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Healey Exhaust Notes

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of the Austin-Healey Club of America*

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President's Letter

CONCLAVE OR BUST

Linda and I meet up with Bill and Marlene Beyer in Greenfield, MA to start our journey to Hot Springs, VA to attend Conclave 2014. We decided to stay on back roads for the majority of the trip so headed out to western MA and then down to the very scenic Taconic Parkway in NY (no trucks allowed and very light traffic) . Good thing we decided to travel on mostly secondary roads because about 30 miles after leaving our home in Hancock the overdrive on my BJ7 stopped working. No problem on back roads but an annoyance on highways for sure.

Crossing over the Hudson River after a brief drive on I-84 we meet up with the Sturtevant's in their BJ8 with their friends Jim and Jane Finch from merry olde England who were driving Pete's 100. Jim must have felt "right" at home as the steering wheel is on that side of Pete's 100! After a stop in Milford, PA for lunch we continued almost exclusively on beautiful country roads in PA, finally arriving at our hotel in Harrisburg for the evening.

Next day we got an early start and headed down Interstate 81 towards VA but after an hour of that monotonous ride took an unplanned exit right after crossing into WV. Well, you never know what kind of roads you will end up on but as we soon found out we picked a fantastic route that turned out to be one of the high light drives of our trip. After passing through Buckley Springs, we ended up on one of the most amazing roads I have ever driven. For the next 40 miles or so we enjoyed a mountainous road that meandered up and down and around the hill country in the pan handle of WV and the best part was we were the only cars on the road so had no problem exercising our Healey's. I don't think I've ever shifted my Healey so often on any other road I've driven. Eventually we ended up in VA and traveled down Route 220, another fantastic road that just called out...."drive me". We finally pulled into Hot Springs and found our way to the Homestead Resort, exhausted from the exhilarating drive that day.



I have been to 5 Conclaves and the hotel for this one without doubt was the finest I've been to, even surpassing Chateau Montebello in 1995 or the Le Manoir Richelieu in Charlevoix in 2013. The stately Homestead is pure opulence in the middle of nowhere. And the roads around this part of VA are just perfect for a sports car like a Healey. It was so nice to drive on smooth roads with no pot holes or left over frost heaves from the winter. What's a "frost heave" the locals would ask!



The car show was held the first day on the driving range at the “Old Course”, designed by fame golf course architect Donald Ross over a century ago. The grass was as nice as the finest carpeting. I hope the grounds crew didn’t mind all the oil drips the next day when they opened the course for practice! On the second day we traveled to the mountain top airport, 3792’ above sea level, which was built just to service the high rollers who fly into the Homestead on their private jets and airplanes. Here was staged a short gymkhana (FTD was 19 sec.) course but the highlight was the acceleration run on the runway. Rev your engine, let out the clutch and drive straight down the runway for ½ mile, at which point a VA State Trooper clocked you on radar. Luckily everyone only received a “warning” which was given out to every participant at the awards ceremony. Most big Healey’s were clocked in the high 70’s to high 80’s but the highest speed was recorded by a Nasty Boy at 116 MPH. Good thing he had another ½ mile to slow down.

The next day was a free day for driving tours or just hanging out at the resort, which many took advantage of. The Concours was also held on Wednesday and Randy Hick’s Florida green over white 100M was rewarded with a nearly perfect score. Some judge just had to find .15 points to deduct!

Thursday was the rally day which took us over to WV to the small town of Green Bank and a stopover at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, with a telescope the size of a football field that is the largest moveable radio telescope in the world. It is used to look for signals from Martians or other celestial life (ET wants to go home!). We got a little scientific education in this rally as one of the rally questions could only be answered if you toured the Observatory exhibit.

Thursday night was the usual banquet and awards ceremony. The buffet dinner was absolutely fabulous, as one would expect from a resort like the Homestead.

After the banquet dinner Pete Sturtevant gave a presentation on Enclave 2015 and 34 Healey owners registered for the event that night. Enclave 2015 is off to a good start and with all the positive comments received should be a very well attended event next year in Gettysburg.

