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President's Letter



WOW, WHAT AN ENCLAVE EVENT! With 308 total registrations it was the largest gathering of Healey owners since the Burlington Conclave in 2007. The weather cooperated very nicely with only a very brief shower and two days of hot, humid but tolerable weather before a front come through Tuesday night that brought in lower temps, beautiful blue skies and much lower humidity. Everyone seemed to have had a great time. I do want to thank everyone in the New England club who worked so very hard to make Enclave 2015 such a success. Check out the articles and photos featured later in the newsletter.

As usual I can always count on some mishap with my BJ7 when going on long trips. Two years ago at Conclave in Charlevoix, Quebec my generated broke. Luckily someone had a rebuilt generator which I purchased on the spot and installed in the parking lot with number of back seat mechanics giving advice. Last year about an hour into my two day drive to Conclave in Hot Springs, VA I lost my overdrive. Luckily I had installed 3.54 rear end gears the previous year so the loss of the OD unit did not slow me down too much. I was able to replace the faulty solenoid while in Hot Springs. This year was no different but the problem was minor, as long as no SUV or truck crashed into my rear. About an hour from Gettysburg Bob Abbott who was driving behind me informed me that my brake lights were only working when I braked hard. By the time I got to Gettysburg I had no brake lights. What to do? Well, just drive the car I thought and hope that no one would tailgate me. On the way home I asked our traveling companions, Bill and Deb Berg to ride shotgun, i.e. follow me knowing I had no brake lights. Turned out the brake light switch at the 5-way hydraulic union failed and with a quick call to Healey Surgeons I had a new switch installed a few days after I got home. Not sure why these things don't happen when driving locally but they never seem to.

August is a very busy month for the club with several great events on the calendar. For all you rally enthusiast you don't want to miss the Western MA Rally Ramble hosted by the Bender's and Plue's on August 8th. They are known to put on great and perhaps challenging rally's that will challenge even a seasoned pro or lucky neophyte. And the double header of the month is the combined **Healey's on the Green** at the Mystic Seaport in CT followed by a **RI Clam Bake** at the beachfront home of Carl and Amy Carvell in Westerly, RI on August 15th. And finally for you music buffs there is the **Sergio Franchi concert** in Stonington, CT on August 29th. Try to make one or all of these events that your fellow Healey owners are hosting and don't forget to give them a call or send them an email that you are attending.

As a final note if you are planning to go to British Invasion and want to stay at the Inn at the Mountain where the club has reserved some rooms the last date to make reservations is August 17th before the rooms are released to the public so book your room soon.

See you on the road,

Bob



Car show field at Enclave



Jerry Coker in Pete Sturtevant's 100



The President's Club- Steve Bell, Bob Britton, Bev Sealand, Frank Motta, Pete Sturtevant, & Bill Berg.



Left: Dutcha gives attire tips to Mrs. U.S. Grant.

Right: Pete Sturtevant & Jim Begin launching their VCRs



Austin Healey Club of New England

2015 Calendar of Events

8/1/2015

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Sat Aug 8	Western MA Meet	Bender's & Plue's	Bob Bender rbender1@nycap.rr.com
Sat Aug 15	Healey's on the Green	Mystic Seaport Museum Mystic, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.net George Grieder ggreider@gmail.com
Sat Aug 15	Clam & Lobster Bake	Carl and Amy Carvell 10 Spray Rock Rd Westerly, RI	Amy Carvell abcarvell@gmail.com 401-322-7741
Sat Aug 29	Sergio Franchi Concert	Stonnington, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.net
Sat Sept 12	John Deere Gymkhana	Roy & Betty Balthazard	Roy Blathazard
Rain Date		Belchertown, MA	roy-baby34@yahoo.com
Sun Sept 13			413-687-8178
Fri, Sat, Sun Sept 18-20	British Invasion Austin Healey Featured Marque	Stowe Event Field Stowe, VT	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
Sat Oct 17	Fall Foliage Tour	Essex, CT	Jud Perkins judperk@comcast.net
Sat Dec 5	Holiday Party	Sturbridge, MA	Len Bach summitm9@aol.com

AHCA NEW ENGLAND REGION AT ENCLAVE 2015

By: Larry and Marilyn Swift

Enclave 2015 began with a bang. Sunday's registration was brisk with many of the 308 registrants and 655 participants arriving that afternoon. The New England Region was represented by 39 couples.

