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Pete Sturtevant gets November issue off!!

Stepping up to fill our front page
is Bob Abbott of R&R Restorations of
Ipswich, MA

My question to Bob was: "What steps to do you take to prepare cars for winter storage?"

1. A fuel stabilizer is an important step with new gasoline mixes (Ethanol) this will help keep gasoline fresh up to 12 months and helps prevent corrosion from moisture in the tank.
2. Fill the fuel tank before adding the stabilizer to minimize empty areas in the gas tank. Be sure to run the car to operating temp after adding the stabilizer to be certain it is mixed well with the fresh fuel and gets into the carburetors.
3. Fill tires 6 lbs over normal operating pressure to help avoid flat spots in the tires next spring.
4. I like to change my oil in the Fall to remove contaminants in the oil and not allow them to sit in the motor all winter.
5. Put the top up over the winter to keep it stretched out and wrinkle free in the spring.
6. Move the car around once a month to let different parts of the tire tread that support the weight of the car over the winter months. A 6" move will do the job. I do not feel it is necessary to put the car up on blocks for the winter, but some owners do.
7. Turn off the battery and bring it indoors if possible. A trickle charger cost about \$20.00 and will keep your battery healthy over the storage period.
8. Check your anti freeze protection. It should be good to -30 degrees. You may have had a boil over this summer and lost some of anti freeze.

Rich Ray (ed.)

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: 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 reservations on or before Wednesday November 27, 2013
to: Leonard Bach 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

Lime Rock “Historic Festival 31”



This year was Lime Rock's 31st “Historic Festival”. I look forward to going every labor day weekend. (Personally, I like the old title: “Vintage Festival”.)

This year the 5-day weekend was rainy. Fortunately there was enough dry time to get most of the racing done, and enjoy a warm camp fire. Camping in a tent, with LOUD thunder, serious lightning; and the pit area with streams of water at times made things challenging. In spite of it all, and ignoring the rain, it was another really enjoyable weekend with great cars and good friends.

All the rare, great, and classic cars were there as usual. I thought the red Ferrari with a handicapped parking tag was kinda interesting.

There was a good number of Healeys in the parking area, and in the Sunday car show in spite of the weather.

All the Healeys drew interest and attention. Perhaps because I don't have a roll bar or car number on the door; perhaps because my top was down in pending rain storm, I was aware of attention my car got during a visit to the pit area.

The usual Healey race cars were there: one 1275-bugeye (#9 M. Hagopian), one 3000 (#26 J. Einhorn), my two friends with 100-4s, and a Nash Healey LeMans coupe. My friend Rich Maloumain with his 100-4 (#347) is a very competitive driver. A wet track caused him to spin and loose 1st place in one race. The next day he won 1st place. My other Healey 100-4 friend Rick Neves (#102) did quite well considering the rain and wet track.

Perhaps next year, the weather will be better, more Healeys will be there, and perhaps a visit by Jim Smith.

Duane Walzer

Restoring my Austin Healey 100-4 BN2 (part III) by Steve Milinsky

So, you now have an Austin Healey in your driveway on a trailer. Can't wait to get started. Got to get it off the trailer and return that before you get charged for an extra day at U-haul! But even more importantly, you need to take off some part to mark this day as the day you started the disassembly of the car. I had to remove the trailer from the tow vehicle so I could tilt the trailer a bit so I would not ground the car (again). Reattaching the trailer was a pain but I made it back to U-haul before they closed. I completed unloading the car and tucked it in my garage which was to be its new home for the next few years while it is to be transformed to better than its original pristine condition.

After dinner, I went out to the garage and turned on the lights. Everything was quiet. I walked around my long awaited purchase and ran my hand over the faded blue metallic paint. My smile was ear to ear! I am retired, I have the skills to do this, I can do this! I am psyching myself up! I had read all the restoration books on 100's, all the manuals as well, but none of them told me where to start. So I figure I can start anywhere I want. Hey it's my car so I think I will start on the hood removal.

I remember to make sure that not only record what bolt went where but which direction did the bolt enter the hole and where did the nuts go? Inside or out. I read that in one of the restoration books! I also used a tiny Canon digital camera to record everything that came off the car for future reference. A decent camera will record the dates of when you did what and it is helpful for recording in your computer if you choose, records of the time you spent on different areas and you can couple it with any expenditures you make for material and parts in a spreadsheet each month.

