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## Healey Exhaust Notes

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

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### AHCA NE August 2013 President's letter

What a crazy summer with all the cold and rain in June and record breaking heat in July. Neither rain or incredible heat is very friendly to Healey drivers. Hopefully you have found some decent days to get out and enjoy your Healey.

Conclave 2013 in Charlevoix Quebec was a georgeous venue over looking the St. Lawrence seaway. Thank you to the thirty plus couples from our chapter, who made the long trip to Northern Quebec. Our friends from Quebec, put on a very exciting and interesting Conclave, if only the weather had cooperated a little more. Several days the temperatures never got out of the 50's, and many experienced heavy rain getting to, or returning from Conclave. I know many couples toured Quebec City before, or after Conclave. My trip was not as enjoyable as usual, as Cindy contracted a severe sinus infection the Friday before we were schedule to leave. She didn't feel well enough to make the trip, and spent her week's vacation, sick in bed. Our "new" BJ8 ran great back and forth to Quebec. The recently installed 3.5 diff is a joy to cruise with the BJ8 on the highway. At 70 miles per hour the big 6 is only turning 2,250 RPM with overdrive. For those of you considering installing a 3.5 diff, I highly recommend this enhancement to your Big Healey driving expereince.

We are finalizing the plans for Conclave/Encounter 2015 at the Wyndham in Gettysburg, PA. Our AHCA NE member John Hefferon, and President of AHSTC Philly chapter has done an outstanding job leading the collaborative efforts of our two clubs to chose the Wyndham in Gettysburg from the original list of 20 venues across upstate NY and PA. We have completed all the negotiations with the outstanding resort who is very excited to be hosting our joint event with a project 300 Healey's in attendance.

Next Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, please get your Healey out, to support one of the two major events in southern and northern New England. David LeBlanc is organizing BCNH Show of Dreams in Wolfeboro, NH, and "Healey's on the Green", at Mystic Seaport, CT is being coordinated by Ted Stanton, and George Greider. Cindy and I look forward to joining estimated twenty Healey owners from southern NE, and I am sure there will also be a strong showing on Healey's from northern NE in Wolfeboro.

Let's hope our August weather will be excellent for touring and showing our Healey's.

Cheers,  
Pete

## ***2013 Calendar of Events – AHCA NE***

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Vintage Racing Celebration - NH Motor Speedway Loudon, NH –

A car show will be held in conjunction with the races on Saturday. Mail registration forms

Directly to NHMS, or your car can register on the day of the event. For more info visit [http://www.nhms.com/events/vintage\\_racing\\_celebration](http://www.nhms.com/events/vintage_racing_celebration). *Several AHCA-NE*

*Members are planning to race at the event, so come by and cheer them on to victory.*

**Thursday, August 7-Sunday August 10** Encounter 2013 Harrisburg Region of the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club near Hershey, PA "The Sweetest Place on Earth"

**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 including 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 Mountaineer Inn

**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 978-922-3956

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

Please note there will not be an organized club event at the Lime Rock Park. Contact Bill Berg for additional details. 802-442-2777.

The Bennington Car Show celebrates it's 47th year on September 13 to the 15th. Austin Healey is one of the featured marques this year. The Car display is September 14th. And judging is on September 15th. Pre reg. is \$10.00 and \$15.00 on site. Get additional information at [www.benningtoncarshow.com](http://www.benningtoncarshow.com). There is a quilt show in Bennington the same weekend. You can get information on the Bennington Quilt Show at [www.benningtonquiltshow.com](http://www.benningtonquiltshow.com).

Bill & Deb Berg will host a barbeque at their home 3 Birch Drive in Bennington, VT Saturday September 14th. At 6 p m. Please r.s.v.p. to Bill at [jmdberge@comcast.net](mailto:jmdberge@comcast.net) or call at 802-442-2777 BY SEPTEMBER 10th.