The Carolina Austin Healey Club put on a fantastic Conclave in a beautiful area at a wonderful resort. Is surely was a grand time for all those who were fortunate to attend.

We have some very exciting events coming up in July and August, as well as our club's premier event for 2014, SUMMIT, which will be held the first week of October in the lovely seaside town of Plymouth, MA. You will find more information and a registration form for SUMMIT later in this issue. I hope you will be able to attend one or more of these events which your fellow club members have organized for everyone’s enjoyment.

See you on the road, Bob

Austin Healey Club of New England

2014 Calendar of Events

7/1/2014

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u> <u>/TIME</u>	<u>LOCA</u> <u>TION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Sat. Jul 12 Rain Date Sun Jul 13	Lake Sunapee Tour & Cruise	Sunapee, NH	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
Sat. Jul 26	Healey's On the Green	Mystic Sea- port Mystic, CT	George Greider ggreider@gmail.com 860-873-8785
Sat. Jul 26	Show of Dreams British Cars of NH	Alvirne Hill House Hudson, NH	Dave LeBlanc leblancs2k@comcast.net 603-895-6606
Sun Jul 27	Misselwood Concours D'Elegance	Endicott College Beverly, MA	Larry Swift lawrenceswift@comcast.net 508-641-6162
Sat Aug 2	Vintage Race Cele- bration	NHMS Loudon, NH	Ed Collins ed3paula@aol.com 413-250-8837
Sat. Aug 16 Rain date Sun Aug 17	Fun in the Sun RI/CT Winery Tour and BBQ	Pavilion Steakhouse Hopedale, RI	Johnny Marzano johnnyfmar@aol.com 401-255-9238

Sat. Aug 23	Sergio Franchi Concert	Stonington, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.net 860-535-9184
Sat. Sept 6 Sept 7th	Quabbin Reservoir Tour	Roy & Betty Balthazard Belchertown, MA	Roy Blathazard roybaby34@yahoo.com 413-687-8178
Sun. Sept 14	Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show	Simsbury Town Airport Simsbury, CT	Deb Katz dlkatz_99@hotmail.com 860-919-7261
Fri, Sat, Sun Sept 19,20,21	British Invasion	Stowe Event Field Weeks Hill Rd Stowe, VT	Bob Britton healebyj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
Wed- Sun Oct 1-5	Summit 2014	Pilgram Sands Motel Plymouth, MA	Steve Bell scbell1comcast.net 508-947-6499
Sun. Oct 5	Applecrest Farm Tour	Applecrest Farm New Hampton, NH	Nick Zarkades zdesign@comcast.net 978-922-3956
Sat. Oct 18	Fall Foliage Tour	Essex, Ct	Jud Perkins judperk@comcast.net 860-204-9168
Sat. Dec 6	AHC-NE Christmas Party	Pickwick House Sturbridge, MA	Len Bach sumitm9@aol.com 860-875-8855

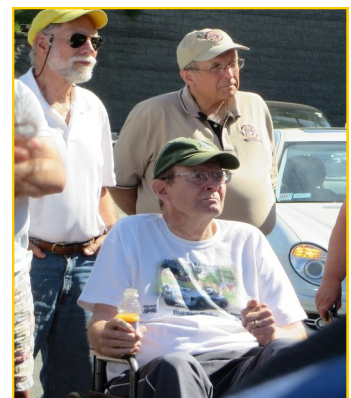
Rallye for A Cure

Saturday June 21 was the 2nd Rallye for A Cure in support of Juvenile Diabetes Research. AHC-NE's official charity this year is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). As this events goals complimented our official charity the Board approved us being a Bronze sponsor of the event. In addition Jud Perkins and Pat Duncan and Jim and Elaine Smith offered \$50 matching contributions each for any our club members who participated. This year Jud and Pat, Jim and Elaine, Carl and Amy Carvell, Len and Carolyn Bach and Dennis Broughel and Alanna Toomajian all registered for the event. In total there were 50 cars participating.

