan Clancy. Saturday morning was sunny and dry and five of the 40 attendees brought their Healey's. Please see Rich Ray's article with pictures of the Sprite race car tech session Saturday, March 23rd.

Thank you to the twenty members who attended our latest Planning meeting.

Welcome new members

Addison B	Marsh	West Suffield	CT
Eric	Overing	Rothsay	NB
Steve	Malinsky	Canterbury	NH
James	Normile	New York	NY

Conclave Charlevoix's Early Bird Registration Promotion is, that if you register before May 1st, you will automatically be entered in the "Pilot's Parade" for the Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix held in Montréal on June 9th. The prize includes two tickets (\$550) to the three day event, a Formula 1 polo that you will wear when parading in front of 100,000+ F-1 fans and a glorious Circuit Gilles Villeneuve track tour in your Big Healey.

Twenty six New England members are already registered for Conclave 2013. Make sure that you check with your insurance company to verify that your policy will cover you while driving in Canada. I have heard that Haggerty will provide, free of charge, insurance ID cards to confirm their coverage in Canada. Check to make sure that you Passport is current and does not expire within 60 days of entering Canada.

Our next event is a tech session on engine rebuilding on Saturday April 6th at Dutcher Automotive Engineering, 98 Shelburne Road Greenfield MA at 10 AM. After the Tech session, lunch will be at Don Paye's house. See more information and directions on page 3.

Happy Healeying 2013,
Pete Sturtevant

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2013 Calendar of Events – AHCA NE

Saturday April 6th - 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 or to Bob Bender 413-684-3934 or Robert.Bender@gd-ais.com (Subject-Tech Session)

Saturday May 11th 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 774 284 1212 \$20 per person

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

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

Sunday June 2nd 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 or 860 535 9184

Sunday, June 23rd British Car Day - Larz Anderson Museum, 15 Newton St. Brookline, MA

Sunday, June 23rd-Friday, June 28rd-Conclave 2013 Charlevoix, Quebec - AHCA National

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

Saturday, July 27th 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 2nd 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 31st – Monday September 2nd Lime Rock Historic Festival, Lime Rock, CT –
Bill Berg Pete will reach out to Bill for update

Saturday, September 7th South County RI Clam Bake - 12 Spray Rock Road, Weekapaug (Westerly), RI
Amy & Carl Carvell abcarvell@gmail.com 860 633 0579 Price will be \$45 per person including Lobster/Clam Bake. BYOB

Saturday, September 14th Southern ME Driving Tour – Kittery, ME – Bill and Sheila Hayes

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

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

Saturday Dec 7th - Holiday Party - Publick House – Sturbridge, MA - Len Bach

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



automotive engines

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 rundown on fully rebuilding a Healey engine and will be available for your questions.



Work in progress

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.

Wives are invited, too!!!!

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The work room.

DIRECTIONS:

From South... I -91 North to Exit 26, first exit off 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



98 Shelburne Rd. Greenfield

Carlisle British, Import and Kit Car May 17 & 18, 2013

Spring is here and just like the sparrows who return to Capistrano every spring, the Healey Boys (and Girls) will be returning to Carlisle, PA. The annual British, Import and Kit Car show will be held May 17 & 18 at the Carlisle Fair Grounds in Carlisle, PA. This is the best show and flea market for British cars in the USA. New England Region AHCA has been actively involved for almost twenty years. If you have never been, you are missing a great show and a great time. Our club has set aside 3 spaces for members to bring all of their spare parts that they are looking to "unload". Healey parts are much sought after at this show and it is always amazing to see sheet metal, engines, transmissions, overdrives and spare parts leave the premises with a smile on the face of the seller! Each year we manage to lure an unsuspecting club member on this trek and the result is always the same. They have a great time and make some money as well!

Dealer day is Thursday, May 16th and the field is open only to the vendors with spaces (that's us!) and if you're looking for some great deals, that's the day to be there. Many of the "Carlisle Regulars" arrive on Wednesday night so that we can set up and get ready to go first thing on Thursday morning. There are several hotels within easy driving distance of the fairgrounds with fantastic rates for Wednesday and Thursday nights. I am aware of a few club members going down for their first time and they're planning on unloading a ton of used parts!

If you are interested or need more information, please call me as soon as possible. At the present time, I am expecting 6 of the "regulars" to be there as well as some novices! GREAT BONDING WEEKEND! Hope you can come this year!

Steve Bell 508-947-6499 scbell1@comcast.net

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 or 860-922-0757



AHCA NE Tech Session March 23, 2013

Healey history is easy to read about, but it is difficult to see it, touch it and get a little grease on your hands. Most of us were uninformed about the Healey History of a 1966 Sprite raced by a fellow named Jeff Kornet in Brockton, Massachusetts. If you saw this car for sale in a car lot or on Craig's List you would most likely not give it a second thought. Luckily for this historic Healey a fellow named Dan Clancy in Raynham, Massachusetts doesn't feel that way as he begins the immense task of bringing car back to life. Dan owns Motorclub Automotive in Raynham and his business not only restores classic cars but builds custom cars. Dan let 40 members of our New England club meet in his garage Saturday. It has the feel of a place that gets serious work done on British cars. The posters that adorn the walls bring us back to the glory day of BMC cars in the 50s & 60s. It has 6 to 8 bays for projects. When we walked in there was Jeff Kornet's 1966 Sprite. It was almost painful to look at. It has been sitting under a deck in a back yard for over 20 years when Jeff left for California telling his friend storing the car he would be back soon. There is not 1 square inch of this car this is not rusted, or faded. A possum had taken up residence in the trunk at some point and lost his "Mortal coil" in the trunk. Hard to believe that this car was a Solo II Auto Cross National Champion in 1976.