The formal opening of Enclave on Sunday night was a private Healey event held at the Gettysburg National Park Visitor's Center. We were treated to a movie that helped us better understand the conflict. The highlight of the night was the audio-visual Cyclorama presentation, featuring a massive painting 377 feet in circumference and 42 feet high, which depicts Pickett's Charge. It is by a French artist and was originally housed in the Cyclorama Building in Boston in the 1890's; that building dates from 1884 and has been added to the National Register of Historic Places and is currently operated by the Boston Center for the Arts.

The Hospitality Room which also opened on Sunday and each day thereafter afforded the troops the opportunity to periodically muster to recap the day's events, plan future forays, purchase regalia and enjoy the hospitality.

Monday was hot and steamy – perfect weather for the deviously diabolical Rally. Skirmishers began from the starting line at 10 a.m. The route was intended to take us through the Battlefield and the country side but it did not take much time for most of us to get totally lost. A complicating factor was that the Rally had two routes, so if you decided to follow someone else, you had a 50% chance of being wrong. Both routes terminated at Adams County Winery where drivers and navigators were presented with specially bottled Healey Red or Sprite White wine. Two of our New England teams successfully captured a trophy: Ellen and Mike Garvey placed first in the Gray route; Linda Hakala and Bob Britton were third in the Blue route.

Tuesday was a perfect day for the Movie and Battlefield Tour as it was somewhat overcast and threatened rain. We all trooped to the Gateway Movie Theatre and enjoyed a film about the 3 days of conflict after which we boarded several buses, each with a professional tour guide. While self-touring the battle field is an option, the guide was very helpful in bringing the battle to life. It is quite an experience to stand on Seminary Ridge (Confederate side) and look out toward Cemetery Ridge where the Union army lay in waiting. It is hard to imagine thousands of Confederate soldiers debouching into a front several miles long and marching shoulder to shoulder across a mile of open field into the teeth of Union Artillery and rifle fire. It is clear why Gettysburg is considered Hallowed Ground.

Later that afternoon the Pickett's Charge Valve Cover Races were held. The cleverly-made cars were organized into several categories. They were placed on the track, tweaked, and at the instruction of the starting official rocketed down the Begin Motor Speedway. It was terrific to see the number of young people from the Sports and Touring Club participating in this event – and winning a number of trophies. There may yet be a new wave of Healey owners. The only New England survivor was Jim Begin who took 1st place in the Modified Senior category.



Left: "The Commanders" Pete Sturtevant and John Heffron.

Right: Steve Bell drives his Sprite through the Gymkhana cones



Tuesday evening's barbeque began with Mike Dale's reminisces about his time at the Healey Motor Company and concluded with the Charity Auction. Alex Tricarb (Paul Woglom, AHSTC), the auctioneer, was adept at volleying with bidders and raised over \$12,000 to be shared with The Fisher House Foundation which assists military families and the Donald M. Healey Memorial Fund.

In addition to the Charity Auction, Enclavers were able to bid on about 100 generously donated Chinese Auction items. The most popular based on the number of tickets in the bin was the 100M Print signed by Gerry Coker; it was donated by David Townsend and Rick Neville.

The popular car show held on Wednesday on the hotel grounds featured 200 of the 240 cars at Enclave. New England AHCA members captured a numbers of awards with Best of Show awarded to Randy Hicks' for his factory-prepared 100M and 1st place in the 3000 MkII Tricarb category to Jim Begin.

Thursday, the final day, included the Gymkhana, Funkhana and the Ladies' Event (a presentation by Mrs. General Grant on period women's fashion), and was capped by the Awards Banquet.