The Rallye is organized by Bill and Linda Wright whose son Jack is a Juvenile Diabetic. The entire Wright family contributes their time and energy to the event and they deserve tremendous kudos for their dedication. This year the event raised \$11,500 for juvenile diabetes research.

The event started at Hartford Jaguar and wound through the countryside for about 70 miles before reaching the newly renovated Thompson Speedway in Northeast Connecticut. Everyone's big moment was when we were led onto the track for three laps on the challenging 1.7 mile road course.

Lunch and awards followed our excursion on the road course. Carl and Amy Carvell represented us well taking the Club Award and finishing 3rd in the Vintage Category. Jim and Elaine Smith were recognized with a much deserved Special Achievement award.



Lake Sunapee Tour And Cruise ***Saturday July 12, 2014***

Come join your fellow club members for a driving and boat tour of Lake Sunapee, one of the most pristine lakes in New England. At an elevation of 1100' above sea level it is the highest large body lake in N. America. It is over 10 miles long and 3 miles wide and is overlooked by Mt Sunapee State Park and Ski area.

The tour will start in Milford, NH traveling northwards on scenic back roads to Bradford, NH where the group will stop for lunch at the Appleseed Restaurant. After dining overlooking Lake Todd, the tour will continue a short distance to Lake Sunapee for road trip around the lake ending at Sunapee Harbor. You will pass many of the great summer homes that have been built on the lake during the past century and half, including The Fells.

At 2PM we will board the MV Mt Sunapee for a 1 ½ hour tour of the lake. The cost of the boat tour is \$20 pp. The boat has both indoor AC seating as well as a large observation deck to enjoy the majestic views and vistas of Lake Sunapee.



Time:

Meet between 10:00 - 10:45AM at Shaws Supermarket Plaza, 556 Nashua St (Rte 101A), just past 101 by-pass in Milford, NH. (Next to Dunkin Donuts)

Depart:

10:45 AM Sharp!

If you do not want to meet for the tour departing from Milford you can meet up with the group at the Appleseed Restaurant, 63 High St (just off of Rte 103), Bradford, NH at 11:45 for lunch or meet at Sunapee Harbor before 1:30PM.

Cruise:

Sails from Sunapee Harbor departing 2PM

RSVP: Tickets for the lake cruise must be reserved in advance to insure space on the boat. Please email Bob Britton healevbi7@hotmail.com or call 603-381-3158 no later than Wed, July 9th to confirm that you will be attending. Rain date 7/13

Austin Healey Club of America
New England Region
Invites you to
“ Fun In The Sun Day”
Connecticut & Rhode Island Shoreline
August 16, 2014 - Rain Date: August 17th

- 10:00 am-** Meet At Pavilion Steakhouse & Golf right off of RT 95, Exit 1
15a Frontier Rd, Ashaway, RI. We have it for the day
www.pavilionsteakhouse.com
- 11:00 am –** Travel to Watch Hill Village and drive past Taylor Swift’s Home,
Ocean House and the beautiful Watch Hill Village.
- 11:30 am –** Travel to Saltwater Farm Vineyards in Stonington, CT for a
Wine Tasting. We will taste four different wines and all wines are available for
purchase at the Vineyard.
This winery was once a Private Airport dating back in the late 1930s and is a
World War II vintage hangar that was turned into a
winery. A retired Attorney, Michael Connery from New York, purchased this
World War II hangar and turned it into a wine vineyard.
The cost is \$10.00 Per Head. Take a peak at the winery at
www.saltwaterfarmvineyard.com.
- 1:00 pm** Travel though the Stonington Borough and back to Westerly to the Bridge
Café on the Pawcatuck River for Lunch
- 2:30 pm** The Bridge Café outdoor eating area on the deck right on top of the
river that seats over 100 people. The bridge is considered one of Westerly’s
finest Restaurants. There will be three meals to choose from at \$15.50 and
it covers soft drink, coffee and includes taxes and not gratuity.
(Bridgecafewesterlyri.com)
- 3:00 pm** From there we travel though some nice country roads in North
Stonington and Rhode Island and to the Pavilion Steakhouse
- 4:00 pm** Once at the Pavilion cars will be lined up. If you are a golfer, bring your
golf clubs, a great golf ranges and miniature golf.
(pavilion steakhouse.com).
- 5:00 pm** Outside BBQ, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and many others, Menu- Pay As you
order off the grille, very low prices. Have fun with members of the club..
Stay as long as you want, no rush. Inside, live music and maybe danc-
ing.



