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## *Healey Exhaust Notes*

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### **The President's letter**

The winter is surely a lonely time for us Healey owners with our cars being laid up for their winter rest. How we miss those summer days when we can just hop into the driver seat, turn the ignition switch and push that special button to start the engine and go for a ride. There is nothing better than the sound of a Healey engine, is there? I had to go fire my BJ7 up a few weeks ago on a warm Saturday morning just to get my winter Healey "fix". I also rolled it about a foot in hopes of eliminating any "flat spots" in the tires per the recommendation of Bob Abbott in a previous newsletter article. No thump, thump, thump this spring, I hope.

It won't be too long before the roads should be clear of all the snow and ice so we can get our cars back on the road to enjoy. And, with two Tech Sessions scheduled in both April and May you will have the opportunity to fire up your Healey to take it out for an early season trip. Do plan on attending one or both of these Tech Sessions to learn a bit more about how to maintain your Healey. We have had two Planning Meetings so far this year and our event schedule is shaping up nicely for 2014 with a number of AHC-NE club events as well as events sponsored by other organizations. There is one more planning session in March at which we hope to add a few additional events to fill in the spots in the calendar. As always, if you would like to put on an event please let me, another club officer or Area Coordinator know of your interest. We are always looking for new faces at the planning meetings of if you are interested in attending the final one of the year is on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you that are planning to attend **Conclave** in Hotspring, VA in June George Greider will be putting together a caravan of cars to travel together. See his write up in the newsletter and give George a call if you would like to join him and others for the trip to VA. Also in June the AHC of New England will be one of the sponsors for the **Rallye for a Cure** to benefit our chosen Charity, *The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*. This rally will start at Hartford Jaguar and end at the newly re-vamped Thompson Motor Speedway in northeast CT where participants will have lunch and then get to drive their cars on the new road course. So, if you are not going to Conclave this will be the event to attend in June. So mark your calendar for Saturday June 21 and look for the official announcement in a future newsletter.

On a sad note I have to report that long time club member Don Factor of Bangor, ME was very seriously injured when he was hit by a tractor trailer in early Feb. He was recently released from the Intensive Care unit but remains hospitalized. Information on his current condition is a bit sketchy but suffice to say Don is in for a very long recovery. If you would like to send Don and his wife Dela a Get Well card their address is Don and Dela Factor, 454 State St, Bangor, ME 04401.

See you on the road,

Bob

# Austin Healey Club of New England

## 2014 Calendar of Events

as of 2/15/14

Events in **BOLD** are AHC of New England events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Sat. Mar 15	<b>Business/Planning Meeting</b>  <b>10AM-12Noon</b>	<b>TJ O'Brien's</b>  <b>407 Main St</b> <b>Sturbridge, MA</b>	<b>Bob Britton</b> <a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a> <b>603-381-3158</b>
Sat. Apr 26	<b>Tech Session with</b>  <b>Eric Nygaard</b>	<b>Her Majesty's Auto</b>  <b>Services</b> <b>Pawtucket, RI</b>	<b><u>Jud Perkins</u></b> <a href="mailto:jud-perk@comcast.net">jud-perk@comcast.net</a> <b>860-204-9168</b>
Sat/Sun  May 3-4	<b>MMSCC Meet</b>	<b>Camden, ME</b>	<b>Jim Lea</b> <a href="mailto:clocks@midcoast.com">clocks@midcoast.com</a> <b>207-542-3025</b>
Sat. May 10	<b>Tech Session with</b>  <b>Bob Abbott</b>	<b>R&amp;R Auto</b>  <b>Altman Distributing</b> <b>Ipswich, MA</b>	<b>Bob Abbott</b> <a href="mailto:healeybj7@aol.com">healeybj7@aol.com</a> <b>603-425-3333</b>
Fri, Sat, Sun  May 16-18	<b>Carlisle Import and Kit Nationals</b>	<b>Carlisle Fairgrounds</b>  <b>Carlisle, PA</b>	<b>Denny Broughel</b> <a href="mailto:brougheldp@gmail.com">brougheldp@gmail.com</a> <b>518-663-8879</b>
Sun. Jun 1	<b>British By the Sea</b>	<b>Harkness State Park</b> <b>Waterford, CT</b>	<b>Ted Stanton</b> <a href="mailto:healey@snet.net">healey@snet.net</a> <b>860-535-9184</b>
<b>Jun 15-20</b>	<b>AHCA Conclave</b>	<b>The Homestead</b>  <b>Hotsprings, VA</b>	<b>George Greider</b> <a href="mailto:ggreider@gmail.com">ggreider@gmail.com</a> <b>860-873-8785</b>
Sat. Jun 21	<b>Rallye For a Cure</b>  <b>for JDRF</b>	<b>Jaguar Hartford</b>  <b>Hartford, CT</b>	<b><u>Jud Perkins</u></b> <a href="mailto:jud-perk@comcast.net">jud-perk@comcast.net</a> <b>860-204-9168</b>
Sat. Jul 26	<b>Healey's On the Green</b>	<b>Mystic Seaport</b>	<b>George Greider</b>  860-204-9168

