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# January/February 2015



## President's Letter



Say good-bye to 2014 and let's "ride in" the New Year. As a club we enjoyed a good number of activities last year and it looks like 2015 will be another banner year for events for club members to attend and enjoy.

This year will be a special year for the Austin Healey marque and members of the AHC of New England. As I am sure you know by now the AHC of New England is the co-host, along with the AHSTC of PA/NJ, of what is going to surely be the largest gathering of Austin Healey's in the US in almost a decade; *ENCLAVE 2015* in Gettysburg, PA.

Peter Sturtevant, Mike Garvey, Larry Swift, Jud Perkins and a number of other NE members have been very busy over the past year helping to organize this event, along with members from the AHSTC. As this will probably be the last "national" gathering of Austin Healey's in the northeast area for a number of years if you ever wanted to attend an event of this magnitude don't miss out on your chance. Registrations to date are already on target to exceed the initial estimate of 300 cars. These are numbers that have not been seen at a Healey meet since the AHC of NE hosted Conclave 2007 in Burlington, VT, which attracted close to 400 cars. Early registration is encouraged as some events have limits to the numbers that can be accommodated. You can either register by printing out the registration form found later in this newsletter or register online at www.enclave2015.com.

In addition to *ENCLAVE 2015* the Austin Healey will be honored as the featured marque at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual **British Invasion** in Stowe. Regular attendees will surely be marking their calendars and planning to attend. We are planning some special club activities at British Invasion this year.

(Bob Briton's President's letter continued on page 2)

In this issue for your reading enjoyment is an article from Bill Berg about the Hemming's MBG restoration project he was involved with for the benefit of the Good News Garage charity and also a profile of club members Randy and Jeanne Hicks. There is an additional feature article by Randy and Jeanne about their adventures showing their 100M in 2014. And check out the photos from the Holiday Party. Although Santa was unable to attend this year he sent one of his capable elves to help party goers open their gifts and enjoy a few jokes.

How does Walt Michaels end up with the girly calendar every year??? Only Santa knows!!

And finally, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2015 please do as soon as possible. The deadline is approaching if you want your name included in the annual AHCA directory.

See you on the road sometime in 2015,

Bob Britton
President



Rich Ray editor of Exhaust Notes

# "I get by with a little help from my friends"

Well we are ready to start the 2015 driving season and here is your first edition of Exhaust Notes. I have a couple of requests: 1. Get involved in the clubs activities. I need stories to publish and pictures to make the stories come alive. We are the country's largest Healey Club and the national publication Healey Marque Magazine is always asking me for stories to print. 2. Please send your stories in MS Word format and include the pictures as an attachment rather than in the body of your e mail. It makes it a lot easier for me to insert the stories and pictures. 3. Please use my e mail address Richray210@gmailcom when sending me material. 4. We have been running profiles on our members. This month we get to hear about Randy and Jeanne Hicks. You might get an e mail from Bob Britton to write one of these articles about yourself. Everyone has great Healey stories to tell. 5. Have a car or parts to sell? Well we will list your ad for FREE!!! In Exhaust Notes.

Questions or comments please e mail them to me. I look forward to hearing your stories and seeing you at an upcoming event.

Drive fast and tailgate. Life is short!

Rich Ray

# Test your automotive knowledge What are the origins of the term "Concours d'Elegance"

The answer will appear later in the news letter and is Printed with the permission of Hagety Classic Cars Magazine winter edition

# <u>Test your Oldies I Q by Bob Britton</u> <u>Can you name the artists of these 50s/60s car themed songs?</u>

- 1. Little GTO –
- 2. Fun, Fun, Fun-
- 3. Mustang Sally-
- 4. Hotrod Lincoln (the original artist gets a bonus point)-
- 5. Maybellene-
- 6. Little Deuce Coupe-
- 7. Little Old Lady from Pasadena-
- 8. Mercedes Benz-
- 9. Road Runner-
- 10. I Get Around-
- 11. Crown Victoria Custom '51-
- 12. My 409-
- 13. Dead Man's Curve-
- 14. Hey Little Cobra-
- 15. Little Nash Rambler-
- 16. Ballard of Thunder Road-
- 17. SS 396-
- 18. Drag City-
- 19. Drive My Car-
- 20. My Woodie-

Find the answers to Bob's quiz on the last page.

