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## Healey Exhaust Notes

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

*Serving the following areas -*

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

## AHCA NE September 2013 President's letter

August has been an excellent weather month, and I we have had several nice runs with our Healey's. I have "lost" Overdrive in both our Big Healey's this month, it is not so critical with the BJ8 with the 3.5 differential. I fixed the OD on the 100 as it was just a loose wire on the back of the switch under the dash. I love those easy "fixes"!

Welcome to new members Kenneth and Noreen Zerele of Madison, CT. I continue to hear from individuals looking to buy, or sell Healey's and a BJ8 was featured this week in Hemmings as "Find of the Day". Prices remain strong for properly restored or maintained cars.

The plans for Conclave/Encounter 2015 at the Wyndham in Gettysburg, PA continue to come together nicely, and we will be signing the contract, in the next couple of weeks. Many members have expressed interest in supporting the efforts of Conclave/Encounter 2015, and I will be reaching out to all those members who have volunteered, shortly. We have multiple sub committees, which you can be involved, and share the responsibility with AHSTC members. Please let me know if you want to join the fun for 2015.

September will be an exciting month for Healey enthusiasts, across the region. Labor Day weekend, is the Historic Festival at Lime Rock, CT. The following weekend, Amy and Carl Carvell are hosting a Clam Bake, at their lovely home in Westerly, RI on the afternoon of September 7<sup>th</sup>. Moving to northern NE, Bill and Sheila Hayes are hosting the Southern ME driving tour on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend, Bob Britton is organizing our club efforts at British Invasion in Stowe, VT including the appearance of "Grace" the Drive Away Cancer 100 being a special guest.

Fall is a best season for enjoying your Healey!

Cheers, Pete

## 2013 Calendar of Events – AHCA NE

**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.**



### North Shore Old Car Club WINGS & WHEELS Show

Beverly Airport 46 L. P. Henderson Rd.  
Beverly, MA (off of Route 97)



Presented in conjunction with the Beverly Airport and the  
Collings Foundation "WINGS of FREEDOM TOUR"

September 22, 2013  
Gates open at 9 AM  
Awards Presentation @ 2 PM



Featuring:

Classic Car Show, Awards for various class winners

Note: NSOCC members are not eligible for most award classes.  
There is a separate award class for NSOCC cars.

General Admission: \$5,  
•Children under 12: Free  
•Car Show Entry Fee: \$15  
*Includes Driver and 1 Passenger*  
•Car Corral fee:  
\$15 for Pre Registered Cars  
\$20 Day of Show

Classic Car Flea Market – Vendors, Please Contact Sandi Grey at 978-667-3637

Classic Car Corral – To reserve a spot to sell your car in the corral, Contact Joe Burke 978-777-0741

**Please Note that admission to the Aircraft Show is separate and not included in Car Show Admission**

Contact Bill Sullivan at 978 774 6229 for Wings & Wheels event inquiries.

[www.nsocc.com](http://www.nsocc.com)



# Southern Coast of Maine Austin Healey Tour

September 14<sup>th</sup>, rain day 15<sup>th</sup>



Sheila and I are very excited about hosting this tour of the southern Maine coast on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with the 15<sup>th</sup> as a rain day. We drove most of the route and it is beautiful. We will have the added advantage of many of the summer tourist being gone.

The tour will start at 11:00 at the Beach Pea Bakery at 53 State St. in Kittery. We are setting a show-up time of 10:00 which will give folks time to straggle in and have a great cup of coffee and a pastry before we get started. Not too much though because about 30 miles into the trip we will stop for lunch at an iconoclast diner called appropriately, The Maine Diner. Before lunch we will tour out Rt. 103 East through Kittery Point, York beach, with a short stop at Nubble Light at Cape Neddick, then pick up Rt. 1A and make our way through York Village. This is a great walk around village with a variety of shops and some of the best salt water taffy you'll ever have. We will discuss and would love to hear whether or not folk would like to stop there for awhile. This is a driving tour, after all.

Not far out of York we will pick-up Shore Rd and take that into Ogunquit. From here we pick-up Rt. 1 till we stop for lunch. After lunch we will tour through Kennebunk Port where we will see George and Barbara Bush's Summer home on Walker Point, continue through Biddeford to Old Orchard Beach and on to Cape Elizabeth and the Portland Headlight and Ft. Williams, where we will say our goodbyes and end our tour.