<b>Sat. Aug 16</b>	<b>Fun in the Sun</b>	<b>Pavilion Steakhouse</b>	<b>Johnny Marzano</b> <a href="mailto:john-nyfmar@aol.com">john-nyfmar@aol.com</a> <b>401-255-9238</b>
<b>Rain date</b> <b>Aug 17</b>	<b>RI/CT Winery Tour and BBQ</b>	<b>Hopedale, RI</b>	
<b>Sat. Aug 23</b>	<b>Sergio Franchi Concert</b>	<b>Stonington, CT</b>	<b>Ted Stanton</b> <a href="mailto:healey@snet.net">healey@snet.net</a>
<b>Sat. Sept 6</b>	<b>Quabbin Reservoir Tour</b>	<b>Roy &amp; Betty Balthazard</b>	<b>Roy Blathazard</b> <a href="mailto:roy-baby34@yahoo.com">roy-baby34@yahoo.com</a> <b>413-687-8178</b>
<b>Rain Date</b> <b>Sept 7th</b>		<b>148 Gold St</b> <b>Belchertown, MA</b>	
<b>Sun. Sept 14</b>	<b>Simsbury Fly-In &amp; Car Show</b>	<b>Simsbury Town Airport</b> <b>Simsbury, CT</b>	<b>Deb Katz</b> <a href="mailto:dlkatz_99@hotmail.com">dlkatz_99@hotmail.com</a> <b>860-919-7261</b>
<b>Fri, Sat, Sun</b> <b>Sept 19,20,21</b>	<b>British Invasion</b>	<b>Stowe Event Field</b> <b>Weeks Hill Rd</b> <b>Stowe, VT</b>	<b>Bob Britton</b> <a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a> <b>603-381-3158</b>
<b>Sept/Oct ??</b>	<b>Applecrest Farm Tour</b>	<b>Applecrest Farm</b> <b>New Hampton, NH</b>	<b>Nick Zarkades</b> <a href="mailto:zdesign@comcast.net">zdesign@comcast.net</a> <a href="tel:978-922-3956">978-922-3956</a>
<b>Sat. Oct 18</b>	<b>Fall Foliage Tour</b>	<b>Essex, Ct</b>	<b>Jud Perkins</b> <a href="mailto:jud-perk@comcast.net">jud-perk@comcast.net</a> <b>860-204-9168</b>
<b>Sat. Dec 6</b>	<b>AHC-NE Christmas Party</b>	<b>Pickwick House</b> <b>Sturbridge, MA</b>	<b>Len Bach</b> <a href="mailto:sum-mitm9@aol.com">sum-mitm9@aol.com</a> <b>860-875-8855</b>

## Caravan to Conclave Anyone?

We have offered to coordinate caravans traveling from the New England Region to Conclave 2014 in Hot Springs, VA at The Homestead because we have decades of experience on the roads, accommodations, restaurants and scenery in between.

**Option 1** From our location in the lower Connecticut River Valley, the trip can be done in one marathon (Mapquest estimated) ten-and-a-half-hour push (not counting gas and rest stops) on the inter-states.

We'll call that Plan Cannonball. Cars taking this option would be advised to take I-84 West to Scranton (crossing the Hudson on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, rather than crossing on the Tappan Zee and taking I-287 to I-78 to I-81 which is brutal for traffic and road conditions) and pick up I-81 South in Scranton through Pennsylvania to Virginia then at Lexington, VA turn onto I-64 West to US 220 North.

An alternate, local-road option for the last sixty or so miles would be an exit onto local roads just after the I-81/I-64 split to find SR 39 to SR 42 west to US 220 South which in the vicinity of Hot Springs is called Sam Sneed Parkway on which The Homestead is located at 7696. I have a pdf set of Mapquest directions for Cannonball that ends with that local road option.