SUMMIT 2014, "Treasure By The Sea" will be held in "America's Hometown - Plymouth, MA!" This is a great opportunity to visit the historic and scenic town of Plymouth without all of the summer tourists. Our accommodations on Long Beach have us sitting on the edge of the ocean with a fantastic view of Plymouth Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean. We will sample the wonderful delicacies of that ocean after a parade of Healey's to the famous Wood's Seafood Restaurant on Thursday evening before returning to our comfortable accommodations for a great social time with entertainment!

You will have the opportunity to wander the village of Plymouth on a treasure hunt of sorts, visiting all of the small, quaint shops including the British Store! Teams will be formed, prizes awarded as you search for pirate booty! And you don't have to worry about seeing the national monuments as our car show on Saturday will be right amongst the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock and Miles Standish, himself, at Pilgrim Memorial State Park.

And since the event is during the first week of October, you will be right in the middle of the cranberry harvest and Plymouth and Carver are THE mecca of cranberry growing! While you drive along the quiet backroads in the Cranberry Rally, you will be able to witness, first hand, the cranberry harvest underway. You will visit a working cranberry bog and see how cranberries are graded by the "bounce method". There will be a short program on cranberries and an opportunity to buy many small cranberry gift items. The rally will also cross over the Sagamore Bridge so that we can luncheon on "Cape Cod" at the famous Sagamore Inn. For those who chose, there is a visit planned to the Sandwich Heritage Car Museum or the Sandwich Glass Museum.

Breakfast on the deck, a social pizza party, our usual hospitality night and a fantastic buffet banquet await you as part of this "off-season" adventure. Prices are lower, traffic is quieter and the first week in October can be absolutely perfect!, weather-wise! AND, you will be among Healey friends!

Accommodations on the water are limited, so make your reservations for October 1 -5, NOW so you are guaranteed to be right in the middle of the action. The history, the charm, the ocean view, the food, our friends and of course...the cars... how does it get any better than this! Hope to see you there to be part of all the fun and excitement.

Steve Bell

SUMMIT 2014 "Treasure By The Sea"

Pilgrim Sands at Long Beach, Plymouth, MA - October 1 - October 5, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

Names: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Austin Healey ☐ AN5, ☐ AN6-9, ☐ 100, ☐ 100-6, ☐ BN7 & BT7, ☐ BJ7, ☐ BJ8, ☐ Other _____
- please check one -

Registration Fee - \$60 per vehicle - includes 2 adults Total \$ _____
additional person \$15 each
additional car or car show only \$15 each Total \$ _____

Events with Fees - please check all that apply

☐ Buffet Banquet - \$22 per person - Saturday, Oct. 4th Total \$ _____
☐ Pizza Night In The Lounge - \$4 per person - Friday, Oct. 3rd Total \$ _____
☐ Breakfast On The Deck - \$3 per person - Friday, Oct. 3rd Total \$ _____

Events without Fees - please check all that apply

☐ Treasure Hunt - Walking Tour of Plymouth Center - Thursday, Oct. 2nd
☐ Cranberry Rally - Friday, Oct. 3rd
☐ Car Show at "Pilgrim Memorial State Park" - Saturday, Oct. 4th
☐ Valve Cover Racing - Saturday, Oct 4th

Regalia Items (see additional page) Total \$ _____
Check Total \$ _____

Reservations at Pilgrim Sands may be made by calling 508-747-0900
Mention NE Region Austin Healey Club - <http://www.pilgrimsands.com>
Rates are \$129 per night for ALL level of rooms, first come, first served.