The Banquet was ably commanded by John Hefron (AHSTC) with general officer staff support from Pete Sturtevant and Ray Donovan (AHSTC). A highlight of the evening was an appearance by Gerry Coker who, together with his wife Marian, were special guests at Enclave. We all owe Gerry a great debt of gratitude for without his design there would have been no Enclave or, for that matter, no previous Encounters, Conclaves, Summits or Healey Car Clubs.

Three large screens at the front of the room displayed a visual synopsis of the week.

In addition to the NE Region winners previously noted, the following NE members received awards:

- Gray Rally – Honorable Mention - Sue and Steve Bell
- Ladies Miniature Golf – 1st place – Cindy Sturtevant
- Men's Miniature Golf – 3rd place - Bill Berg
- Gymkhanna Stock 6- Cylinder Roadster – 3rd place – Bill Berg
- Gymkhanna Stock 6- Cylinder Convertible, Stock – Honorable Mention – Peter Borrone
- Gymkhanna 6-Cylinder Convertible, Prepared – 1st place – Bob Britton
- Gymkhanna Ladies 6-Cylinder Convertible, Prepared – 1st place – Linda Hakala
- Concours Gold – Dave Silberkleit
- Popular Car Show 100 – 3rd place – Pete Sturtevant
- Popular Car Show 100M – 3rd place – Nick Nabavian
- Popular Car Show 100 M – 1st place – Randy Hicks
- Popular Car Show BJB Single Light – 2nd place – John Kelley
- Popular Car Show BJ8 Double Light – 3rd place – Mark Evans
- Popular Car Show Bugeye – Honorable Mention – Steve Bell

Throughout the week a number of Tech Sessions were held on subjects including "What's my Healey Worth", "Tracking the Survivors", "the Un-obtainium", "Healey Scuttle Shake", and "Classic Car Oil with ZDDP". Other Events included Arts and Crafts and Go Kart races.

The Enclave Coordinators and Event Leaders did a great job planning, organizing and managing Enclave. Legions of Volunteers joined in every aspect of the week to ensure there were no snafus. The names of these individuals are published in a separate section of this newsletter.

The sponsors who are also listed in this newsletter were instrumental in making Enclave a gathering to be remembered. Because of the sponsors, the number and quality of events were outstanding.

For an extensive catalog of Enclave 2015 photographs, go here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ellengarvey/sets/72157656178372099>

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28 AHCA NE members who lead or Volunteered at Enclave 2015

Lead/Volunteers	Lead
Steve & Sue Bell	Lead
Bill & Marlene Beyer	Lead
Bob Britton & Linda Hakala	Lead
Mike & Ellen Garvey	Lead
Eric & Anna Longbottom	Lead
Jud Perkins & Pat Duncan	Lead
Dutch Sliker-Hersant	Lead
Pete & Cindy Sturtevant	Lead
Nick Zarkades	Lead
Len & Carolyn Bach	Lead
Jim Begin	Lead
Bill & Deb Berg	Lead
Jeanne & Randy Hicks	Lead
Bev Sealand	Lead
Larry & Marilyn Swift	Lead
Bob & Jill Abbott	Volunteer
George Greider & Gayle Krantz	Volunteer
John & Maureen Kelley	Volunteer
Norm & Mary Ann Lamontagne	Volunteer
Rafe & Thalia Loosigian	Volunteer
Eliot More & Jaimee Walters	Volunteer
Ted & Judi Stanton	Volunteer
Peter & Lucinda Borrone	Volunteer
Amy & Carl Carvell	Volunteer
Mark & Helen Evans	Volunteer
Lynn & Steve Grant	Volunteer
Steve & Phyllis Malinsky	Volunteer
Rudi Markl	Volunteer



Erich & Anna Longbottom enjoying the festivities



Ellen & Mike Garvey receive their 1st place for the Rally trophy



Randy and Jeanne Hicks accepting "The Best of the Show award" from Bill Emerson.