**Option 2** Following the same route in two days, I would suggest an overnight stop in the Harrisburg area. There are many nice restaurants and reasonably priced motels in the area. It is about six hours over the road and would allow for a lunch stop in the vicinity of Scranton. The second day would be about five hours over the road with the same local roads to the inn as the Full Cannonball. We'll call this option Cannonball Light and I have Mapquest directions for this also in a pdf file..

**Option 3** The third choice is almost entirely secondary roads, taking SR 80 to SR 34 to US 6 crossing the Hudson on the Bear Mountain Bridge and staying the first night in the Poconos somewhere between Milford, Hawley and Stroudsburg, all of which have many motels, inns and restaurants. The second day we would take US 209 to cross the Susquehanna on the Millersburg Ferry, then SR 34 to SR 274 to US 30 (the old Forbes Road) to Bedford that also has many lodging and dining options including the magnificent Bedford Springs. The third day could be the best driving day following US 220 all along the backbone of the Appalachians to Hot Springs VA.

The total driving time would be about fifty percent more than the Cannonball options, but the experience would include a lot more local color, small towns and scenery as well as chances to sight-see, shop, stretch one's legs sample the local ice cream stand or pub options.

We'll call this the Leisure Travel Option.

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

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

## Rallye for a Cure

Put June 21 on your calendars for the Rallye for a Cure: <https://sites.google.com/site/rallyeforacure/home/registration> . This Fun event which last year Jud Perkins and Pat Duncan and Len and Carolyn Bach participated in benefits our official charity the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The Rallye will begin at **Jaguar Hartford** in Hartford, CT. Participants will enjoy a Game-Tour-Adventure (GTA) Rallye and fun filled **afternoon** at **Thompson International Speedway**. We will be at the newly -renovated historic road course for our complimentary catered lunch provided by the **Raceway Restaurant** at the track. Rumor has it that we will "Strut our Stuff" on a Parade Lap at 1:00-1:30 on Rallye day. Proceeds raised from the \$100 tax deductible per car registration will go directly to JDRF in support of its Type 1 Diabetes Research.

The registration fee includes:

- **Refreshments & Coffee at Jaguar Hartford at the Start of the Rallye**
- **Participation in the 2014 Connecticut Vintage and Classics Sports "Car Rallye for a Cure"**
- **A Delicious Lunch Provided by the Speedway Restaurant at Thompson International Speedway**
- **Professional Photo of your Team and Car (photos will be available for viewing and download from this site after the event)**
- **Acknowledgement of your Tax-Deductible Donation**
- **Attendance at the Awards Ceremony immediately after the event**
- **Eligibility for Prizes and Awards**
- **Knowledge that you have helped a worthy cause!**

For those of you attending Conclave, this is the Saturday following Conclave, so you'll need to hurry back. For everyone else this is a great time for wonderful cause. If you are unable to attend, I am sure that they would be happy to accept a contribution for our official charity – JDRF.

More to follow in upcoming Exhaust Notes.

## The Carlisle Import & Kit Car show

The time to make your reservations is near. The Carlisle Import & kit car show is May 16 -18 this year. The Motel we stay at is,

Motel 6 #1297 At 1153 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle Pa 17013. The phone number is 717-249-7622. If you should elect to stay as the regulars do, from the 15th -19th, the rate for a 2 queen size bed room will be approximately \$233.00 plus 9% tax for a double occupancy. If you want to bring a car to sell, you can contact Carlisle car show events and you can rent a vender space for about \$70.00 for the duration of the show, be sure to notify them you are with the Austin Healey Club so your space will be in the same area as us. if you have some car parts to sell the club pays for 3 spaces to display our wares. We erect a tent to keep us out of the weather. If anyone has any question please call me

Denny Broughel  
518-858-8877

## AHCA NE 2/15/14 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance; Len and Carolyn Bach, Bob Britton, Bob Abbott, Jud Perkins and Pat, Ted and Judi Stanton, Dutcha, Steve and Sue Bell, Betty and Roy Balthazard, Bob Bender, Jon Kastberg, Paul Dunnell, Denny, Bob Selvidio and Peter and Cindy Sturtevant,

260 renewals confirm thus far should be 280 renewals with the next update from Mike Schneider

Old Business:

Offer new Name Tags for members who don't have them; we will email to all the members and add to Exhaust Notes an article advising members about the opportunity for replacement name tags. Ted Stanton to check on the current pricing for the name tags. We will continue the policy of new members to receive new name tags

Ted to include an article in the newsletter for name tags with magnet

I will provide an update of all the Club inventory in the trailer - timers, helmets, posters, tent,

