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Healey Exhaust Notes

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President's Letter

The Healey driving season is now half over for most of us and I hope all members are enjoying getting out on the road with their Healey's. I know I have as I have driven over 2500 miles on the BJ7 so far this year. And with the season only half over I expect I will accumulate a few more miles with all the events scheduled in the next few months. With that number of miles one has to expect to have some issues, which I unfortunately have had. I lost my overdrive on the way to Conclave (ended up being nothing more than a loose electrical connection so I can't blame the Dark Knight for this problem) and two, yes, two flat tires so far this season. Those "!!@#\$\$%^&*" spoke wheels! Good thing I carry spare tubes in my trunk. But frankly, I really can't complain as the breakdowns could be a lot more severe considering it is a 52 year old British car!

This past month we had 3 great events for members to attend The Tour and Boat cruise on Lake Sunapee in NH, Healey's on the Green in Mystic, CT and the Missetwood Concours D 'elegance in Beverly, MA. Those members who attended these events sure had a great time. Linda and I were fortunate to participate in two out of the three. I guess we had to show up for the Sunapee Tour as we were the hosts. I put in an order with the local weatherman for a beautiful sunny day and that is what we got. There is nothing like a drive on a sunny summer day to enjoy a ride in the country and then go for a cruise on one of the most beautiful lakes in New England. After the boat tour we all headed to the local ice cream shack for some tasty treats before heading home.

Just this past weekend Linda and I were fortunate to attend the Healey's on the Green at the Mystic Seaport organized by Ted Stanton and George Greider. What a fantastic venue to have a gathering of Healey's at. The nautical and early Americana exhibits at Mystic Seaport are both enjoyable and educational to visit. Combined with the Antique and Classic Boat show this was truly an event not to miss. If you haven't attended this event in the past I highly recommend you try to attend next year.

Next month we have several Healey events on the calendar for club members to attend. First up is the Fun in the Sun Tour in Hopedale, RI on August 16 hosted by Johnny Marzano. And then a week later on Saturday August 23 there will be the Sergio Franchi concert in Stonington, CT. You will find more information on both events in this newsletter.

And don't forget about Summit coming up the first week of October. I understand from Steve Bell that the cutoff date to get the special room price at the Plymouth Sands Motel is **August 15th** so if you're planning to go, and you should, then get your registration in and make reservations at the motel soon. You can download the registration form on the club's website,

www.ahca-newengland.com

That's all for now.

See you on the road,

Bob

Austin Healey Club of New England

2014 Calendar of Events

8/1/2014

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Sat Aug 2	Vintage Race Celebration	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 Balthaz- ard Belchertown, MA	Roy Blathazard roybaby34@yahoo.com 413-687-8178
Sun Sept 7	Caffeine & Carburators 8-11AM	Pine & Park Streets New Canaan, CT	Rudi Markl rmarkl@optonline.net
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 healeybj7@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

Rain Date Sun 10/26	Greewich CT Foliage Tour	Greenwich, CT	Rudi Markl rmarkl@optonline.net
Sat. Dec 6	AHC-NE Christmas Party	Pickwick House Sturbridge, MA	Len Bach summitm9@aol.com 860-875-8855

Lake Sunapee tour

See Bob Britton's write up of this event in the President's Letter on Page 1



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
additional person \$15 each
additional car or car show only \$15 each

Total \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Events with Fees - please check all that apply

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

Total \$ _____
Total \$ _____
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



Important notice:
Go to the web site for the full schedule of events and registration forms that are easily printed for the 2014 Summit in Plymouth, Massachusetts.



BRITISH INVASION XXIV September 19-21, 2014

This year is the 24th Anniversary of the **British Invasion** held in the lovely VT town of Stowe. If you have never attended you are missing the largest all British car and motorcycle show on the East coast. Last year there were over 650 British vehicles on the show field. The show will be held back at the newly re-seeded and improved Town Event field off of Weeks Hill Rd.

