

Austin Healey Club of New England

2015 Calendar of Events

10/1/2015

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Sat Oct 17	Fall Foliage Train and Boat Tour	1 Railroad Ave Essex, CT	Jud Perkins judperk@comcast.net
Sat Oct 24 Rain Date Sun Oct 25	Greenwich Foliage Tour	Starts in Bedford, NY 11:15AM	Rudi Markl rmarkl@optonline.net 914 481 8555
Sat Dec 5	Holiday Party 6-10PM	Old Sturbridge Village Sturbridge, MA	Len Bach summitm9@aol.com 860-875-8855

EXHAUST NOTES GOING ALL DIGITAL IN 2016

Starting in 2016 AHC-NE monthly newsletter "EXHAUST NOTES" will be going to an all digital format and emailed to all members who have provided their email addresses. If you are currently receiving the abbreviated version of Exhaust Notes via USPS mail please contact Membership Chair Carl Carvell cgcavell@gmail.com to provide him with your email address or when you renew your membership for 2016 include your email address. The benefit of receiving the digital newsletter is you will receive the entire newsletter which generally runs 16-20 pages instead of an abbreviated version with 7 pages.



Roundhouse Tour added to October 17 Fall Foliage Tour, price dropped to \$22.00 per person, bring the Grandkids

Former Club Member Fred Jordan who traded driving a Healey for driving the Essex Steam locomotives has made arrangements for us to have a tour of the Essex Steam Train Roundhouse which will be begin at 10:00am.

October 17 is rapidly approaching so add to your calendars our Essex Steam train and Riverboat <http://essexsteamtrain.com/> fall foliage tour followed by a short drive and then lunch at Gelston House on the Connecticut River. Leaves should be near their peak for this ride on a wonderful 2- 1/2 hour classic steam train and boat cruise on the Connecticut River. In addition to seeing the fall foliage in its glory, we'll see the Goodspeed Opera House, Gelston House and Gillette Castle from the water. Be sure to bring a camera.

Club member Bill McMahon who has dual citizenship as a member of our club and The Shrewsbury Old Car Club will be bringing 22 members of the Old Car Club to the event. A great opportunity for us to see some of their cars and vice versa.

Don't forget the grandkids. What better way for you to share a day with your grandkids than to have them join you to experience the magic of steam locomotives. Bring them along.

There are a few tickets left for the Goodspeed Opera production of A Wonderful Life being performed at 3:00 and 8:00pm. The Opera House is next door to our lunch location. Contact the box office www.goodspeed.org directly if you are interested.

As we now have more than 20 people we will get the group rate of \$22 pp. Our group will be able to sit together on the train. For your GPS the address is 1 Railroad Ave, Essex, Ct. 06426. ***For planning and reservation purposes you must RSVP to Jud Perkins judperk@comcast.net by Wednesday October 14.***

Healey Clambake!

About 20 Healeys and their owners gathered at the Carvell's home in Weekapaug, RI for another fabulous clambake following the Healey's on the Green in Mystic. The lobsters were delicious as usual and the birthdays of Bob, Steve and Carl were celebrated in fine style! Amy Carvell



The moment we have all waited for!
LOBSTER TIME!



3 birthdays to celebrate at the clam-bake: Carl Carvell, Steve Bell, and Bob Britton.



Historic -33 Racing at Lime Rock

By Duane Walzer (Medway, MA)

Lime Rock "Historics - 33"

I love Lime Rock's Vintage/Historics. Not so much for the racing, but the opportunity to get up close with antique/rare/exotic/historic cars you may never see again, talk with the mechanics/drivers/celebrities, the sights and sounds, and having a good time with friends.

Visiting celebrities this year were Jochen Mass - LeMans race winner, and Susie & Sir Sterling Moss.

This year was an enjoyable 5 day week. The hot & muggy daytime kinda got to me, but night time was cool in the up-hill casmpgrounds.

TECH NOTE: Last year, on my drive home, my Healey had fuel problems which I later found to be dirt blocking my fuel filter. This year, after 3 hour drives (one way) with no problems, my confidence is restored.

HEALEYS: There were 4 Healeys in the car show, 7 Healey racers, at least 2 street Healeys, and the ever present Nash Healey.

Congratulations to show award winners Donald Schneider (Lititz, Pa.), and Roger Hamblin (Sandwich, N.H.).

Unfortunately, my Healey was parked in the campgrounds, so judges missed opportunity to judge my car.

Alas, no Healey race winners this year.... (Maybe next year: Rich, Rick, & Mike??)

RACE TRAINING: Enjoy the steering, shifting, sounds & track line from in-car (Healey of course) videos at

[HTTP://WWW.BLACKFLAGRACING.ORG](http://www.blackflagracing.org)



Owner of "Outrunning the Wind, open air GT Caliber cars 1955 to 1959, Roger Hamblin, Sandwich, NH - 1962 Healey 3000 BN7 Mk-II.