I went to Walmart for some inexpensive plastic storage containers. I needed to go back a few months later to buy some more to store parts. There are a lot of parts to remove! I think I wound up with 16 smaller boxes and four large ones. They were clear with opaque tops. I labeled each box with a number and listed all the parts that were in the box. Not every bolt but at least generically so I would not completely lose my mind when I am reinstalling the parts.

As you remove parts, clean them before storing. Parts that can be degreased should be done now. When you are putting the car back together you don't want to be cleaning part from worn out grease. I bought a 5 gallon pail of desiccant packages. When I had a bucket full of parts and it was labelled, I threw in a few packets to keep the air dry in the sealed buckets. It really works. No additional rust has formed.

From the time I took off the first bolt I was researching a rotisserie to purchase. If you are not familiar with what this is, picture a rotisserie chicken. O.K., remove the chicken, make the rotisserie much larger and stick your car in it! Not so fast though. Everything must come off the car. EVERYTHING. The rotisserie will hold only one part and that part is the semimonocoque frame of the car. The beauty of this is that you can turn the car over with one hand to get to anything you please to restore. This equipment is an absolute must have for a ground up restoration. I got my unit from a company in Kentucky. Excellent price and quality and American made!

Sorry for jumping ahead, but you need to time this purchase to come in when you are done pulling the engine, transmission, rear end, complete interior, all body skins, shrouds, gas tank, etc. Did I mention that EVERYTHING needs to come off the car! If you time it just right all your wheels and suspensions are off and the frame is on 4 jack stands when the unit is delivered. Find a friend that has a loading dock and a fork truck (and a pickup truck if you don't

have one) and have it delivered there. It will make life easier for all involved as it weighs about 400 lbs. Break the bands at your garage and take the pieces off by hand.

Most cars attach to the rotisserie where the bumpers attached. That is how I did it. The rear attachment point, I found out later is better achieved by attaching it to a specially welded pair of extension bars that goes under the frame and attaches to double bolt holes in the frame just behind where the rear wheels attach. This will allow you to actually turn the car completely upside-down safely.

Next month- buying parts for body repair and welding

Apple Crest Tour

Click on this link for great photos <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ellengarvey/sets/72157636522588055/>

Wow....what a day we had! Six of us gathered at Burger King for our start...and a couple of BJ9's. Off we went up to Gloucester to jump onto Rte 133 to go North. Cruised 133 thru Essex and their rivers...what a view! Ironical that it is in my "backyard" and it is usually taken for granted by me. Up to Ipswich and thru downtown we went...onto Rowley and Newbury with the wow views along the way...geese lifting off cornfields and color galore. Into downtown Newburyport we went and we were gawped at by thousands as we toured thru. Up old rte 1 and into New Hampshire ...we banged a left and we were suddenly in utopia, rural New Hampshire . Applecrest Farm was mobbed with people and family all milling around and so happy to see us arrive. The Northshore Old Car Club was there so we lined up with them and enjoyed the luxury of viewing other old cars.

What chatter we all had! It was mostly from the Pistone family who came with their PaPa and son. Here I would like to suggest that next year we all make an effort to bring a Grandchild...lil Dominick Pistone made my day, so excited to see all that was going on at the farm, rides, live music, good food.

My favorites? Pete Sturtevant and his bugeye...what a hoot! Loud exhaust and a frisky bugeye. Mike Pistone in my rearview mirror with a constant smile as he drove with his Pa in the Healey his Pa gave him. And that Ellen from Swampscott, smiling full time. The band...how about the band, fiddle,bass, lead banjo and happy people. Judith Ann and I had a great time and we hope next year more of you can make it...Nick is guaranteeing perfect weather again.

Tom Webster

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Dear New England Club Members,

I will be attending the AHCA national club delegates meeting on November 2nd in Indianapolis, IN. as your representative. As part of my report I am asked to comment on and speak to some of the following issues;

Best event attended by members

Best social event held by our club

Best fund raising events (and for what charity?)

Additionally, I am happy to bring "new business" items to the floor for discussion. If you have any concerns, suggestions or recommendations about the club, the Healey Marque, dues, insurance or whatever, please send me an email as soon as possible so that I can better serve our club in this regard. I have found that these meetings are productive when specific topics can be addressed and a resolution is sought. If you would rather give me a call to discuss any issues, that is fine also.

All the best,

Steve Bell

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