Fred Dabney has recently been approved as the new AHCA National President. Steve Bell has been appointed to be responsible for regalia, nationally

Cindy to check on the regalia generic New England with Bennington Army Navy

Events 2014:

The club has approved \$210 for the Carlisle for the three vendor spaces

Conclave 2014 Len, Bob, Pete, George

JDRF "Rally for a Cure" Saturday, June 21st

Purpose a \$10 fee donation requested for all 2014 events for JDRF

It was suggested adding Charity Coordinator as a new officer position for AHCA NE

The club approved sponsorship of the JDRF event for \$500 as a minimum Jud has volunteered as our rep

Jerry Seinfeld at Foxwoods on July 26th and we will invite him to participate at Mystic Seaport. Ted Stanton to follow up

Tour of the Quabbin Reservoir at Betty and Roy's

Simsbury Fly In and the meeting will begin at Robert Scalla's house

Applecrest Farm Tour going to invite the NH British Car club

Fall Foliage Saturday October 18th in Essex, CT

May 10th tech session at Ipswich Bob Abbott - With lunch

Summit 2014 - Off Cape Meeting in Plymouth in early October recommended by Steve possibly at the , Pilgrim Sands Hotel,

2015 Watkins Glen vintage car festival and the Austin Healey will be the featured Marque

Meeting adjourned at 12 PM.

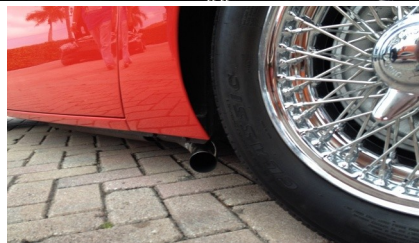


## 21st Annual All British Car Show

Rich Ray AHCA NE

Well it is not news to anyone that this has been a long, cold, snowy winter in New England. This year we were fortunate to spend the month of February in Boca Raton, FL. Thanks to the help of John Opp a New England member who lives 1/2 the year in the Sunshine State I located a terrific car show right in Boca Raton. About 200+ British cars were on display in the sunshine. The featured marques were Rolls Royce and Bentleys. I counted slightly over 12 Big Healeys, and 2 Bug Eyes at the show. It was sponsored by the Gold Coast British Sports Car Club. This was a first class car show that they tied it into the 50th anniversary of the Beatles coming to America. Lots of fun events.

I met and chatted with Peter Sales from Ft. Meyers, FL who owns a breath taking Factory 100M. Peter found the car in Pennsylvania and did some of the restoration up there and completed his work in Florida. Enjoy the “snaps” of his car below. 20 days until Spring as I write this. We will make it! I think!



### CLUB NAME BADGES

Replacement badges are available for anyone who needs them. The cost is \$5.50 each plus \$3.50 shipping. Multiple badges can be included in the shipping charge. Email Carl Carvell at [cgcarvell@gmail.com](mailto:cgcarvell@gmail.com) your names and car model and send a check to Carl Carvel, 12 Spray Rock Road Westerly, R.I. 02891 with the correct amount and we will handle the rest.

Any new member and their significant other will receive a badge at no charge.

Any existing member who has not received their badge and has already paid their dues and attended at least one AHC-NE event in 2013 can send his name and car model info along with what event they attended to Carland he'll see that they get badges for them and their S.O.

All name badge orders must be received no later than April 1st.



### Tech Session in RI

Eric Nygaard of Her Majesty's Auto Service in Pawtucket, RI will be hosting a tech session at his shop at 435 West Avenue Saturday April 26. A special bonus of visiting Eric's shop is the opportunity to view a collection of classic British cars including the 1959 Sebring winning Sprite and a rare 100S. For this session we'd like to suggest a \$10 donation to our official charity the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. 100% of this will go to JDRF

### Tech tip from Jud Perkins

In the rain, how many of you carry a rag in your car because of a leak where the top meets the windshield. Try putting some  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " foam weather strip on the top edge of your windshield. Installation is simple as one side has an adhesive. Just peel the tape back, press it down and cut it to length with a pair of scissors. Won't guarantee a 100% solution but it will make a big difference. The weather stripping is readily available at Home Depot or Loews. It is visible when the top is down, but unless you are looking for it, it is hardly noticeable. Based on a recent experience in driving rain it can make a huge difference.

### 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](mailto: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!



**When you need help  
with your Healey...**

Call us. We can do the work for you, or work side-by-side  
with you. A local shop with 2 decades of Healey experience.  
Transportation available in an enclosed trailer.

**Call Bob at 603-425-3333 or 978-238-8810**



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