The entire route is right at 3 hours of driving through some of the prettiest New England coastal towns, past beautiful stately summer homes, and ending at a beautiful spot just minutes from Portland and it's cool Old Port shops. Why not make a day of it and join us on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested can contact us at [bshayes@metrocast.net](mailto:bshayes@metrocast.net) and we will send you the Mapquest route that we have mapped out. Look forward to seeing you. Bill and Sheila Hayes

## **The Austin Healey Holiday Party** **Saturday, December 7, 2013** **6:00 P.M. till 11:00 P.M.** **Publick House Sturbridge, MA.**

**This year's Holiday party will again be held at the Publick House**  
**in "Crafts Hall".**  
**Social and cocktails at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM.**  
**There will be a cash bar in our room!**

### **The dinner selections are:**

**Roast Prime Rib of Beef - @ \$38.50/person**  
**Herb Roasted Baked Stuffed Chicken - @ \$28.00/person**  
**or Pasta Primavera - @ \$28.00/person**

**Price includes: appetizer, dinner, dessert, coffee/tea with tax & tip**

**Santa will arrive, so keep your eyes open for the right \$10.00**  
**"Yankee Swap" gift.**

**There should be an admission charge just for this!!!!**

**Rooms have been reserved for those wishing to stay overnight-**  
**special rate for Austin Healey group of \$99.00/night + tax.**  
**Continental breakfast included.**

**Make your reservations: Laura Skowron (508) 347-7323 ext. 288**

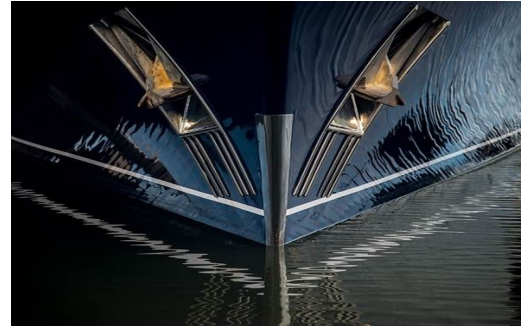
**At 5:00 PM there will be a short Club business meeting**  
**in order to get a head start planning for next year's**  
**events.**

**Make your reservations on or before Wednesday November 27, 2013**  
**to: Leonard Bach 192 Bald Hill Road, Tolland, CT 06084-2518**

**Any questions? [SummitM9@aol.com](mailto:SummitM9@aol.com) or (860) 875-8855**

**(please make checks to AHCA of NE, Inc. with your selection)**  
**This a fun time! Reserve early, room space is limited**

## The AHCNA visits Mystic Seaport



The Austin Healey Club of North America brought about 25 cars to Mystic Seaport on Saturday, July 27. This is the third year they have visited the Museum during the Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous. Special thanks go to Boathouse volunteer Ted Stanton. He is an Austin Healey owner and member of the group and instrumental in bringing the group here each year. The Austin Healey Club of North America brought about 25 cars to Mystic Seaport on July 27th. This is the 3rd year they have visited the museum during the Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous. Special thanks go to Boathouse volunteer Ted Stanton. He is an Austin Healey owner and a member of the group and is instrumental in bringing the group here each year.

This year, his car was the winner of the People's Choice award! Ted generously allowed visitors to sit in his car, which helped to make him the most popular. Not only did the owners of these cars provide a great service to the Museum by showcasing their gorgeous cars to visitors, they also made a donation to the *Charles W. Morgan* after the event. We look forward to having them back again next year. Shannon McKenzie

### OCT.13 -APPLECREST FARM EVENT WITH THE NORTHSHORE OLD CAR CLUB UPDATE

Don't forget to go to the Applecrest Farm website ([www.applecrest.com](http://www.applecrest.com)) to check out this venue, come see great color, pick some apples and meet some other car crazy people.

The Northshore Old Car Club will have a staging area so cars can caravan together up to the event at Building 19 parking lot,

located at River's Edge Plaza, RT 97 Haverhill, MA. Get there early for coffee, they will be leaving at 11:00 am.

If you would like to caravan up with Larry and I meet up at the Dunkin Donuts/Burger King rest area right after exit 19, Rt 128 North in Beverly. We will take a scenic route through Essex, Ipswich, Newburyport and into New Hampshire.

We will be leaving at 11:00 am. We will be at the rest area at 10:00 am so come early for coffee and donuts.

If making the trip on your own go to the Applecrest Farms web site for directions. When you make the drive go to the main entrance

and some one from NOCC will direct you to the show field.

Please e-mail me at [zdesign@comcast.net](mailto:zdesign@comcast.net) if you plan to attend, we need a car count and if you plan to do lunch when you get there.

Any questions e-mail me or call 978-590-6067

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/AHCAMembers/?fref=ts>

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

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



**8-25-13 UPDATE: The AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND** will once again be sponsoring a Cocktail and Pool party. This year it will be held in the lower lounge of the Mountaineer Inn overlooking the West Branch River on Saturday between 5:30-7 PM. This is a BYO Beer and/or Wine party. Adjacent to the lounge is an indoor pool and 20 person hot tub for those who want to relax a bit after the day. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Join your fellow Healey owners for some camaraderie after the car show. Rooms are still available at the Mountaineer Inn but you need to call ASAP to reserve a room at the special club rate.

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.