There were many twists and turns as to how New England members got to Conclave this summer. In fact, for some, Conclave began a week earlier with a Saturday night gathering at the home of Randy and Jeanne Hicks. They were entertaining a group that had started from the Atlanta area by towing their cars north into New York and Connecticut. Area New England members joined this group for a night of socializing at the Hicks. The next day this group headed off to Cape Cod and a six day adventure to the Cape, Plymouth, Boston and the Maine Coast.

Some travelled in small groups taking the express route north along Interstate 93 through New Hampshire, while others decided to opt for a trip up Interstate 89 into Montreal before turning east towards Quebec City. And some, like ourselves, travelled alone and wound our way up through the back roads of Maine before joining the "Old Canada Road" now marked as the Maine 201. It was in Jackman, Maine that we encountered a Healey group that had started from the mid-west and were staying in Jackman as well. Part of the adventure was visiting with them over dinner at the Four Seasons that evening. Unfortunately, the weather decided to be less than cooperative in the morning, so we delayed our departure from Jackman, top down, trusting that the worst was behind us. The good news is that it was. By the time we hit Quebec City, the sun was out and it was "plenty warm".

That's when the last surprise announced itself. The final 2 hour drive to Malbaie was filled with twisting roads, rising and falling at times in 17% grades as we traveled along the north side of the Saint Lawrence Seaway. We were also surprised, as we passed through Baie St. Paul, at the number of tourists there who were enjoying the last day of their holiday in honor of "St. John the Baptiste". The sidewalk cafe diners were witness to a great parade of vintage Healey's winding their way to Malbaie. It is always a great relief to reach your destination, knowing that the next few days will be spent with fellow Healey owners and most importantly, good friends.

The magnificence of the Manor de Richlieau greeted our arrival and the opulence of a five star hotel immediately impressed us. The first few hours were spent renewing many old friendships, catching up on the news of the local crowd and enjoying the opening ceremonies after a fabulous pizza buffet. There was a tremendous view of the St. Lawrence Seaway from one side of the hotel, which was filled with various dining opportunities, gathering points and fabulous walking areas. The Quebec club members were everywhere, ready to assist anyone with questions or concerns. This was to be the "norm" for our entire stay in Malbaie.

Instead of writing about each event, each meal and each day, it would suffice to say that we were transported, quite literally, to another world. The intrigue of visiting local merchants and "testing your French" was part of the fun. Quite literally, this area of Quebec does not seem to encourage their young people to learn English. As a result, it was enjoyable to communicate with your high school French and multiple hand gestures, which were always met with pleasant, understanding smiles.

There were a few moments that stood out that I would like to mention. There was a strong contingent of folks from Nova Scotia in attendance, caring people who had hosted our driving tours on many occasions when we have toured that wonderful province. We departed from the hotel in taxi cabs to enjoy a meal away from the crowd. We were pleasantly surprised with a superb meal, but the truth was that we had ample time to share past stories and remembrances. I guess you would call it "quality time" together.

Another memorable time was spent during the car show in Baie St. Paul. After cleaning and polishing the Bugeye, Sue and I headed for the "Orange Bistro, the side walk cafe where holiday seekers had enjoyed the parade of arriving Healeys two days prior. There we sat for well over an hour with the Hetu's and the Lunney's exchanging stories, French lessons and just "visiting like family". Following that quality time, we went over to the church to help set up the video equipment with Paul Hetu, in preparation of the silent film "Ben Hur". This film was accompanied by noted organist, Phillipe Belanger, who astonished the audience by improvising an accompaniment to the entire film for well over an hour! Certainly one of the finest moments of our stay and one we won't soon forget.