Cindy Sturtevant is the AHCA-NE's top golfer!



THE END! Pete Sturtevant passes the piston to next year's Conclave chair person John Jacobs.



Ray Donovan & Larry Swift



THE BERKSHIRE HILLS RAMBLE

August 8TH

Well hopefully, by now most of you have forgotten what it's like to rallye (or rally, if you prefer) with the Plues and Benders. Well here's a chance to refresh your memory! This is actually a low pressure tour through the beautiful Berkshire countryside. Of course, while you're enjoying the vista, you will have to keep your eyes open for answers to questions you will receive at the start. So there will be a little exercise of the noodle involved. To be fair, the Benders are only involved in the meet and greet and feed department of this shindig...the rally/rallye is all the Pat and Andy Plue bailiwick. So if the food is good, the Benders are blameless!

Please come join us on August 8th. First car off will be at 10:00 AM but if you get there early – say 9:30 – you can have some coffee and donuts! We will be starting from the public parking area at the South end of Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield, MA., kinda at the junction of Hancock Road and Route 7. There will be a British flag at the entrance to the parking area.

Here are couple of ways to get there:

From the Mass Pike Exit 2
Go toward center of Lee
Main Street becomes Route 20
Continue about 10 miles
Continue .2 miles on South Street
Right on East street .2 miles
Left on US 7 / 1st Street about 3 miles
When ya see the lake, you're there!
Look for the British flag

From North Hampton

RT 9 west to Dalton
Go through Dalton
Stay on RT 9
Turn right onto Crane Avenue (At Tractor Supply store)
Take Crane to intersect with RT 7
Head North (right) on RT 7 and continue til ya see the lake
Look for the British flag

Hope to see y'all there!

Please RSVP by August 4TH
Bob and Betty Bender 413-684-3934
Rbender1@berkshire.rr.com

It's On! — Healeys on the Green Mark V

Saturday, August 15, 2015: save this revised date on your calendars! Mystic Seaport's town green will be the site once again for Healeys on the Green during their Antique Engine Weekend. This year, we will form up across the street at 9:30 and then parade onto the museum grounds by model groups just before 10:30 AM. The show will run from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM

At that point those who are going to Amy and Carl's Clambake can leave for a scenic drive to the Carvell's house. Other may chose to stay and tour the museum until it closes at 5:00 PM.

Entry to the show and grounds is \$20 (in advance—\$25 day of the show) for a car and two people (a \$48.00 value). A prize will be awarded to the most popular car as voted by Seaport visitors. Please make checks payable to Mystic Seaport and mail to Ted Stanton; 677 Pequot Trail; Stonington, CT 06378. And please indicate your name and address as well as the your car's year and model. You will get a show display card with your entry number, map and directions by return mail.

More info to follow.

Any questions, contact Ted Stanton healey@snet.net or phone 860-605-4172.

Austin Healey Clam Bake Saturday, August 15th – 2:30 pm at the home of Amy & Carl Carvell 12 Spray Rock Rd. Weekapaug (Westerly), Rhode Island

When you leave the Mystic Seaport and Healey's On the Green travel along the coast to Weekapaug for a traditional New England Clambake.

Take a walk on the beach, swim or chat with friends. We will start the traditional Rhode Island bake about 4:00 pm which will give you time to get home before it is too late! The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes lobster, clams, corn on the cob, sweet potato, white potato, fish and sausage. Please let the Carvells know if you will be coming and just bring your check with you then.

This is a BYOB party!!!!

abcarvell@gmail.com, cgcavrell@gmail.com or 401-322-7741 Directions will be available at the Mystic SeaportJ.



PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW FROM TED STANTON IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE SERGIO FRANCHI CONCERT ON AUGUST 29th

I need to find out how many Austin Healeys we can expect at the Sergio Franchi concert on Aug 29th. The event organizer is asking so I think I can get us all in as opposed to the limit of 2 cars last year. I need to know by the end of July at the latest. Anyone responding later could not get their Healey in. The cost is \$50.00 mailed in or \$55.00 at the gate. I've attached a link to the Franchi website which will give all the concert information. It's a wonderful event as all who've attended in the past can attest to. We will meet at our house and travel the 1/2 mile to Eva's estate as a group.