Thanks to Bev Sealand for this Healey video You will love it!!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgtuZq1YAcM





## Summer/Fall 2014 Shows with 100M Randy and Jeanne Hicks

After the Florida Green/OEW 100M was done our goal was to show it during the summer and fall 2014. We began at Homestead Conclave with a Concours Registry Gold scoring 992/1000 points. To top off the show we won the Premier Class comprised of past concours/best in show winners.

In August we had planned to head west to spend a week with Roger Moment in Boulder, CO, and decided to take the car and see what car shows we could attend. After the week with Roger (a gracious host with an unbelievable knowledge and artifacts of Austin Healey's) we participated in the Vail Automotive Classic winning Best in Class, European Classic - Pre 1963. It was a really nice event with air show. From Vail we went back to the Boulder/Denver area for the Denver British Car Conclave and won the class for early Austin Healey 100's.

After a week in Pine, AZ with our kids we took off for the Santa Fe Concorso, in Santa Fe, NM. This had to have been the best, most fun, well run car show I've ever been to. We started the week with a 2-day, 500-mile tour of eastern & northern New Mexico. About 75 cars ran the event and we had no issues even at altitude. On the Friday before the Sunday Concorso, the organizers hosted a forum with Indy Car drivers Al Unser Sr. & Al Jr., Johnny Rutherford, Parnelli Jones, Lyn St. James and Eddie Cheever, moderated by Tim Constantine (Spin & Marty!) J There were only about 100 people in the room and was followed later that night by the most lavish, wonderful buffet I've ever been to including an open bar! J The show itself was held on the 18th fairway of a very exclusive private golf club. The cars invited to show were spectacular. Again, we fortunate to go Best in Class, Sports & GT Cars 1956 - 1959. After driving up to receive our award, all the class winners were sent to a staging area. When all the winners had been presented, it was announce that we, and 2 others were to return to our cars. We didn't know what was going on. It was then announced that we had won the Spirit of Santa Fe Award, given to the one car all the judges voted that they would most like to drive around Santa Fe. Drive across the presentation area again! J

After nearly 7500 miles we got home to New England, unpacked and immediately started packing up again as we had been accepted at the Hilton Head Concours in South Carolina. Fortunately we had rented a house outside Savannah, GA (anticipating a relocation) and we headed out again with truck, trailer and 100M. The Hilton Head Concours was a huge event, spread out and very well attended. They really did select some amazing cars to exhibit. Keeping our streak alive, we went Best in Class - British Sports Cars.

Lots of miles, but it was all great fun and wonderful to see so much of the USA. What to do in 2015/2016??? J

Randy and Jeanne Hicks



# Austin Healey Club of New England 2015 Calendar of

**Events** 1/15/2015

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

<u>DATE</u>	EVENT/ TIME	LOCA- TION	CON- TACT
Sat Feb 14	Club & En- clave Planning Meeting 10AM-12 Noon	ТВА	Bob Britton healeybj7@ho tmail.com 603-381-3158
Sat Mar 14 or Mar 21 TBD	Club & Enclave Planning Meeting 10AM-12 Noon	ТВА	Bob Britton healeybj7@ho tmail.com 603-381-3158
Sat May 2nd	Tech Session	Historic Motor Sports	Dave LeBlanc
Rain Date	Healey Transmissions	Rd	omcast.net
Sun May 3rd	10-12 Noon	Candia, NH	603-895-6606
Fri, Sat, Sun May 15, 16,17	Carlisle Import & Kit Show	Carlisle, PA	Steve Bell scbell1@comc ast.net
Sat May 30	New Comer Meet &	Sturtevant's	Peter Sturte- vant
Rain Date Sun May 31	Spring Tune-Up Session	10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA	healeybn4@c omcast.net 774-284-1212