Registration deadline for HOTEL- August 1st, 2014
SUMMIT registration deadline- September 13th, 2014

Completed registration forms and check, payable to SUSAN BELL, should be mailed to:
Susan Bell, 87 Purchase Street, Middleboro, MA 02346

Summit 2014 Regalia Order Form

All regalia items for SUMMIT 2014 *MUST* be ordered and paid for at the time you submit your registration form. Additional items will NOT be available at the event.

ALL items will come with the SUMMIT 2014 logo - see front cover

*PLEASE be sure to **circle** the appropriate **size** and **color** for each item!*

Ball Cap \$15.00 ea embroidered logo
colors available: stone - light blue - white

Unisex QTY_____ S/M - M/L - L/XL Total \$_____

Tee Shirt \$12.00 each - Embroidered - "Port Authority" 6.1 oz Essential T's
colors available: daffodil yellow - pale pink - pistachio
aquatic blue - sangria - sapphire - lavender - royal

Womans: QTY_____ Sm- Med - Lg - XL- XXL - XXXL Total \$_____

Mens: QTY_____ Sm- Med - Lg - XL- XXL - XXXL - [] tall (check) Total \$_____

Youth: QTY_____ Small - Medium - Large - Xlarge Total \$_____

Polo Shirt \$ 25.00 each - Embroidered - "Port Authority" ring-spun pique polo
colors available: white - aquatic blue - sangria - red
kelly green - yellow - light blue

Womans: QTY_____ Sm - Med - Lg - XL - XXL - XXXL Total \$_____

Mens: QTY_____ Sm - Med - Lg - XL - XXL - XXXL - [] tall (check) Total \$_____

Youth: QTY_____ Small - Medium - Large - Xlarge Total \$_____

TOTAL for regalia items due with Registration Form \$_____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Note: Be sure to **MAIL** this Regalia Order Form with your Registration Form

All regalia items will be available when you pick up registration packet at the event

SUMMIT 2014 - Treasure By The Sea
Plymouth, MA

Wednesday, October 1st

- Noon - Committee Members Arrive
 - Setup registration, Auction, Car Wash etc
- 3PM - Healey Club Members arrive
 - Registration Desk 3PM - 6PM,
- 6PM - Dinner on your own - suggested list w/ directions available in packet
- 7:30PM - Social gathering at Pilgrim Sands, snacks, entertainment
 - Bar tender on duty
- 8PM - Registration Desk until 9PM
 - Auction area open

Thursday, October 2nd

- Complimentary Continental Breakfast
 - toast w/jellies. mini-muffins, danish, bagels, juices,
 - bowl of fruit and tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- 9 AM - Healey Club Members arrive
 - Registration Desk 9 - 11AM, 1 - 3PM , 8 - 9PM
 - Auction Open 9 - 11AM
 - Car Wash area open
 - Self-guided tours:
 - Mayflower II
 - Plymouth Rock
 - Plimouth Plantation
 - Plymouth Harbor
 - Whale Watching
 - Olde Jenny Grist Mill & Museum
 - Pilgrim Hall Museum
 - Pilgrim Monuments Tour
 - OR -
 - Lounge on the Back Deck
 - Indoor pool
 - Kick tires (possible tech session TBA)
- Noon- Lunch in Plymouth Center - on your own - list of options in packet
- 1 PM Treasure Hunt - Walking Tour of Plymouth Center
 - Treasure maps, searching for gold and silver coins,
 - jewels, pirate booty etc in local shops. following clues.
 - Prizes and Awards. The fun begins!

Thursday continued....

5 PM Healey PARADE through downtown Plymouth and surrounds to dinner at Woods' Seafood Restaurant on Water Street. Dinner from 5:30 to 7PM on the waterfront, harbor view!

7:30PM Hospitality Night at Pilgrim Sands
Special program pertaining to the Cranberry Rally, guest speaker!
Entertainment, snacks, one drink ticket per-person provided

8PM - Auction open until 9:30PM
Registration - last call!

Friday, October 3rd

8AM - Breakfast on The Deck - complimentary continental breakfast will be added to with: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and home fries.