The final memory I would like to share is that of spending some wonderful moments with Jim and Linda Cox, from Virginia. If you are aware of the trials and tribulations they have gone through this past year (and many of the New England members are) you will understand our joy that they were in attendance and in good health. I wish we could say that the weather was fantastic, but the truth was that it was like late October for most of the time we were on site. But having said that, it didn't stop any of us from having a memorable time and truly enjoying the Quebecois way of doing things. Part of the experience was in dealing with weather issues. Ultimately, to my chagrin, I had to very reluctantly "put up the top" in preparation for our journey home as the weather forecast was not favorable. Those of you who know how we normally travel "topless" will eventually be able to witness this most unusual occurrence. Just as I had finished installing the side curtains, who should happen by but none other than Reid Trummel, Healey Marque editor and PHOTOGRAPHER! Talk about timing!

The Quebec Chapter has to be applauded for providing a spectacular venue of vistas, activity, food and wonderful experiences. They were very helpful in assisting those with minor "motoring issues", answering the multitude of questions and sharing their hospitality with all of us. Well done Quebec! Thank you for a most memorable time in our Healey lives.



## AHCANE results from Conclae 2013

### Valve Cover Races

A sweep by NE

1st Jim Begin, 2nd Bob Britton, 3rd Robert Scalla

### Gymkhana

Sprites: 1st Steve Bell

BN4-BJ8 Modified: 1st Bob Britton

" Modified Women: 2nd Linda Hakala

### Speed Run

4th Bob Britton

Women: 1st Linda Hakala

### Car Show

Sprites: 3rd Steve and Sue Bell

Tri-Carb: 2nd Jim Begin

BJ8- 2 light: 1st Peter Army

Best of Show: Peter Army

### Rally

5th Elliot Moore and Jaimee Walters



**BRITISH INVASION XXIII**  
**September 20-22, 2013**  
**Stowe, VT**



7-25-13 UPDATE: John Nikas and “Grace” of DRIVE AWAY CANCER will be joining the Austin Healey Club at British Invasion this year. The Club will be hosting John at the Mountaineer Inn and in addition Grace will be a specially featured Austin Healey on the show field. We are hoping for a big turnout of the NE club at British Invasion this year to show our support for this special car and dedicated driver. So if you have not made plans yet to attend don’t procrastinate anymore.

The Austin Healey Club of New England is changing accommodations this year and will be staying at the Mountaineer Inn, located just 1 ½ miles from the new site of the British Invasion.. There are 12 rooms reserved for the AHCA-NE Region at the rate of \$119/night plus tax. This rate includes a complimentary Continental Breakfast. Bring your bathing suits to enjoy the indoor pool and 20 person hot tub.

**LAST CHANCE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TO GET THE SPECIAL RATES & GURANTEE A ROOM**

**CALL: 802-253-7525 and mention the Austin Healey Club to get the special rate.**  
**[www.stowemountaineerinn.com](http://www.stowemountaineerinn.com)**

**You must pre-register for the British Invasion. The deadline is September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED THIS YEAR on either Friday or Saturday.**

Registration Form: **<http://www.britishinvasion.com>**

**For more information Contact Bob Britton**

**Cell: 603-381-3158**

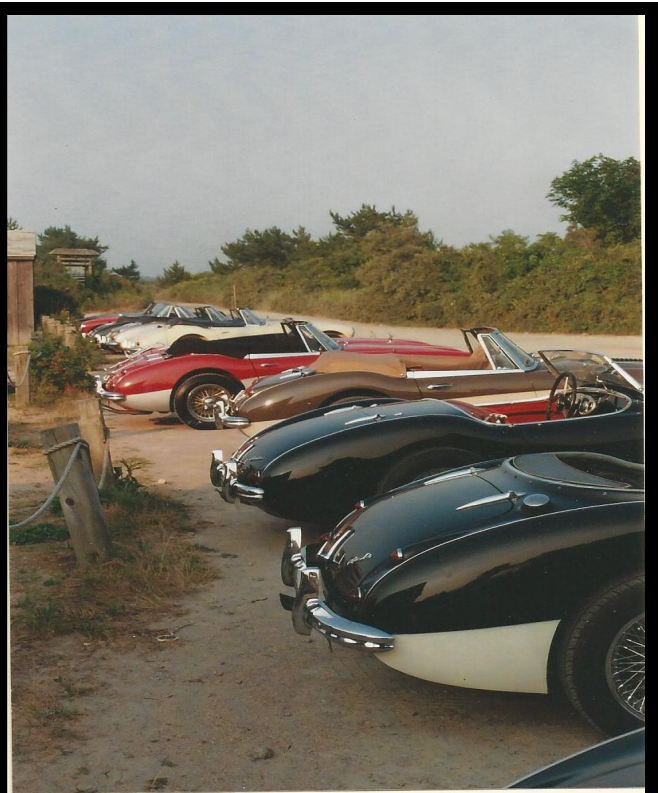
**Email: [healeybj7@hotmail.com](mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com)**