Sun Jun 7	British by the Sea Car Show	Harkness State Park Waterford, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.com
Thur- Sun Jun 11-14	British Motor Festival	Colt State Park Bristol, RI	TBD
July 19-24	ENCLAVE 2015 Healeys on Hallowed Ground	Wyndham or Mar- riott Courtyard 100 Presidential Circle Gettysburg, PA 17325	Peter Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net 774-284-1212
Sat Aug 8th	Western MA Tour	Bender's & Plue's Dalton, MA	Bob Bender rbender1@bershire.rr.com
Sat Aug 29	Healey's on the Green 10am to 2PM	Mystic Seaport Museum Seum Mystic, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.net
Sat Aug 29	Clam & Lobster Bake 3-7PM	Carl and Amy Carvell 10 Spray Rock Rd	Amy Carvell <a href="mailto:abcarvell@gmail.com">abcarvell@gmail.com</a>
		Westerly, RI	
ТВА	-	Roy & Betty Balthazard Belchertown, MA	Roy Blathazard roybaby34@yahoo.com 413-687-8178
TBA Fri Sept 11	-	Roy & Betty Balthazard Belchertown, MA Watkins Glenn, NY	roybaby34@yahoo.com
	Vintage Festival Austin Healey Featured Marque British Invasion	Roy & Betty Balthazard Belchertown, MA Watkins Glenn, NY	roybaby34@yahoo.com
Fri Sept 11	Vintage Festival Austin Healey Featured Marque	Roy & Betty Balthazard Belchertown, MA  Watkins Glenn, NY	roybaby34@yahoo.com 413-687-8178
Fri Sept 11 Fri, Sat, Sun	Vintage Festival Austin Healey Featured Marque British Invasion Austin Healey Featured Mar-	Roy & Betty Balthazard Belchertown, MA  Watkins Glenn, NY  Stowe Event Field	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com

## Project Car with a Heart by Bill Berg

Some of you may subscribe to Hemmings SPORTS & EXOTIC CAR magazine and have followed the Project Car with a Heart restoration of a 1980 MGB. For those who have not followed the restoration, I wanted to share with you the story and purpose behind this restoration. From my home in Bennington, VT, I am as close as you can get to being a neighbor of Hemmings whose headquarters is located at 222 Main Street in Bennington, less than a ½ mile from my house. I was able to get involved in helping to reassemble the car when they were looking for volunteers to help in the restoration.

The project started when a 1980 MGB was donated to Good News Garage, an organization that accepts vehicle donations, repairs the donated vehicles, then gives them to low-income families or individuals who need dependable transportation. One may not consider a 1980 MGB to be a mode of dependable family transportation so when the car was donated to Good News Garage, the folks at Hemmings offered to restore the car for them. The original idea was to restore the car to near factory new then Good News Garage would raffle it off, using the proceeds to continue its mission.

When the project began in 2007 the idea was the Hemmings editors would perform all the restoration work. All the parts needed for the restoration were generously donated to the cause, not a single request was turned down. The list of donors is a Who's Who of all the suppliers we use in the repair and restoration of our own British cars.

The project was moving through the total disassembly stage towards its goal when in 2008 Hemming received a major boost from Bob Ensign, owner of Ensign Restoration Services in Latham, New York. He and his staff volunteered countless hours to removing rust damaged components, weld in new metal and refinish the entire chassis and body with a beautiful red paint job, as well as reinstall the rebuilt engine, suspension and all new brakes. This work continued from 2008 through the spring of 2013.

This is the point where I, along with several other volunteers, became involved with the project. We started with a few Saturday sessions at Bob's shop, cleaning, refinishing and reassembling parts on the car. We had similar experiences that Bob and his crew faced in the reassembly. It seemed at times we were doing more disassembly than assembly, having discovered something missing, assembled incorrectly, or in the wrong sequence. This happens when the crew assembling the car is not the same crew that disassembled the car. We spent a few weekend Saturdays in late spring and early summer of 2013 at Ensign's assembling more bits and pieces onto the MG and taking off bits and pieces. Luckily the assembling was outpacing the disassembling.