The race was held in Hutcherson, Kansas at the Sunflower Aerodrome. Our guest speaker was Automotive Engineer Carl Erickson. "Back in the day" when Jeff was building this car to race Carl did the heavy lifting to get maximum performance out of the engine and suspension. Carl knew the entire history of building the car and its race history. The way he talked about the car you could easily sense the pride he had in it and its racing successes. Although Carl worked on all types of cars he mentioned several times, "British cars and how we love them!".

I am sure you have been reading about Steve Pike trying to recreate Donald Healey's 1954 attempt to achieve a speed of 200 mph at the Bonneville salt flats in Healey Marque. Our Tech Session Saturday had that feel about it. I would bet that Donald Healey would have enjoyed the session immensely. As Dan Clancy said at the beginning of the session "this car is going to race again". It is in good hands. This was a Saturday well spent for Healey lovers who were fortunate to attend.



1966 Sprite raced by Jeff Kornet



Carl Erickson explains the rear suspension of the Sprite



Project Lucas

Visit Dan Clancy's web site for more information about the Sprite and its future.

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

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NE CLUB NAME TAGS



Any member who'd like to purchase a club name tag with their name and car model can do so by contacting:

Susan Vigue
Recognition Products
860 642 6700
rproducts@yahoo.com

The cost is \$3 per tag plus \$3 shipping. The shipping cost would cover up to 4 separate name tags shipped to the same address.

Wearing our name tag at events will make us more approachable to new or prospective members. Plus anyone going to Quebec should have a name tag to show our connection to and our pride in our region.

Contact Ted Stanton at healey@snet.net
or call 860 535 9184

Scenic Tour of Greenwich, CT

Sunday, June 2, 2013 Rain date June 9th

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.
On Sunday try cell: 914 565 2804.



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Octane Magazine Picture Hans Abrahams

My 1955 Austin Healey 100-4 just had the occasion to make a page in Octane magazine and I thought readers might enjoy this forward.

The picture was of my Healey at the California Mille and was taken by Mr. Martyn Goddard who is a very well know photographer for both Octane and Automobile magazine and himself the proud owner of an Austin Healey 3000. He happened to be on the rally last year and asked me to take part in a photoshoot which was fantastic fun. One of the photos ended up being chosen for the April issue.

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?

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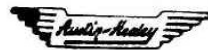
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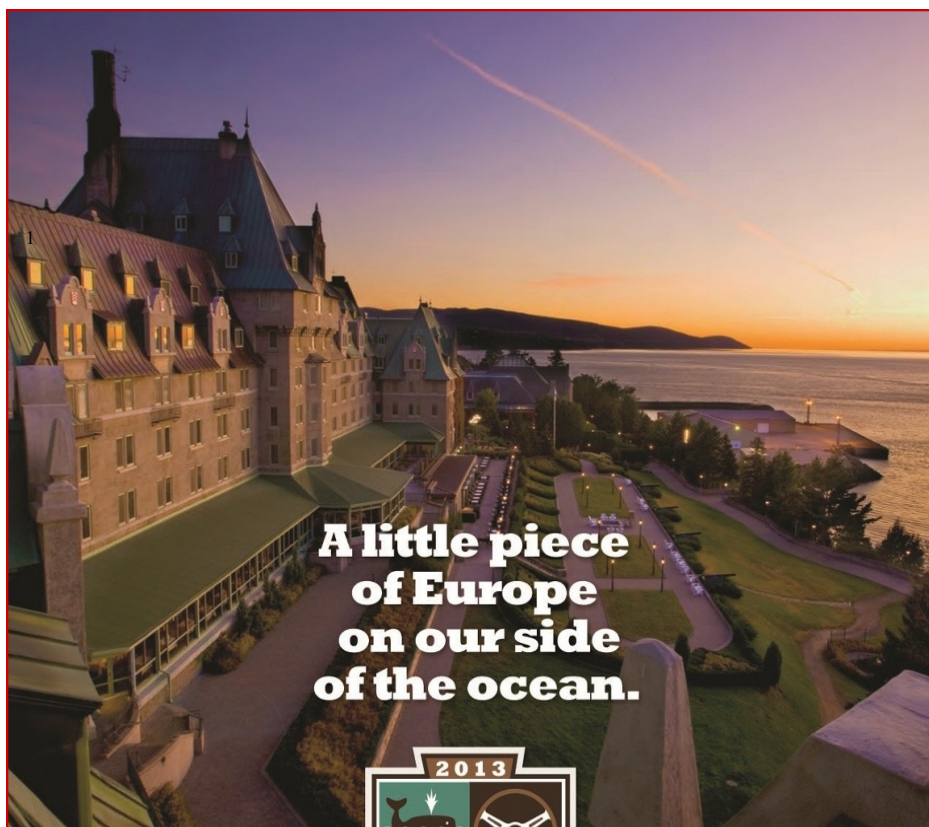
I am looking for someone in the Club who is going to Canada for Conclave that is towing a car and has room on their trailer to include my Bugeye Sprite.

Contact Robert Scalla
860-658-0072 in CT.

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A good running sprite 1275
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