More photos on page 5



Mike Richmond Holliston, MA 1960 Healey Sprite



Rick Neves Holliston, MA 1956 Healey 100



Susie and Sir Sterling Moss



**Entered in "Risky and Racy- competitive specials and speed record machines."
Richard Niezabitowski 1958 Healey Sprite**



**Entered in "Speed and Agility - Early sports cars to 1954"
Bruce Silvers Hartford, CT. 1954 Healey 100 Le Mans.**



David Silberkleit 1956 Healey 100M BN2

British Invasion 2015



If you like LBCs (Little British Cars) or if you like BBCs (Big British Cars) the 2015 British Invasion car show in Stowe, Vermont is the place to be every September. This year's feature Marques were Rolls Royce, Bentley, and **Austin Healey**. 34 club members from the New England chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America drove their cars along the beautiful highways, mountains, and farms of Vermont to arrive in Stowe on September 18th and get ready for the show and judging on Saturday the 19th. The weather could not have been better with 100% sunshine on both days. It is hard to take it all in in a few days. The downtown on the street car show started it off with a bang. Beautiful British cars of every Marque parked right on Main Street. When the car show itself kicks off there is almost too much to take in and see it all. Jaguars, Triumphs, MGs, Morgans, Lotus, Sunbeams, Singers and close to 50 Healeys shared the field with Rolls Royce and Bentley.

When you are not walking around voting for your favorite cars of each marquee you visit the vendors selling parts, tee shirts, and everything under the sun British. The "Car Corral" is always interesting to see what is on the market and at what price.

Our club was well represented in the awards:



Don Margeson 3rd place 3000 Convertible class popular vote.



Neil Grotenhuis (left) holds his 3rd place award and Jim Begin holds his 1st place award both for the popular vote for 3000 Roadsters.



Bob Britton's BJ7 has been to a lot of The British Invasions



Healeys as far as the eye can see!!



Club members enjoy a break in the shade of the canopy: Linda Hakala, Tom Webster, Bob Abbott, and Bob Bender.



Rich & Mary Jo Ray relax at the club dinner after an exciting ride through Smugglers Notch!



Club members: Tom Webster, Robert Scalla, Paul Dunnell and Dale Dunnell Enjoy Healey talk on Saturday.



Larry and Marilyn Swift enjoying the club dinner



Bob Bender puts the finishing touches on his BN2 Saturday morning. A labor of



Steve & Sue Bell's impressive Bugeye awaits voters

JOHN DEERE FUNNY GYMKHANNA REPORT

Take a small group of Austin Healey friends and mix them together on a warm summer day with good food, good company and a crazy lawn mower driving event and you have a recipe for fun and laughs galore. On Saturday, September 12 th, folks traveled from Cape Cod, Pittsfield and places in between to the home of Roy and Betty Balthazard in Belchertown for the second annual John Deere Funny Gymkhana. Competitors gathered around the paddock garage as the director backed out his cleaned and polished "Green Monster". There were a few "OOHs" and "AAHs" but mostly what was heard were comments like why is the brake pedal on the left side and how do you get this "Deere Mower" to go into reverse. Well we soon found out as anyone wanting a practice run got lined up. The first stop involved maneuvering into a tight parking space facing an extended step ladder with a board attached out over the driver. The board held a plate filled with water which soon fell on my head as I stuffed the Green Monster into the side of Roy's garage. Not to be outdone, Bob Bender thought it looked like so much fun he copied me. This is where the laughing got started. Cutting to the chase, everyone got a couple of chances to complete the obstacle course requiring other tests of driving ability, marksmanship and golf all being timed by a stop watch.

Needless to say there was lots of discussion and more laughs as the competitors compared notes. Strangely absent were any contenders from the female side of the group. Do you think maybe the Garage ramming had something to do with this? There were prizes galore for all the participants including some of Roy's blacksmithing works of art. As always with any Austin Healey event, there was plenty of good food and drink to share including an awesome bread bowl filled with a great tasting dip provided by Betty. Hopefully we will see more folks at the third annual Funny Gymkhana next summer.



"Any member wishing to help solicit new members to join the AHC-NE can download and print copies this form from the web site, <http://ahca-newengland.com/newsletters/join-form.pdf>. These can be handed out at local and regional car shows, cars and coffee events, etc."



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and Austin Healey Club of America
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If you join between Nov. 1 and July 31, a full years annual dues of \$60.00 are payable (includes \$50.00 for National). If you join between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31, a prorated amount of \$40.00 is due (includes \$35.00 for National).