In January 2014 the car was brought back to Hemmings headquarters in Bennington so it was more readily available to the folks at Hemmings to work on and Bob got his shop back in the deal. It also reduced my commute time to the work sessions from 45 minutes to 1 minute and 14

seconds if there was not too much traffic on West Main St. in Bennington at 8 AM on a Saturday morning. Working through a few Saturday-Sunday marathon work sessions the group of volunteers assembled the remainder of the car. The first few marathon sessions started with about a dozen volunteers but as the "to do" list shrank the volunteer group needed to as well as we were all needing to work in the same space. I was not involved in the last marathon session but I think the group was down to three.

If you can get your hands on the February 2015 issue Hemmings Sports and Exotic Car, there is a great article by David LaChance on his 600 mile journey through all the New England states to deliver the MGB to Good New Garage in Burlington VT. For those who are interested, there is a collection articles on the restoration of the car at <a href="http://www.hemmings.com/editorial/mgbuild">http://www.hemmings.com/editorial/mgbuild</a>.

At the start of the restoration project, Good News Garage planned to raffle off the finished car to raise money for its car giving business. Many were excited at the potential to purchase a \$25 ticket with a chance to own a fully restored MGB. Unfortunately Good News Garage thought a nationwide raffle too complex from the legal and regulatory aspect so they have decided to offer the car for auction at the New England Auto Auction held each year in August at the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Maine. They intend to offer the car at the 2016 auction, completing a restoration project almost a decade in length, all accomplished by volunteers and contributions.





1980 MGB as received from Good News Garage with tired exterior and tattered interior





Ready for delivery back to Good News Garage



New England club member Bill Berg works on the MGB door panels at Hemmings

# Enclave 2015 Update

By Pete Sturtevant

We are very excited to be working with a great team from the Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club (AHSTC) to plan for Enclave 2015 in Gettysburg, PA July 19th – 24th. Enclave 2015 will consolidate the outstanding activities of our Conclave's, and the AHSTC's annual Encounter. With the combined efforts of our two AH clubs we are anticipating over 300 Healeys in Gettysburg next July, with multiple generations of enthusiasts across North America and overseas. We have invited over 25 Austin Healey clubs from around the world, and have confirmation of cars coming from as far away as Australia. Gerry Coker and Mike Dale are confirmed as special guests of honor, along with more than a dozen event sponsors, and over 100 fellow enthusiasts who have already registered for Enclave 2015. Several activities are filling up fast. Please check our website at <a href="https://www.Enclave2015.com">www.Enclave2015.com</a> for more detailed information.'

Please find attached the Enclave 2015 "Healeys on Hallowed Ground" the Registration form with daily event summaries, and regalia. The following 17 couples from the New England region have already registered for Enclave 2015: Bob & Jill Abbott, Len & Carolyn Bach, Steve & Sue Bell, Bill & Marlene Beyer, Bob Britton & Linda Hakala, Carl & Amy Carvell, Steve & Lynn Grant, Randy & Jeanie Hicks, Ralph & Thalia Loosigian, Donald & Kathi Margeson, Elliot & Jamee Walters, Jud Perkins & Pat Duncan, Bev Sealand & Wayne Bugay, Vars & Nancy Smith, Ted & Judi Stanton, Pete & Cindy Sturtevant, and Larry & Marilyn Swift.

We have confirmed with Brett Leonard from Motor Age Transport <a href="www.motoragetransport.com">www.motoragetransport.com</a> tol transport your Healey in his state of the art enclosed trailer from eastern MA delivered directly to Gettysburg. Brett has quoted \$1200 round trip for your Healey to be transported to Enclave 2015, and 4 AHCA NE members already reserved space on his trailer.

There is room for 3 more Healeys to be transported, and please contact me directly, if you would like to reserve space in the dedicated trailer.

As soon as you register for Enclave 2015, you may make your reservations at either of our host adjacent hotels the Wyndham and Marriott Courtyard - Gettysburg. Please register soon, to assure you are part of Enclave 2015, so you can participate in all the activities that you want, and have your best choice of hotel rooms.

We need your support and help Please let me know if you are interested helping with the on

-site activities at Enclave 2015. See you in Gettysburg!