Email me at healey@snet.net as soon as you know.

Ted Stanton

<http://www.sergiofranchi.com>

August 29th marks the date of the annual Sergio Franchi Concert. This event is a little different than most but all who have come in the past have enjoyed a wonderful day. We'll depart from our house at 11:30 for a short 4 minute drive to the Franchi estate. Eva Franchi likes the men to dress for the ladies and vice versa but you'll see all manners of dress. bring folding chairs and a nice lunch and, of course BYOB, and be prepared to enjoy a wonderful, open air, time listening to a 30 piece orchestra and terrific music. There will be soprano and tenor arias as well as popular songs and perhaps a few laughs all on Eva's fantastic estate.

Tickets are non refundable, tax deductible \$50:00 per person if purchased ahead of time or \$55:00 at the gate. It usually lasts till about 5:00. I think I can get a few Healeys in to be displayed near the mansion but not sure at this moment. Those with cars will have to be here by about 10:30 in order to get them set up. E mail me if you think you'll come and if you'll bring your car. I need to know within the next couple of days if you're bringing your Healey.

Make checks out to Sergio Franchi Music Foundation and send to 91 Sergio Franchi Drive, Stonington, Ct. 06378. You need to do this pretty quick in order for them to get your tickets back to you in time. Go to sergiofranchi.com for a complete write up.

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[Sergio Franchi Music Foundation](http://www.sergiofranchi.com)

John Deere Funny Gymcahana Sept 9th.

Save the dates: Sept. 8, rain date Sept. 9 for the second annual John Deere Funny Gymcahana hosted by Roy and Betty Balthazard. Featured for this 2015 event, we have new and improved challenges and tricks.

Plan on arriving at 10am for coffee and donuts. Following the competition, we'll be enjoying a pot luck dinner, visiting with old friends and making some new ones. Call Betty with the type of dish you will be bringing. 413-213-1096 or 413-297-9409.

As usual, after dinner, there will be awards and fabulous prizes!

Directions: On your GPS dial in 148 Gold Street Belchertown, MA. From the East, West and South find your way to the intersection of MA Rte. 202 and Rte. 9. From that point travel north on Rte. 202 for 3 miles. Turn left onto Munsell St. for 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Gold St. for 1/2 mile to a private drive sign on right. Turn right at sign. Roy and Betty are second house on left. From the north take Mass Rte. 202 South through New Salem and Pelham. After you see the sign for Belchertown, travel a few hundred yds. to find Munsell Street on Right and turn there, and Follow above directions.

Please contact Roy or Betty with your RSVP at the above numbers or at roybaby34@yahoo.com.

We have one guest room available for "far out" guests. First come, first served.



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BRITISH INVASION XXV
September 18-20, 2015
Stowe, VT

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the **British Invasion** held in the lovely VT town of Stowe. The AUSTIN HEALEY is one of the featured marques this year. If you have never attended you are missing the largest all British car and motorcycle show on in the country.. Last year there were over 650 British vehicles on the show field.

The Austin Healey Club of New England has reserved 14 rooms at the lovely **Inn at the Mountain**, which is part of the Stowe Mountain Resort. The room rate is one of the best deals in Stowe for this event. Each room features fabulous mountainside lodging, balconies or deck with seating area, cable TV, WIFI, air conditioning, refrigerator and daily maid service. All rooms are non-smoking.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 18 OR THE ROOMS WILL BE RELEAED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

CALL: 802-253-3649 or 800-253-4754 and mention the AHC-NE, Group #27938. <http://summer.stowe.com/plan/lodging/inn-at-the-mountain-and-condominiums/>

Inn Rooms: \$131.75/night + tax. Several suites are available at a higher rate. The room rate includes a complimentary Continental Breakfast.