9:30AM - Cranberry Rally - Gimmick Rally
Driving event with stops at local gift shop and working cranberry bogs. See and experience the fall harvest in full swing! Cross over the Sagamore Bridge onto Cape Cod. Lunch at the Sagamore Inn at members cost.
Note: At the end of the rally you will be about a twenty-five minute ride by highway from the hotel

2PM Following lunch visit the Sandwich Heritage Car Museum and grounds. **heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/**
Group cost is \$14 per person and display area set aside for Austin Healeys

- OR -

Visit the Sandwich Glass Museum
www.sandwichglassmuseum.org/

-OR-

Take a walk along the famous Sandwich Board Walk at Town Neck Beach
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/town-neck-boardwalk-beach-sandwich>

Other Self-guided tours (see list above)
Car Wash area open
Indoor Pool
Lounge on the Back Deck

6:30PM - Pizza Night! Fresh hot pizza delivered to the function room, as much as you can eat. Garden salad provided as well. Bar tender

for our social gathering.

Saturday, October 4th

Complimentary Continental Breakfast in lounge area

9AM - Car wash area open

10AM - Parade of Healeys to popular CAR SHOW event on Water Street next to "The Rock", Mayflower II etc.

Noon - Lunch on your own on the waterfront

Mama Mia's - Italian style restaurant

British Beer Company - pub style menu

Isaac's Restaurant - formal dining

Wood's Seafood and many other choices

2PM - Car show ends

Self Guided Tours (see list above)

Indoor Pool

Walk along the beaches

Auction area open - last chance!

3:30PM - Valve Cover Racing - Get them tuned up!

6:30PM - Buffet Dinner

antipasto salad/dressings - bread, rolls, butter

sirloin beef tips over herb rice (grilled on location)

grilled onions and peppers

seven layer/five cheese lasagna w/ meatballs and sausage

Pignoli chicken (sauteed w/ red peppers, asparagus and

pine nuts over bow tie pasta and parmigian cheese

Bar Tender on duty in the Function Room

NOTE: Those with dietary concerns MUST contact event organizers when registering - Alternates are available.

7:30PM - Awards Presentation

8PM - Entertainment in the lounge area, bar tender on duty

Sunday, October 5th

Complimentary Continental Breakfast

8:30AM - Pick up Chinese Auction Items

9AM - Depart for home

Complimentary Continental Breakfast includes: toast w/ jellies mini-muffins, danish, bagels, cereals, juices, bowl of fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate.

Welcome new members of the Austin Healey Club of New England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>City/St</u>
Ken & Noreen Zercie	BN7	Madison, CT
Peter Palmer	BT7 II	E. Dorset, VT
Neal Macarchuk	BJ8	Paxton, MA
Eric Elman	BN7	Somers, CT
Jeffrey Risk		North Eastham, MA
Nick & Clara Nabavian	100M	Great Neck, NY
Roger Hamblin		Hobe Sound, FL
Norman & Mary Ann Lamontagne	BJ8	Westport, MA

July 27, 2014 – Misselwood Concours D'Elegance and North Shore Driving Tour

This is a first class automobile (and motorcycle) show located on the campus of Endicott College – the views are spectacular as are the cars. In 2013, Pete Armey displayed his newly restored BJ8 at the show. Tickets can be purchased on line for \$20.00 by July 21; they can also be purchased at the event for \$25.00. [Google Misselwood Concours D'Elegance for details) or click on the link below.

There is a parking lot directly across the street for classic cars (we will attempt to reserve an area for our cars). Be at the parking lot by 11:00 am; tour the event; and have lunch on the property. Leave the parking lot at 1:30 or 2:00 pm for a driving tour of the back roads on the North Shore ending up at White Farm Ice Cream in Ipswich, MA (recently judged to the 24th best shop in MA according to FaceBook).

Further details will be published in the July Exhaust Notes.

Contact: Larry Swift : 508 641 6162 : mgtd51@comcast.net

<http://www.endicott.edu/Concours.aspx>

In last month's newsletter we referenced the neighboring Western MA towns of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott and their populations. The sad news is that thousands of the people in those four towns were forced to leave their homes, farms, churches, cemeteries, and businesses because Boston needed more drinking water.

And now the good news.