Thanks, Pete



the \$129 (excluding taxes) per night room rate. Deadline for

assured room availability is June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

# Healeys on Hallowed Ground

# **ENCLAVE 2015**

www.enclave2015.com

July 19 - 24, 2015 Gettysburg, PA

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✓ Will you need flea market space? Yes No  ✓ Will you need Regalia Room space? Yes No	\$130 if postmarked after April 1, 2015	\$
✓ Participation in rally? # cars? Yes No	Extra LBC cars: @ \$30 per car	·
✓ Participation in Gymkhana? # cars? Yes No	Extra adults (over 21) @ \$30 per person	<b>Տ</b>
✓ Participation in Funkhana? # cars? Yes No	Sunday Opening Night Reception at Gettysburg	
✓ Valve cover races? # cars ? Yes No	Museum & Visitor Center @ \$10 per person	\$
✓ Popular car show? # cars ? Yes No		
✓ Arts/crafts/photo submission? Yes No	Monday End of Rally Wine Tasting and Tour	£
	☐ @\$15 per person	D
Registration Instructions	Tuesday Fields of Freedom Film &	
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Enclose both in an envelope and mail to:		•
Enclave 2015 Registration	Children: less than 4 yrs old: free	\$
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212 Lower Valley Road		
North Wales, PA. 19454	Wednesday Ice Cream Social, Go-Kart & Miniature	\$
610-310-2037	Golf Competition @ \$15 per person	<u></u>
pwoglom@comcast.net	Thursday Ladies Event @ \$20 per person	\$
Registration Fee Includes:	Thursday Awards Banquet \$46 per person	
- One show car, 2 adults, and children (under 21)	Enter number of entrées:	
(Additional cars/adults on a single registration are extra)	Fish Pork Chicken	2
- Free access to our Hospitality Room	TIBIT FOIR CHICKETT	<u></u>
- Free admission to the Charity Auction Reception	Thursday Night Pizza Party & Movie (for kids)	
- Free outside flea market space	Children (3-12) @\$12	\$
- Free admission to all tech sessions and driving events		
- Free ENCLAVE 2015 door magnet with your registration	"Chinese Auction" Tickets @ 7 for \$5	<b>Б</b>
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Total Remittance (\$US)

## SUNDAY EVENING: The Generals Lee & Grant Opening Night Welcome Reception

The Opening Night Welcome Reception will be held at the new <u>Gettysburg National Park Museum and Visitors Center</u> which features the Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War and the "Battle of Gettysburg" Cyclorama. Attendees will have exclusive access to this unique venue to kick off our week of "Healeys on Hallowed Ground".

The museum showcases an extensive collection of artifacts and archival materials and provides visitors with a perspective of the Civil War through the words of its participants, including Presidents Lincoln and Davis, Generals Meade and Lee, soldiers, correspondents and civilians. Through a variety of exhibits, interactive displays, films, and a host of research resources, you'll be provided a Civil War experience unlike any other. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

## MONDAY: The James Longstreet Battlefield Rally and Winfield Hancock Winery Tour

Join us on Monday morning for a fun and scenic ride through the beautiful, rolling Central Pennsylvania countryside including the historic battlefield. You'll be challenged to answer questions that will be both educational and entertaining for seasoned veterans and novice conscripts alike. Be on the constant lookout for clues while navigating down Jeb Stuart's cavalry route or Joshua Chamberlain's 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Regiment's lane to the Little Round Top. After fighting through the rally route, join your comrades in arms tasting wines and cheeses at a beautiful local winery while trading stories about missed turns, that frisky ground hog that we all swerved to miss (or hit), and the advantages or disadvantages of Pertronix, Abarth, silicone brake fluid, and NOS windscreen wiper blades. For those of you who are not rallying, come join the rally participants at the Adams County Winery for a tasting and tour.

#### TUESDAY: The Fields of Freedom Film and Jeb Stuart Guided Battlefield Bus Tour

The film provides a 30-minute introduction to the Battle of Gettysburg's climactic action told from the perspective of the soldiers who fought the battle. <u>Fields of Freedom</u> provides the perfect preamble to a guided bus tour of the battlefield. The two hour tour will be led by licensed National Military Park Guides who will provide detailed insights into the varying challenges faced by both armies' leaders and their courageous troops. You'll have ample time afterward to further explore specific sites of personal interest in your Healey over the Hallowed Ground.