There is also a plan for a Group Dinner for club members which will include a tour through Smuggler's Notch. More on this coming up in the next newsletter.

You must pre-register for the British Invasion. The deadline is September 1st. It is best to visit the **British Invasion** web site www.britishinvasion.com and download the registration form and mail your registration fee before the deadline. Last minute registrations are allowed at the show field on Friday between 12 Noon -6PM. No registration is allowed on Saturday!

For more information contact Bob Britton 603-381-3158
Email: healeybj7@hotmail.com



***40TH ANNIVERSARY CAR BADGE
TO BENEFIT JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH
FOUNDATION***

The club is planning to produce a car badge to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the club. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundations. The badge is of high quality and will be produced by a UK company www.premierbadge.co.uk/

The cost of the badge is \$45.00 plus shipping, to place order e-mail your request to Nick Zarkades at nzdesigns@comcast.net with number wanted and shipping information.

We must have a minimum of 50 to place order. You will be notified by e-mail when ready and you be requested to send a check to Carl Carvel.

The Technical Side by Ted Stanton

Since I lost my overdrive coming back from Gettysburg, I thought it might be interesting to me and others to do a quick overview of how the darn thing works as well as what to look for. The BN1 overdrive circuit includes 2 relays, a solenoid, a centrifugal switch, a gearbox switch, a throttle switch as well as the on/off switch. To make matters worse, whoever wired the OD used the same non standard orange wiring for the whole shebang. I might be over my head.

I've also included an index of articles from British Car Specialists who were kind enough to let us use their knowledge. If you see something you think might be of interest to the members, e mail me at healey@snet.net.

I also have a collection of Healey Chatter technical articles written by some smart Healey people. I'll publish an index another day.

Ted Stanton healey@snet.net

Tech Tips

Overdrive problems

by Norman Nock
British Car Specialists, Stockton CA

(Here's a rundown on some of the more common overdrive-related problems and the reason why the overdrive is misbehaving—ed.)

1. Car will not go into overdrive:

No electricity to solenoid.
Low or no oil pressure.
Cam not operating pump.
Oil pump stuck.
Not enough oil in transmission.

2. Car comes out of overdrive:

Low oil pressure.
Incorrect adjustment.
Solenoid weak.
Isolator switch open circuit.
Accumulator piston damage.
Relay on firewall faulty.
Faulty relay in cockpit (BN1).
Incorrectly adjusted throttle switch.

3. Passed 1/4 thru drive:

Relay winding
Wiring incorr

4. Car will not b

Car stuck in c
Restrictor hol
Needs magne

5. Noise in over

Rear overdriv
Gears in annu

6. Car always in gears:

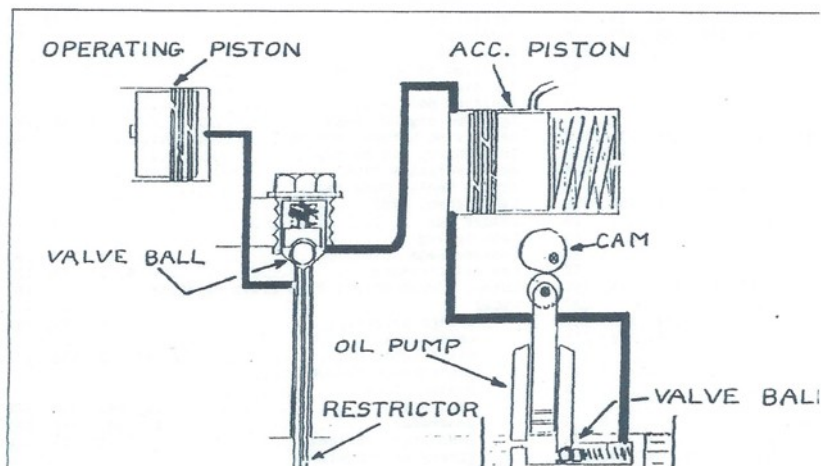
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Accumulator

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