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AHCANE President's letter

What a great month for Healey events across New England! The month started on a stunning day in South County RI at the Carvell's with a great clam bake. The weather was perfect and the views of the Atlantic were spectacular. From the RI coast, we traveled the next Saturday north to York County, ME. Bill and Sheila Hayes who hosted their very first Healey event, created a beautiful drive up the Maine coast with twenty Healey's. Thanks to Bill and Sheila for hosting a great day, exploring the beauty of the southern Maine coastline.

Last weekend was British Invasion in Stowe, VT and our Healey's were hit of the party, with Randy Hicks stunning Florida Green 100M winning best in Concours class followed by Dave Altman's recently restored by Bob Abbott, BN7 tri carb, and Peter Army's stunning BJ8. In the popular car class.

Robert Scalla's beautiful Red BJ8 placed 1 the Convertible Class, and Ed Collin's 1 in the 6 cylinder Roadster Class.

Unfortunately, Cindy and I missed British Invasion, as we had an even more important event. My God Daughter Amanda Brown got married on Goat Island, Newport, RI. I had the great pleasure of driving the newly married couple to their reception on the back of our 100. The couple was stunning and the Healey held her own.



Enclave 2015, July 19th -24th in Gettysburg, PA has 50 volunteers from AHCA NE and AHSTC willing to help with Healey event of the year. We are creating a Tag Line for Enclave 2015 and Logo. Please let us know, if you have any creative ideas. Jud Perkins and Mike Garvey have recently joined the Governance Committee for Enclave

Our next Healey event is on Sunday October 13th for the Applecrest Harvest Festival (www.applecrest.com) a joint event with North Shore Old Car club. Nick Zarkades is starting the driving tour at 10 AM at the Dunkin' Donuts, Exit 19 Route 128 North in Beverly. Please RSVP Nick at zdesign@comcast.net or 978 590 6067.

Fall is a best season to enjoy driving your Healey with the changing colors in the autumn!

Cheers. Pete

2013 Calendar of Events – AHCA NE

Sunday October 13th - 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 7th - Holiday Party - Publick House – Sturbridge, MA - Len Bach

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

Don't forget to go to the Applecrest Farm website (<u>www.applecrest.com</u>) 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 someone from NOCC will direct you to the show field.

Please e-mail me at 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

Club member Dan Clancy owner of Motorclub Automotive in Raynham, MA is in the process of restoring a 1964 BJ8 for its original owner, club member Nate Palmer. Dan has named the restoration "Project Veteran". Dan is a restoration professional and has done an excellent job of documenting the work of this total nut & bolt restoration. It gives an inside look at the enormous amount of work in the project and the skill and tools involved. Click on the link below and look at the many pictures from his web site.

http://motorclubautomotive.com/project-veteran-1964-austin-healey-3000.html

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 11.the Publick House in 'Crafts Har.

Social and cocktails at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM There will be a cash bar inoo:r room!

The dinner selections are:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef - @ \$38 JO/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 ovemight-special rate for Austin Healey group of \$99.00/night + tax.

Continental breakfast included.

Make your reservations: 1-800-782-5425 or 508-347-3313

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 n:servations on or before Wednesday November 27, 2013 to: LeonmdBach 192 Bald Hill Road, Tolland, CT 06084-2518

Any questions? 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



Rhode Island Clambake

Saturday the 7th of September was a bright, sunny breezy day with a gathering of 26 Healey drivers who came to Weekapaug, Rhode Island for the second Healey clambake. The menu was a traditional Rhode Island Clambake with mussels, clams, lobsters, corn on the cob, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, and best of all the traditional bag with a piece of white fish and a sausage inside. All this was perfectly cooked and served by Steve and Darcy Crandall and their boys. Steaks were grilled for the landlubbers in the crowd. Salads were plentiful and the finishing touch was watermelon and cookies brought by Dale, Betty and Carolyn. Healey drivers and their cars came from New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and of course Rhode Island and spent the day walking on the beach, visiting with old and new friends and enjoying the view from Amy and Carl Carvell's porch overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

A great time was had by all!