## TUESDAY EVENING: Picket's Charge VCR, John Buford BBQ & George Meade Charity Auction

Fierce fighting recommences at the hotel with the afternoon Valve Cover Races. Friend and Foe will then reunite at the BBQ where the likes of Old Pete and Curly would be envious of the chow and fix'ns. After the hearty meal, celebrate with the victors of the Rally and VCR events at the awards presentation. We'll then start the popular live Charity Auction featuring famed auctioneer Alex Tricarb. Enjoy post dinner repast, refreshments and laughs while bidding to win some incredible Healey memorabilia, car parts and other treasures while contributing to a very worthy cause.

## WEDNESDAY: The George Custer Car Show & Jubal Early Go-Kart & Miniature Golf Competition Social

The cars will be go on display today, bright and shiny in all their glory. Who will be awarded their hard earned Medals of Honor? With cars coming from near and far, feast your eyes on a field of dreams. After the show, you can show your true colors in a hot rod go-kart competition or miniature golf tournament. Gournet ice cream will be served.

### THURSDAY: The John Gibbon Gymkhana, Elon Farnsworth Funkhana & Mrs. Grant's Ladies Event

A day of heated competition, laughs and entertainment. Give your Healey a chance to prove its mettle as a true war horse amongst the ramparts of orange cones, requiring precise maneuvers in the Gibbon Gymkhana. Join in the fun at the Farnsworth Funkhana where you can show the troops how it's done in your regiment. After the fierce fighting is over and prior to our ending ceremonies in the evening, the ladies are invited to participate in the more genteel activity of exploring period fashion from top to bottom. Come and have fun while we discover the layers necessary to dress like a lady in 1860. Assorted scones w/ fruit spread, coffee cake, assorted fresh fruit & berries, coffee and tea will be served.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT: The Blue & Gray Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will provide an end-of-week opportunity to recognize those who excelled (or were just plain lucky!). In addition, we'll celebrate our week together and be entertained by a presentation from our Special Guest.. The dinner menu includes a selection of chicken, fish, or pork. (Cash Bar).

### FRIDAY: Check out

Concours Information: Contact Randy Hicks (c) 508-981-5113; (h) 508-252-9295 <u>Healey100M@gmail.com</u> Regalia (pre-ordered only): deadline for ordering: June 7, 2015; enter quantities in boxes below

Size:	s	М	L	XL	shirts*	*2XL*	White	Blue	Navy	Gray	Charcoal	Price	Total
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Total					\$2								\$

# Jerry Seinfeld show "Comedians in cars getting coffee"

In this exciting episode Jerry drives an Austin Healey "Bug Eye" For coffee. I have no idea who is riding with Jerry but she is pretty Funny! Enjoy the show....

http://comediansincarsgettingcoffee.com/miranda-sings-happy-thanksgiving-miranda

## Annual Christmas Party – December 6, 2014 Public House in Sturbridge, MA Presented by Len Bach

There was no snow and the food was beautifully presented and delicious. President Bob Britton welcomed everybody and introduced a surprise guest, Dave Higgins from Rochester, NH.,owner of a long neglected BJ8. Susan Higgins and Dave secretly became a members of AHCA-NE., so that Dave could meet like minded Healey owners, who could aid and assist him in his restoring endeavors. What a surprise!!

The annual "Yankee Swap" was led this year by Don Paye as a helper for our truly missed Santa. As stated before there should be an admission charge for this part of the evening. Everybody absolutely enjoyed themselves. As evident by the following pictures!



Don & Carole Pave enjoying their table



Walter Michaels enjoys his pin up calendar. Lucky guy!



The party gets rock'in. Dinner is served.



Santa's elf Don Paye



Club president Bob Britton gets a gift that keeps
On giving through the holidays.