Currently the whole Swift River Valley is flooded and called "[The Quabin Reservoir](#)". It covers about forty square miles of pristine wilderness and contains 412 billion gallons of pure, unfiltered drinking water, making it the largest man made reservoir in the world.

The word Quabin is taken from the Nipmuc language and means "Land of many Waters".

Finally, when you attend Roy and Betty's meet on 9/6/14, you will see this amazing project. And as an added bonus, you will get a chance to compete in the first John Deere Lawn Tractor Race and Barbeque. Put the date aside, we would love to see you!

British by the Sea Ted Stanton



6 cars met at Fort Trumbull in New London on June, 1 to greet a beautiful morning. By chance, the supervisor of the fort came over to say hello and wound up giving us a 20 minute history lesson on New London and Groton during the revolutionary war and Benedict Arnold's role as well as the complete history of the fort itself. After a cup or two of coffee, we headed off on a scenic drive to Harkness State Park where we met the rest of the Healey group of about 18 big Healeys and about 4 Sprites.. There were over 380 British cars from as far away as a Riley from Canada. We collected \$50.00 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

There was a remote controlled helicopter circling the meet and took a great video. Click on this link to You Tube video to view the grounds and the meet. <http://youtu.be/3lhWBMKLt3A>

The Healey winners were:

	3000	Hundred and Hundred 6	Sprite
First	Elliot More	David LeBlanc	David Silberkleit
Second	James Healey	Tony Lester	Gary Park
Third	Jud Perkins	Ted Stanton	Karin Sawe

If anyone wants to know who won in all categories, drop me an e mail at healey@snet.net . I hope these pictures and the video will encourage more Healey participation next year. If anyone wants to get here a day early or stay a day later, I can recommend some local Motels.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/AHCAMembers/?frep=ts>
www.ahca-newengland.com

Formula 1 Weekend

The event begins with a wonderful drive to Montreal. We arrived on Thursday and stayed in the Northwest section of the city in a suburb named St. Eustace near Roger Hamel's house. Our first evening featured dinner at a delightful French restaurant. Roger and his wife Lise are regulars and the service was impeccable.

Peter and Cindy Sturtevant arrived Friday and dinner was at Schwartz's deli in the Main Street section of downtown. There is always a line outside for the smoked meat sandwiches Schwartz's have been serving for over 80 years. Schwartz's is owned by Celine Dion.

Saturday morning began at Tutti Frutti a wonderful restaurant near Roger's. In addition to heaping portions, each meal was accompanied by an array of fruit which in addition to being decorative was quite fresh. Let's see... if I eat lots of fruit with my French toast, syrup and bacon don't the calories and cholesterol cancel? We were joined by John Chatham and his wife who entertained us with his stories of racing Healey's "back in the day".

Then it was off to downtown Montreal and the subway to the track for F-1 qualifying. All one can say is, wow! Our seats were at the hairpin turn where the cars go from 180 mph to about 30 then accelerate back up to 180 mph. This gave up a great preview for the racing action to follow. Following qualifying there were races of Formula 1600, Ferrari and F-1 cars from different eras. It was wonderful to see these old cars in competition again.

Saturday evening Austin Healey's were featured at a car show in the Little Italy section of Montreal. We were joined by other members of the Quebec Club for this event which featured dinner at an Italian (what else) restaurant.

Sunday morning dawned bright and beautiful. It was off to the traditional breakfast where we draw our driver's names. Peter and I were joined by 23 extremely gracious and friendly members of the Quebec Club. As the out-of-towners the Club gave us first draw for our F-1 drivers. Jud drew Sergio Perez, a 24 year old up and comer. Peter drew Daniel Ricciardo another young driver who drives for Red Bull, last year's manufacturer's champion.

After breakfast we put our driver's name and flag on our cars, then lined up in the reverse order of the starting grid and it was off to the Circuit... Gilles Villeneuve. We were quite a sight, 25 Healey's all in row, with flags and drivers names on our cars with priority access to the circuit. The fans entering the grounds were in awe seeing us go by. We staged just off the circuit and waited for our grand moment. While waiting we entertained numerous fans who came behind the scenes to look and talk about our cars.

