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Healey Exhaust Notes

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AHCA NE December 2013 President's letter

It is with very mixed emotions that I write my last President's letter. I have had a great three years in representing you in the largest AHCA region across the country. This year we have had 20 events across the region and at least one event in each of the six NE states plus NY. Thank you every member who organized an event this year. Attendance was great at so many events and the variety of venues and themes was also exceptional this year.

It is with a deep sadness to report we have lost Keith Risk suddenly on November 15th. Keith was a member for a quarter century and our NE Membership/Controller for over 10 years. Mike Schneider our National Membership Director, on hearing of Keith's passing said, "...he was the best membership director out of all of the clubs." Keith will be sorely missed.

Plans for Enclave 2015 in Gettysburg July 19th – 24th are still progressing well. The Governance committee and spouses spent a recent weekend in Gettysburg for the first onsite planning meeting. After visiting the venue, I am even more convinced that Gettysburg is a great destination for Enclave 2015. Gettysburg has so much to offer our guests. Our National organization thoroughly endorsed our plans for Enclave 2015 at the recent delegates meeting in Indianapolis.

As I bring my last letter to a close, I am very excited to announce Bob Britton as our new President. Bob has done a great job as our VP the past three years and our officers and area coordinators unanimously approved Bob as our next President. We have two officers' openings for 2014, VP and Secretary, Bob needs your support. If interested in either of these two positions, please let Bob know of your interest.

Cindy and I will continue to be very active AHCA NE members, and I will continue as the Enclave 2015 co-chair. I know the club will continue to prosper under Bob's leadership. Thank you again for all of your support of AHCA NE.

Happy Healey Holiday's to you and your family!

Cheers, Pete

Message from newly elected club President Bob Britton

I want to thank the club officers and Area Coordinators for their vote of confidence by electing me the new President of the Austin Healey Club of New England. I look forward to serving the club in this position during the next 3 years. I also want to extend my congratulations and appreciation to Pete Sturtevant for the outstanding job he has done the past 3 years as the club's President. It was a pleasure to serve as Vice President during his tenure. While Pete may be stepping down as club President he has taken on the task as co-chair of the joint "Enclave" meet to be co-hosted by the Austin Healey Club of New England and the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club. This combined meet will be held in Gettysburg, PA the 3rd week of July, 2015. Let's all give Pete our support to ensure the success of what surely is going to be a grand gathering of Healey enthusiasts from across the country.

As my first "official" duty as President I am announcing the first Business and Planning Meeting for the 2014 season to be held on Saturday, January 11 at 10AM at T.J.O'Brien's in Sturbridge, MA. Any club member who would like to help or get more involved with planning the club's events and activities for 2014 or be involved with the planning of Enclave is encouraged to attend. Tentative dates for future planning meetings are Feb 15 and March 22. These dates will be confirmed in later newsletters.

The club is looking to fill two key officer positions. Both the Vice President and Secretary positions are currently open. The Secretary's role is primarily to take minutes at the business and planning meetings to be published in Exhaust Notes. The VP position requires someone willing to help coordinate club activities with the current president and gain the experience to assume the presidency in 3 years. If any club member wants to take a more