Don Paye explains to Roy Balthazard his special Gift

## **Our Healey World**

Randy & Jeanne Hicks (www.austinhealey100m.com)

Our Healey experience started in the early 1970's with 2 tri-carb BT7's. Two to try and get one running right!

Along came kids and Siberian Huskies but I never lost the desire for a Healey. That desire actually dates to the mid 1950's at Watkins Glen where both my parents officiated at every race between 1950 and 1967.

Finally in spring 1999 while on a business trip to Wisconsin I had the opportunity to visit Tom Kovacs of Fourintune and see his Healey restoration shop. He was just cleaning up a black 100M for a customer. I knew right then that I had to have one. Tom, with the help of Rocky Santiago (OK), helped me find a complete, non-running 100M and we had it shipped directly from Seattle to Wisconsin.

I knew nothing and spent a week at Fourintune taking it apart and on the way home I wondered what the hell had I had done! "Ruby" was completed in fall 2000 and we took her to our first conclave in Tahoe in 2002. Little did we know where that trip would lead.

First off, I would never have believed it would lead to 4 Healey's in the garage today. The original OEW/Black 100M has been followed by a BJ8 for touring (because we got so wet touring in the 100M). The BJ8 was followed by a BN7 2-seater tri-carb (because there were only 355 made), and that was followed by a garage find of a 33.631 original mile Florida Green/OEW 100M (simply because I couldn't resist!). J

Our real love is touring with the Healeys. Each year after conclave we have toured with a group that has done this since 1991. We usually find some excused to add 1 or 2 more tours during the year. In the last 5 years we have driven the BJ8 four times across the USA including a 6321 mile tour in 31 days from LA to Vancouver Island, Banff, Glacier NP, Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, Mt. Rushmore and back to MA through Maine. The tours usually run a week – 10 days and are in all parts of the country and we have made some lifetime friendships along the way. (We bought the in 3005 BJ8 with 22,942 miles on it and have over 80,000 today and we have driven a Healey in 46 of the lower 48 states.)

The second major emphasis of my involvement with Austin Healeys is in the historical and technical data surrounding them. In 2012 friend Rich Chrysler asked if I would take over the AHCA 100 Registry shortly before his untimely death. Of course I would. Being Registrar has taken a lot of time but we now have a database of over 3400 BN1/2's with owner info going back to as many as 7 owners. Weekly I communicate with AH100 owners all over the world. It's Great Fun!!! In addition to being 100 Registrar, I was asked this past summer by Curt Arndt and Roger Moment to join the Austin Healey Concours Registry Committee as Technical Guidelines Subcommittee – Big Healeys – Co-Chair with Roger Moment. This is proving to be a huge learning experience.

The summer and fall 2014 have been devoted to showing our just completed Florida Green/OEW 100M. "Irene" has done remarkably well. Seven major shows in VA, CO, NM and SC have yield 9 trophies and an undefeated record. The highlights were a class (1956 – '59 Sports & GT cars) win & The Spirit of Santa Fe Award at The Santa Fe Concorso. This was followed a month later by a class (Sports Cars – English) win at the prestigious Hilton Head Concours.

Gettysburg in July, Arkansas/Ozarks tour Sept./Oct., What else is on tap for 2015? J



Randy (right) and "Irene" on the field at British Invasion in Stowe, Vt. September 2013

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- 4. Charlie Ryan (1st) then Commander Cody
- 5. Chuck Berry
- 6. Beach Boys
- 7. Jan & Dean
- 8. Janis Joplin
- 9. Bo Diddley
- 10. Beach Boys
- 11. Jerry Lee Lewis
- 12. Beach boys
- 13. Jan & Dean
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What are the origins of the term "Concours d'Elegance?"

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The earliest roots of the "Concours d'Elegance," date to the 17th century when French aristocrats would parade with their carriages and finery. However, the modern concours was born in the late 1920s as elegant contests where coachbuilders like Figoni et Falaschi and Letourner et Marchand and private owners would showcase their latest coachbuilt creations with the freshest fashions. Today, fine automobiles accepted into a concours d'elegance are judged by a panel of experts. Surprisingly, these events are relatively new in the United States, only dating back to 1950, when the Pebble Beach Concours was first held