Amy & Carl Carvell

Show of Dreams in Wolfeboro, NH

This years "Show Of Dreams" was like a dream come true for members of the British Cars of New Hampshire (BCNH). After months of planning for this the 17th annual all British car show . The event opened with that most important element, good weather. Yes, the skies were blue ,the temperature was comfortable and the humidity low. So,as one might expect, there were a record 150 cars registered. The beautiful weather brought out a good variety of British Iron. From an 49 Allard j2 to a "Best in Show" 62 Morgan 4 + 4 . 12 Big Healeys and 1 Bug eye Sprite lined up in semi-circle on the fields front row and were handed a token of appreciation (BCNH wine glass) for representing this year's feature Marque. When awards were handed

out AHCA-NE members Jim Begin and Peter Barrone were 1st and second in the popular vote, and again Jim Begin took the "Best Healey" awarded by the Show Of Dreams event committee.

The Show Of Dreams is the only event put on by BCNH with all proceeds going to our charity, thanks to AHCA-NE, BCNH, and other regional clubs, this day was a dream come true as 7500\$ was raised and donated to the "New Hampshire High Hopes Foundation".

Thank you David LeBlanc

https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/AHCAmembers/?fref=ts

www.ahca-newengland.com

Maine Coast Tour

http://www.flickr.com/photos/101835863@N05/sets/72157635538615874/



Whenever Bill and I join something we feel we need to do more than just show up at the events so many others have worked on setting up. The Healey Club is no exception. We have been to a couple of summits but are not prepared to jump in at that level so we decided to try to organize a drive. We didn't know what was expected from us since we had never even been on an organized drive before but with a little input from others we got started.

I did a some searching on Google until I found what looked like a nice drive up the Maine coast. Bill liked the idea but made the route much better with changes so that we stayed along the coast as much as possible. We took a drive down to Kittery and walked around town talking to people, asking for any suggestions on where a good meeting place might be. Everyone was extremely helpful and we ended up choosing The Beach Pea, a lovely little bakery where people could get coffee and pastries while they waited for everyone. When we chose this place we were thinking that maybe we would get 7-10 cars and we would have ample parking. Well, it was a lovely warm, sunny day and this drive turned out to be pretty popular, 21 cars showed up! Parking was a little less than ample but we all figured it out and had a nice start visiting with each other.

At 11:00 we were all in our cars and lined up for the procession. There is just something about seeing 21 of these beautiful cars all lined up that makes me smile. They also turn heads and make other people smile.

A stop was planned at Nubble Light House but when we drove in we found every other tourist had stopped there and there wasn't a single parking space. We made a loop through the parking lot to turn around and suddenly cameras and heads all turned from the light house to our procession. Cool.

We drove along the beaches in York, through York Village, then along the Shore Rd to Ogunquit. We then headed up Rt. 1 for a planned lunch stop at Mike's Clam Shack. They had a room set aside for us, the food was good and the staff was pleasant and efficient. It was really great to visit with everyone, check out all the cars and have our group picture taken.

After lunch it was more of the beautiful coast of Maine. Through Kennebunkport, past Walker Point where George and Barbara Bush summer and on up the coast to Cape Elizabeth and the Portland Head lighthouse. From all of the comments we have received I would say that a good time was had by all who participated. Our encouragement to all of the New England Healey Club members is, if you have never taken on the challenge of organizing an event, do it. You'll have a great time and get to know some great folks even better.

Thanks to all who participated...Sheila and Bill Hayes

The Quickie Divorce Incident by Adam Nolde

It was 93 degrees in the shade on the grassy hill at Lime Rock Park. That won't stop hundreds of adrenaline addicted gear junkies from driving in hot cars under the hot sun while wearing hot three or four layer fire suits. The rubber would nearly drip off the tires after each session and everyone I spoke to was experiencing very high idle speeds, probably from the overheated fuel lines pushing extra fuel into their engines.

VSCCA Group 5 was Healey Heavy with five Big Healeys and one MG with a Bugeye front end. Every group 5 race had two Big Healeys in the top three spots, except one. The first race on Saturday June 1st, started with me scrubbing Buttercup's tires on the pace lap and feeling and hearing something out of the ordinary. Was it a flat tire? Was it a broken axle? What- ever it was I could tell it wasn't going to be good if I race on it, so I went back into pit lane as the 30 car group raced to the start without me. When I inspected my wheels I found my left front knock off was just a touch loose, but my right rear mini- lite wheel was missing 7 of its 8 hub nuts which hold together the 3 piece wheel center. That one nut and the knock off were holding it all together.