The Austin Healey Club of New England has reserved 12 rooms again this year at the Mountaineer Inn, located on Mountain Rd a short drive from the event field at the special rate of \$119/night plus tax. This rate includes a complimentary Continental Breakfast.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 19th TO GET THE SPECIAL
RATES & GURANTEE A ROOM**

CALL: 802-253-7525 and mention the Austin Healey Club to get the special rate.
www.stowemountaineerinn.com

You should pre-register for the British Invasion. The deadline is September 5th. It is best to visit the British Invasion web site and download the registration form and mail your registration and fee before the deadline. Registrations at the show will only be allowed on Friday between Noon and 6PM.

<http://www.britishinvasion.com>

For more information Contact Bob Britton Cell: 603-381-3158

Email: healeybj7@hotmail.com

Last year several Healey club members attended Sergio Franchi's annual concert benefit for up and coming sopranos and tenors as a trial to see if it would make a good meet. We were able to park two Healeys next to the main house. The consensus was that it was a great venue that was thoroughly enjoyable, with world class music, on the 250 acre estate of Eva Franchi. There were over 3000 people in attendance, all with a picnic they had brought, some trying to outclass the others. The weather was perfect and we had a terrific time.

This Saturday, 4 cars were invited to stop by at Eva Franchi's for a glass of wine to talk about bringing more Healeys to her event this year. Eva is a delightful, elegant, down to earth hostess who has a strong desire to keep Sergio's name alive. After a toast to Sergio, she felt we could bring 5 cars to share space with Sergio's.

On August 23rd, we'll meet at our house at 677 Pequot Trail, Stonington, Ct at 10:30 AM and leave at 11:00 to caravan about 1/4 mile to her estate where we'll stake out an area to set up our blankets. Bring your folding chairs, a small table, hors d'oeuvres and a drink of choice. There will be a 32 piece orchestra and world class singers in both popular music as well as classical arias for soprano and tenors. You can purchase tickets for a tax deductible \$45 each in advance or \$50 at the gate (see attachment for payee and address).

If anyone wants to be one of the 5 Healeys and is willing to be at our house by 9:15, let me know. We need to get our cars there early for setup then we'll come back here for coffee plus till the others arrive. My cell phone is 203 605 4172 if you need directions or any other information.

Ted Stanton

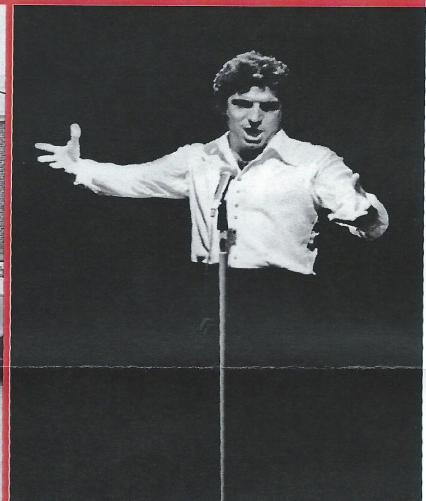
Experience Sergio's life...



...visit his home



...view his antique cars



...see him larger than life

"So, let the music play..."

In the spirit of Sergio, come and be swept away by the 2014 International Vocal Grand Winners. Vocalists will be accompanied by a 32-piece symphonic orchestra conducted by Jeff Domoto, and hosted by Eva Franchi.

Please note dress code is 60's Era, the very decade that Sergio's career started in the USA!

**Tickets are going fast!
Send for your tickets today!**

Grounds open on the Franchi estate at 11am. Concert begins at 2pm sharp, ending at 5pm. Sergio's home, chapel, antique car collection and memorabilia will be open for viewing.

Please Note:

Food will not be available to purchase. We will offer soft drinks, water and desserts for purchase.

Please bring your small, elegant picnic.