To submit your application:
Make out a check for the appropriate amount payable to AHC-New England.
Mail the completed form and check to:-

Austin Healey Club of New England
c/o Carl Carvett, Treasurer / Membership
12 Spray Rock Rd
Westerly, RI 02891



***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.

There's a recurring question about converting our positive ground cars to negative so for those of us who desire to operate a radio or a GPS, I've included an article which will help you make this simple conversion. It also includes a small advertising for our friends at British Car Specialists who are kind enough

Tech Tips

A negative approach to a positive issue

by Norman Nock
British Car Specialists
Stockton CA

While strict originality is important to the concours entrant, even most fanatics won't notice that an old British positive-ground car has been converted to negative. The only tell-tale is the battery cables; where they lead to and their size.

If you're using your car as a driver and wish to fit a modern stereo or other accessory that is available only as negative ground, your options are twofold: isolate the negative-ground accessory through a complex system of rubber washers and special fastening arrangements, or simply convert the whole car to negative ground. Conversion is really quite simple.

In general, generator-equipped models were positive ground, and if you're going further and converting to a modern alternator, you're already one step there.

The first thing to do is to disconnect and remove the battery or batteries from the car. If you have any special positive-ground electronic equipment in the car - which is doubtful - remove it now to have its polarity reversed.

Also, if you've replaced your original SU fuel pump within the last few years, it may be one of the newer designs with a diode across the points in place of a condenser. If so, reverse the diode, or it will expire when power is run through it backwards.

Electronic tachometers will have to be removed and sent out to an electrical shop for conversion to negative ground, then re-fitted with the white wire loop reversed.

Now, reconnect your battery (or batteries) in

reverse of the way they were originally connected. The ground cable that originally went to the (larger) positive battery terminal will now be too large to fit securely on the smaller negative terminal, and vice versa. In this case, fit new cable ends. If you have the old-style Lucas "helmet" connectors, new ones are also available to fit the cables as needed.

The residual magnetism of the field cores in your generator must be reversed, so disconnect the 'D' and 'F' terminal wires from the generator, and temporarily connect a length of wire to the positive terminal of the battery and touch the other end of the wire several times to the small terminal 'F' on the generator. This will repolarize the field windings. Replace the 'D' and 'F' wires to the generator as they were hooked up before.

No polarizing is required for the regulator, but the electricity will now, of course, flow through the points in the opposite direction. If the points are pitted from many years of use they may stick. Either clean them, or replace the regulator.

Most ignition coils will work either way, but you can easily switch the SW (switch) and CB (contact breaker) wires to be sure. High tension coils marked +VE or -VE should have the -VE lead going to the distributor points.

For the ammeter, if fitted, reverse the connections to show the proper readings. Likewise, any permanent magnet motors (radiator fans, wipers, screen washers, etc.) will work properly with just a reversing of the power and ground cables. Otherwise they will run backwards.

Now you're ready to install your new stereo, CB, car phone, alarm, or whatever.



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HERE TO HELP



The Austin Healey Holiday Party
Saturday, December 5, 2015
6:00 PM till 10:00 PM
Old Sturbridge Village, MA

This year's Holiday Party will be held at the Old Sturbridge Village. The party has been held here many years ago.

Social time and cocktails at 6:00 PM, with the buffet at 7:00PM
There will be a cash bar in the room

This year's selection will be a buffet with beef, chicken and a pasta selection.

The cost including tax and gratuity will be \$ 40.00

Santa will arrive, so keep your eyes open for the right \$10.00
"Yankee Swap" gift

As stated many times before, there should be an admission charge just for this alone!

Rooms will be reserved in local motels.
More on the selection later.

Make your reservation on or before Wed. November 25, 2015

To: Leonard Bach 192 Bald Hill Road, Tolland, CT 06084

Any questions? SummitM9@aol.com or 860 875-8855

Please make checks to AHCA of NE

This is a fun time! Reserve early.

Lempert 3:54 rear end gears are all gone now. The gears now come from England. A little more money but still well worth the conversion for peace of mind when your Healey is on the interstate. I can replace the gears in your rear end (takes about a week) or have a rebuilt rear end ready to swap into your car in about 4 hours. The complete job is now \$1600.00 either way. Also able to handle most any mechanical work your car may need to make it through the summer driving season safely. Labor rate is \$35/hour. Please ask for references. Paul Dunnell 413 339 0102.

austin3000@verizon.net



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PARTS WANTED!!!

Hi

Found a listing for you in the AH Club membership directory. I am restoring a BJ8 Austin Healey and looking for parts, particularly a front and rear shroud, left hand door, bumpers and a stainless steel exhaust. If anything is available please let me know.

Neal Macarchuk / Manager, Proposal Development / **SimplexGrinnell**

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Wanted BJ8/BJ7

I am looking for an Austin Healey BJ8 or BJ7. I am a younger new member of the Club and would like to find a car that will fit my wife and two young boys, and will become a part of our family. I prefer a recently fully restored vehicle (within the last 10 years) but will look at older restorations to the extent they have been well-preserved and are rust-free. I would like to find an excellent car that can be driven with pride on nice days. I live in the Boston area. Please email David at dshushan@gmail.com if you are considering selling your Healey and it fits this bill.