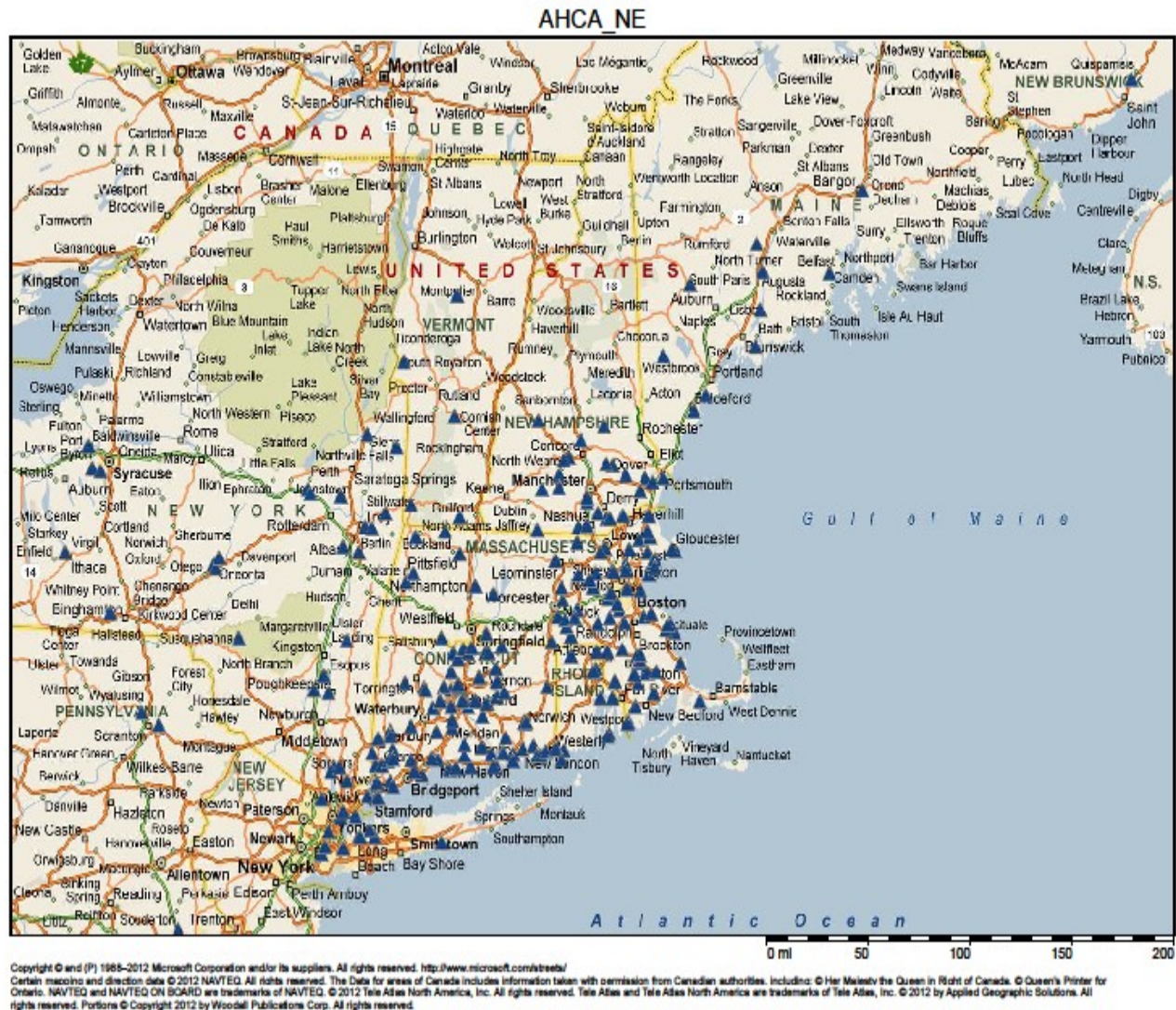
active role in the club and is interested in either position please let myself or Peter Sturtevant know of your interest.

The success of our club is only possible because one your fellow club members has volunteered their time to either help run the club or put on an event. In the past the club has been well served by many of its longtime members who have helped to build the New England club into one of the most successful and active regional clubs of the AHCA. In order to maintain this success and level of activities new "blood" is needed to continue the efforts of past members. So whether you want to take an active role in running the club as an officer or area coordinator or host an event in your area please considering volunteering in some way. It can be to put on a rally or driving tour to a local attraction or museum in your area, by attending a planning meeting, writing an article for the Exhaust Notes newsletter, volunteering to help with many of the tasks that will be required for Enclave or anything else that you would like to do. Remember, this club is not about the cars but rather the people that make it a success.

I look forward to the next three years as your clubs President. Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for an event or suggestions about anything to do with the club. I can be reached either by email, healeybj7@hotmail.com or give me a call, 603-381-3158.

**Onwards,
Bob Britton**

Member location map by Mike Garvey



The map above was put together by club member Mike Gravey. Each blue tri angle is a member's location. From St. John, New Brunswick to NYC. Eastern Massachusetts and central and Southern Connecticut are them most dense member areas.

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tors)**

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Free stuff: 2 years ago I replaced the
leather seat covers on my 1965 3000.
The passenger seat cover was in good
condition and the driver's seat had a
2" rip on the outer edge. Color is
solid red. They might help tide over
some expenses on a restoration pro-
ject. I'll ship them if you pay the
cost.

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LEMPERT 3: 54 REAR - END GEARS ARE COMING TO AN END !

I've been talking to Dan Lempert recently and have purchased the remaining 12 sets of 3:54 gears that he has for sale. The price to purchase the gears and have them installed will remain at \$1200.00 until they're gone. (some suppliers are charging \$1295.00 just for the gears!) A deposit of \$ 500.00 will hold a set for you until you're ready to have them installed.

Any questions call Paul Dunnell @ 413 - 339 - 0102 or e-mail to austin3000@verizon.net Feel free to ask for references.

Also I'd like to add a little " tech tip"

Of the seventeen cars that I've changed the gears in I'm finding that at least half of them are running on the same gear oil that " Donald" put in there fifty years ago! I realize that the rear end almost never gives us any problems so we seem to ignore it. I've found a couple with less than a cup of oil in them, and two that I had to push a screwdriver up though the drain hole to get the sludge to ooze out! Maybe once every three years we could change the 80 - 90 weight oil in the neglected rear end that we can't do without!