Naturally my thoughts turn to sabotage! Who did this? My pit partner Jon Einhorn, who races a BJ8 3000 and who is a lawyer says, "There is only one possible answer... it's a quickie divorce." "Can you account for your wife's whereabouts at approximately 2 a.m. last night?" "Can you account for the whereabouts of your wrenches?" I could not. I had been so dehydrated by the heat Friday that I passed out around 10 p.m. and almost never woke up again, ever. ...I have recently taken out a new life insurance policy with my wife as beneficiary. The policy does cover me while I'm racing. Hmmmmm. Would she? Could she? Of course NOT people. How could you think such a thing. Shame on you.

I fixed the wheel by robbing parts from my spare wheel set with a little help from my Junior Pit Crew, Aidan 7 and Ethan 4. Aidan and Ethan reinstalled the wheel and hammered home the knock off as best as children can. It was a sweaty effort in such heat, even for them. The next procedure would be to let the car down off the jack and finish tightening the knock off myself. Did I? Of course NOT people. How could I think of such a thing. Its 93 degrees. I'm wet on the outside and dry on the inside. I can't even account for my wife's whereabouts the night before, and I'm pretty sure we stayed at the same hotel. Forget the wrenches, they could have been out on the town for all I know.

After a qualifying session your grid position is based on your best lap time. After a race your grid position is based on your previous race finish. This supposed "quickie divorce" incident was now going to cost me something big. I started the second to last race from a position near the back of the pack affectionately known as "Dead Last". Luckily the heat had reduced our group from 30 to 20 cars, so I had already passed 10 cars before the race started. I know, I know, I'm that good. I hadn't finished outside the top three all weekend and now I have just two races to get back there.

As I'm sitting comfortably under the baking sun in my new grid position, "Dead Last", waiting for the race to start... Did I mention that I'm starting from dead last? I turn around to start the GoPro camera I borrowed from a friend and my thoughts wonder to my right rear wheel. I see happy pleasant memories from just an hour before when my lovely and eager Junior Pit Crew reinstalled my wheel. It's then that I realize I forgot to hammer the knock off home myself. Do I go rushing back to the pit and shout for someone to hammer it and then try to race back onto the track in time to catch the back of the pace lap? I suppose I could, it wouldn't change my position. But if I don't make it back in time I would start a lap down. I assess my memories of how many hammer strokes they each took and how far the knock off moved. I recall that knock offs generally loosen under breaking, not acceleration and I decide to race on it.

Long story short, it held tight. When I returned from the race and checked the knock off it was very tight. Thank you Aidan and thank you Ethan. My Junior Pit Crew!

Watch the in car video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA8R8Uomf60 or search for it on YouTube as "buttercup from 20th to 3rd".

Group Five Big Healeys: Jon Wood, 100-4 green Rich Meloumian Jr, 100-4 white/red Rick Neves, 100-4 blue Michael Bartell, 100-4 red/green Adam Nolde, 100-4 yellow "Buttercup"





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.

As soon as the Lempert gears are gone, the only other ones come from England for about three times this price.

Ask someone who has them, or if you have any questions call: Paul Dunnell @ 413-339-0102 or my e-mail austin3000@verizon.net.



'On August 24th, a small group of local Healeyites hosted by Judy and I attended Sergio Franchi's 19th annual concert to benefit the Sergio Franchi Music Foundation. The entertainment consisted of a 20 piece orchestra and 3 hours of wonderful songs, featuring both popular and operatic singers. The shows' highlight was the "Redneck Tenors"; three very talented singers doing their "redneck" versions of classical favorites, including a capella version of Danny Boy that brought the house down.

The event included a huge outdoor picnic (with a little vino tossed in) with over 3,000 in attendance on the grounds of the spectacular Franchi estate. This year's theme was The Great Gatsby and several Club Members came in period appropriate attire. Dutcha Slieker-Hersant's and my car were featured in a car show near Sergio's preserved 1930ish Mercedes Benz and other classic cars

Sergio Franchi was a singer who performed in Las Vegas and made over 20 appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show (remember?) back in the day. In the 1970's Sergio and his wife, Eva, purchased 250 acres in Stonington, Ct as a respite and future retirement property. Unfortunately Sergio passed away in the mid 1990's of cancer but Eva continued to live on their spectacular estate with her mother. As a tribute to Sergio and their life together, Eva has been organizing this special event every year.

I look forward to making this a Club event with a place for all our Healeys next year.

Ted Stanton
So. CT. Co-coordinator