## “New England Clambake”

Saturday, September 7, 2013 3:00 o'clock at Carl & Amy Carvell's, 12 Spray Rock Rd, Weekapaug (Westerly), RI. This Clam bake includes clams, lobster, corn on the cob, sweet potato, white potato, fish and sausage. Bottled water and soda are included, **but BYOB**. Cost is \$45.00 pp payable to Carl or Amy before you get your lobster. This is a repeat of the “Summit 2011” clambake for those who were there. See pictures.

Come 2 or 3 or 4 hours early and enjoy a walk along the edge of the pond viewing the boats at moorings and the Yacht Club activities or walk on the 2 mile long beach. Better yet, bring a bathing suit and enjoy a swim in the ocean or just sun bathing on the beach. RSVP by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, to [abcarvell@gmail.com](mailto:abcarvell@gmail.com), [cgcarvell@gmail.com](mailto:cgcarvell@gmail.com) or 401-322-7741. **Directions will be sent when we know you are coming**



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

**Wanted: Big Healey Driver**  
**No Rust, No major mechanical problems, does**  
**not over heat. My budget is \$35,000.00 max.**  
**Please contact Paul Effman 516-655-4543**

### Harvard Lyons 2013 Classic Car Show

Sunday September 15th 10 a m to 4 p m  
Hazel Farm 150 Ayer Rd. Harvard, MA  
Prizes, judging, great food, music, BBQ cook-off.  
Details at [www.Harvardfallfestival.com](http://www.Harvardfallfestival.com)  
Or call "Pete" 978-7583008

### "Tech tips"

One of the most important choices we make to keep our Healeys running smoothly using unleaded gasoline is the motor oil we use. This becomes critical when our motors are rebuilt. Bob Abbott of British Car R&R (restore & repair) in Ipswich, MA recommends using an 20-W 50 oil rated listed at "SAE SM" or lower e.g. SAE SA or SB or SC.

Oils rated SAE SN and higher have the zinc removed to protect catalytic converters in modern cars. Bob personally uses an oil made by Brad Penn but there are others on the market. Oil containing zinc is necessary for engines with flat tappet cam shafts to compensate for lack of lead in gasoline.



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### 2013 Classic and Custom Car Show

**Saturday, August 3**

**1 Location - 1 Day - 1 GREAT Show!**



Name/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle and Class Information - Open to all years, American & Foreign - Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles

Class Number: 15 Class Name: Foreign to 1968

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Special Parking Areas: (All paved or grass)

Suede & Chrome - Old Skool Builds - "Max Muscles" - Car Club Parking - Classic (not modified)  
Special parking or club parking needed: \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Registration - Includes admission for 2 Adults

--Children age 16 and under FREE--

Method of Payment - Check / Money Order / Discover / Mastercard / Visa ( No Refunds )

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: NHMS Classic Vehicle Show, P.O. Box 7888, Loudon NH 03307

Activities include: Car Corral - Automotive Flea Market - Displays & Demonstrations - Drive around the NASCAR oval - Food & Souvenirs - Live Bands

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

Total price for the whole job including gears is  
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Ask someone who has them or if you have any questions call:

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