Your non-refundable donation for tickets is \$45 each

★ \$50 if purchased at the door ★

Make checks payable to and send to:
Sergio Franchi Music Scholarship Foundation
91 Sergio Franchi Drive • Stonington, CT 06378
(nonprofit organization tax ID: NIAF 521071723)

If you cannot attend, but would like to donate, please send to the above address.

Heartfelt gratitude for your support!

For more information call

860.535.9429

or go to

www.sergiofranchi.com

July 27, 2014 – Misselwood Concours D'Elegance and North Shore Driving Tour article & photos by Rich Ray (editor)



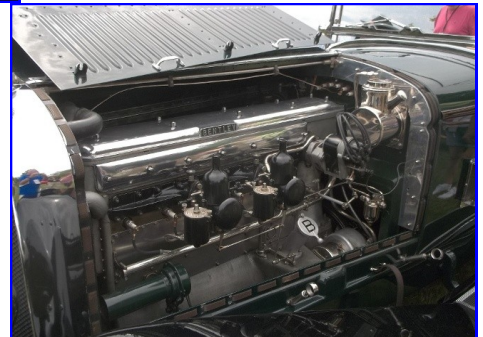
David Le Blanc of Nottingham, NH proudly displays his 1958 100-6 BN 4 in the concours competition at Misselwood. The jack is the one that was shipped with the cars and is date stamped "58". David's Healey was the only one in the concours competition but several were on display in the Collector Classic Car parking area.



Endicott College Campus Marilyn Swift enjoyed the Nick Zakades hoist up the break in the showers. Be list for 2015. And hope

There were million dollar collector cars on display before the rain arrived and the car covers came out until the showers passed. This Talbot was stunning! You say a Bentley is more your style...no problem! I could have parked my 3000 in the engine compartment. I had

never come across a 1932 MG FI Magna before but there was a beauty on display on the in Beverly, MA. Larry and cars just before the rain arrive. top on his 3000 waiting for a sure to put this event on your for sunshine.



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!

Healeys on the Green

Our 4th annual Healeys on the Green fell on a beautiful day and drew 16 cars from as far away as Gerry and E.J. Kunkle from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania-. Our event coincides with the Antique boat weekend so there was much to see. The cars were surrounded the whole day by enthusiastic visitors with lots of questions. Many filled out ballots indicating their favorite car. The winner was, embarrassingly, yours truly. We think we attracted 2 or 3 new members. We collected \$154 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund and \$320 for Charles W. Morgan fund for Mystic Seaport so all in all it was a successful and fun day.

We look forward to George Grieder and Gayle Grieder Kranz returning for next years event.

Ted Stanton



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

For Sale: Front shroud for Healey Hundred. Good condition. \$500 OBO.
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Ted Stanton



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Lempert 3:54 rearend Gears and Much More
Dan has come up with more gears for me, so when you're ready to vastly improve the road ability of your Healey I should still have some. Ask someone who has made the switch. The price to me has gone up a little, so the new price is \$1300.00 installed and guaranteed.

A lot of people have been asking me to do mechanical work on their cars also. Since I've been building, racing, showing, and genuinely enjoying Healeys and their owners for thirty-three years, and am now retired, I'd like to offer my repair services to any NE Region members. Haven't driven the "Hershey Bar" over 120,000 miles in the last 30 years, I know what it takes to keep them on the road and be "reasonably" dependable. My hourly rate is only \$35.00 per hour and my truck and trailer can travel anywhere in the NE, if necessary.

Any questions call Paul Dunnell @ 413-339-0102 or e-mail to austin3000@verizon.net

Mr. Bell,

Hello! My fiancée, Victoria, and I are planning our wedding for next year and would really love to ride from the church to the reception in Bristol RI in an Austin-Healey! I found your info on the Austin-Healey club of New England site and am hoping that you know of someone in the club that would be able to help. I'm currently deployed so I'm only available through email, but you can call Victoria at 617-312-4791 or just email us back! Best, William Ashton