We then got the word... five minutes; everyone went to their cars, started and then waited for the big moment. We were led onto the track by the safety car for about 1/4 lap to the start-finish line. The crowd was huge, the pits were teeming with activity and we got out of our cars to wait for the big moment. After a 5-10 minute wait the drivers appeared walking out of the pits to find their chauffeur. Looking at them, one can only marvel at how young they are. Sergio Perez is 24, Daniel Ricciardo also 24. Yet these 22 men are at the absolute top of their game. Sergio followed by press and TV joined me and got into the car. He is from Guadalajara, Mexico. As I had worked in Mexico for several years and knew people in the Guadalajara business community I played do you know...with him. Interestingly we knew several people in common. Small world. Then it was off, we slowly pulled away from the start-finish line with the immediate rise in the crowd intensity and cheering. When in portions of the circuit without grandstands we were able to have some conversation as the drivers sign hats and programs for us. In making the tour one is struck by how narrow this race course is in spots. Adding to the sensation are trees that overhang the course making it seem even narrower. As we neared the hairpin corner I looked at my rear view mirror and there is John Chatham with former world champion Louis Hamilton passing several of the cars and then driving into the escape area. All definite no-no's as explained to us before the race. John's story and he stuck with it was that this off-course excursion was done at Lewis's request so he could get closer to the crowd.

Once back to the start finish line we bid adio to our driver, wished them well and then returned to the staging area. As we were "unsupervised" some of the chauffeurs chose to air their cars out a bit on the 3/4 lap returning to the staging area.

After parking the cars we returned to the grandstand to watch the race. This year's Canadian Grand Prix was one of the more memorable with five cars running within a few seconds of each other in the latter stages of the race. Sergio was running second before a last lap accident took him out of the race. Peter's driver Daniel Ricciardo scored his first Formula One victory. After the race we retired to the home of one of the Quebec Club members for dinner and telling tales. Again the hospitality shown us by the Quebec Club members was wonderful.

Monday morning arose bright and beautiful for our ride home. One last breakfast at Tutti Frutti and then on the road. We choose to drive through New York State on the west side of Lake Champlain and stayed off the major highways for most of the trip home. We had a delightful lunch at the Sagamore in Lake George.

Everyone in the Club should take the opportunity to experience this wonderful weekend.



SERGIO FRANCHI
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June 14, 2014

My Dearest Friends and Supporters,

This is my favorite time of year...June, as our days are getting longer, warmer, an indication that Summer is approaching! It wakes up our senses, energizing us to get out and enjoy life! Time to be with friends, have a picnic while sipping cool wine, listen to wonderful music and glorious voices...

Well, here I am with opened arms – come join me for the concert that will top all the rest!

It will be our grandest!!! After all, we are celebrating OUR 20th! We are getting ready, starting with a big screen that will show Sergio larger than life to kick off the concert with our title song, "LET THE MUSIC PLAY"!!! Then Sergio's friend and colleague, Regis Philbin will welcome you by honoring Sergio's memory and introducing our 2014 International Grand Winners, who will fill the stage for an awe-inspiring show. **Fantastic surprises will be seen – don't miss this one!**

I recently found a letter from a fan whom I am sure you have all heard of, and would like to share her words with you. This is what she wrote to Sergio after seeing him in concert for the very first time, at the famed Coconut Grove, in 1965.

Dear Sergio Franchi,

Last night I will always remember. You are a thrilling performer.

There are few today.



*Plus – your graciousness to me – will be a compliment I will never forget.
I drove home today on a cloud. I had been inspired last evening – and feel
through talent there is hope for the world.*

*Thank you,
Bette Davis*

You, the audience, have been the force in keeping "Our Darling Sergio's" legacy alive. Your love of Sergio and his music bring you back every year. This is the highest honor any artist could ever hope for! So keeping such talent alive through our young, talented singers that we help every year has been my greatest thrill and honor! In his name, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. See you on August 23rd!

Love,

Eva

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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!) [I have 3 sets of 3:54 gears left.](#) 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!

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