**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 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 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)

**AHCA NE cars on the cover of Moss**

**Austin Healey parts & accessories**

**Catalogue!** If you get the Moss parts

Catalogue and the cars on the cover look familiar they should. They belong to club members Roy Balthozard, Jud Perkins, and Roger Hamel. The Picture is on top of Mt. Washington in NH. ed.





### **AHCA Tour of "Back Country" Greenwich, CT - Rudi Markl, Rye, NY**

We lucked out! Sunday, June 9, was a fine, sunny day sandwiched between days of rain. Some roads were flooded when I scouted the day before the tour and it rained more the day after.

Though they came the longest distance, the McMahons were the first to join us at the Green in charming Bedford, NY. Soon there were six big Healeys and a Bugeye (plus a fine factory 100M that couldn't do the tour). The three-hour, 37-mile tour went off without a hitch. (Okay, we did have to wait for a few cars that missed the first turn.) We stopped to stretch at two nature preserves and enjoyed our picnics on the grounds of the Greenwich Audubon Center, which features a gallery full of bird prints (and, more importantly, the only bathrooms on the route).

Those unfamiliar with the area were amazed that such a gorgeous, peaceful area of hilly, winding roads sprinkled with historical houses, barns, horse farms, meadows, rock walls, ruins of mills, and ponds exists so near I-95.

I joined our area club in 1975, but later moved away. This is the first AHCA event I've hosted since returning to New York 9 years ago. I decided to do it because there have been NO club events near New York City, despite the large number of members here. If some of you southwestern Connecticut and New York members would consider running a simple tour like this on YOUR favorite roads there'd be a whole lot of (scuttle) shakin' going on down here!

#### SU CARB DASHPOT OIL Tech tip

One of the routine maintenance items that is often ignored or forgotten is the oil in the SU dampers. The purpose of the damper is to retard upward movement of the piston on the rapid throttle opening associated with acceleration. This delay in the piston movement causes a momentary decrease in pressure at the throat, thus achieving a momentary increase in the richness much the same as with an accelerator pump on other types of carburetors. The weight of the oil in the damper determines the amount of dampening. There is a widespread difference of opinion about what is the best weight oil to use. Many use ordinary engine oil, others use a light weight oil such as Marvel Mystery Oil. SU publications recommend 20 weight oil which I use now after trying both engine oil and MMO and I have found it to be very satisfactory. The best thing is you can buy a small amount of 20 weight oil right at your local hardware store, it is called "3 in 1 Oil" and it will cost a lot less than the special SU Dashpot oil sold by Moss and other vendors. And, don't forget, you only want to fill the piston rod with oil to within a 1/2"-5/8" of the top or otherwise oil will spill into the suction chamber. Submitted by Bob Britton

I have several service manuals (3) and older magazines with Austin Healey articles for sale. Ed Rohrer.  
[coedrohrer48@aol.com](mailto:coedrohrer48@aol.com)

### 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

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Hi everyone,

I am fairly new to the Austin Healey club of New England. I am doing a ground up restoration of a 1956 BN2 100 Healey. Peter Sturtevant and I spoke a few months ago about writing in the newsletter about my experiences in doing this sometimes daunting task. I am one year into this project now and I am more confident about completing a bucket list item of mine in the way I envisioned it from the start.

Each month I will work on another installment to the newsletter describing the progress made as well as my thoughts on what I am doing and why. This article is primarily for the person who might decide to tackle the project with his/her own hands and have others do work that they might not be comfortable with.

Here are some of the basics of must haves.

- 1) Willingness of being filthy after working more than five minutes at a time.
- 2) The temperament of understanding that your car does not have an attitude to defeat you. It is neutral in this. Keep repeating this when it takes a day to remove a stuck bronze shackle bushing!
- 3) If you grew up loving "all things mechanical" and working all day on the car feels like only five minutes.
- 4) Having an understanding wife If you are married.
- 5) Having an understanding of tools be it power or hand operated. Being able to weld at a decent level or perhaps take a welding course before you attempt it.
- 6) Full understanding of safety and an absolute willingness to not take chances ever. This includes eye, hearing and proper use of air filtration that you breath, be it grinding dust or chemicals when spraying.
- 7) A decent work place to transform your dream car. I would say that a larger two car is minimum. If there is an attic it is a great plus for the lighter parts that needs to be kept clean.
- 8) A good air compressor with dryer for use with air tools and later for spray equipment.
- 9) A lot of time on your hands. Being retired certainly helps. Do not have a time schedule. Good restorations take as long as it takes.
- 10) Get restoration guides and all related manuals and read them more than once!
- 11) A digital camera and computer to store progress and procedures you are going through. It will help on reassembly.
- 12) Auto rotisserie to get to all areas of car easily.
- 13) Ability to do research for parts etc.

If you are comfortable with all of the above, restoring a car can be a blast. It will be a great sense of accomplishment knowing that you did it.

Next month- Finding a car and bringing the "baby" home.

Steve Malinsky

