# Healey Exhaust Notes



# September 2016



Healey's lined up at the BBQ at Summit @ Stratton 2016

# President's Letter by Bob Britton



Where did the summer go? Here it is already September which means there is only another month or two of good driving weather left for the driving season. So, as we wind down the year there are several great club events on the calendar to enjoy these last few months of driving your Healey before winter.

First up is *British Invasion*, the annual all British Car show held in beautiful Stowe, VT. Linda and I look forward to this show every year, and in fact, I have attended every British Invasion since 1992. My two daughters Becky and Mandy grew up attending this show. What great memories I have of the years I was able to share my passion of Healey's withmy family attending the "Invasion" each year. My oldest daughter Becky, who first attended British Invasion II as a 7 year old, is planning to attend, British Invasion XXVI this year, along with her husband Coit. I can't wait until my future grandkids (nothing in the works yet!) will be able to attend.

The following weekend on Saturday, September 24 member Tom Klin has put together a wonderful luncheon followed by an sailing cruise on the CT river on the old river schooner, The "*Mary E*", which is based in Essex, CT. The cruise tickets are sold out, but there still is time to let Tom know you would like to join the drive & luncheon. Please make your arrangements with Tom by September 15th. See more info on this event in the newsletter.

And on Sunday of Columbus Day weekend AHC-NE will be joining forces with the British Cars of NH club for a joint event at *Applecrest Farm* in Hampton, NH. This should be a great chance to see the wonderful fall foliage in southern NH at its peak.

VP Jud Perkins is working on *Summit 2017* and should have the dates and venue ready to announce next month. This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, since the first Summit was held in Jackson, NH in 1997. We are hoping for a large turnout to celebrate this milestone event. Check out the story in this issue on *Summit at Stratton* written by Rick Neville.

See you on the road, Bob

# Austin Healey Club of New England 2016 Calendar of Events

# **Events in RED** are AHC of NE sponsored events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sun Sept. 11	Caffeine & Carburetors	New Canaan, CT	https://www.facebook.com/Caffeine andCarburetors/events
Fri-Sun Sept 16-18	26th British Invasion	Town & Country Inn Stowe, VT	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com
Sat. Sept. 24	Connecticut River Rally & Cruise 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	CT-DEEP Marine Headquarters 333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371	Tom Klin Thomas.Klin@ch2m.com. 860-227-3587
Sun Oct 9	Applecrest Farms Meet with BCNH	Hampton, NH	Nick Zarkades nzdesigns@comcast.net
Fri-Sun Oct 21-23	Healey Weekend " Kick-back in Plymouth "	Plymouth Sands Motel Plymouth, MA	Steve Bell scbell1@comcast.net 508-647-6499
Fri Dec 9	AHC-NE Christmas Party	Old Sturbridge Village Sturbridge, MA	Len Bach summitm9@aol.com

## VP Ramblin'





## **Did Emily Post own a Healey?**

Now that I have your attention, I thought it might be good to point out a little event attendee etiquette. Most Club members who attend events are great, and their attendance is greatly appreciated and encouraged.

Often with events, the event organizers need to make restaurant reservations, guarantee a number of people and even pre-pay some locations. If you plan on attending, please let the event organizer know you will be coming as far in advance as possible. This is even true on events where the organizer doesn't ask you to confirm, it just makes the event planning a little easier.

The event organizer understands that things come up at the last minute and sometimes people can't attend an event they've confirmed. Again, please send an email to the event organizers and let them know. Don't want to have a bunch of people waiting for someone who confirmed and then had something happen.

# Thanks, **Jud Perkins**

#### Editor's Notes

 It is with great sadness that we inform you that long time club member Baird Foster passed away on August 7<sup>th</sup> from head injuries sustained in a fall. We offer our condolences to his wife Margo and the Foster family.



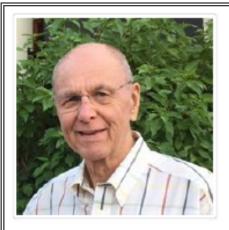
- Missed Summit? Read the report by Rick Nevile on page Aa-Bb or go to our website www.ahca-newengland.org.
- We are happy for our new member David Sushan and his family to hear that they have found the perfect Healey to fit their family.
- Due to the ever increasing size of our newsletter, we will be changing the distribution system. Starting with the October newsletter, you will receive an email message with a link to the newsletter page on our website. You have the option of either downloading the newsletter or simply reading it online. Please make sure that you have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer.

Many Thanks to the members who contributed articles & pictures to this newsletter.

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If you have anything you would like to share with other members, please submit your articles in Word document and attach your pictures in Jpeg format by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month for inclusion in the next month's edition.



Baird C Foster
August 7, 2016

Baird Colville Foster, Jr., 77, on August 7, 2016 from head injuries sustained in a fall. Baird, of Moorestown, NJ, was the son of Baird C. Foster Sr. and Roberta (nee Hoffbauer). Beloved husband of 56 years to high school classmate Margo (nee Milling). Loving father to son Kyler Brooks Foster (Kimberly) of Moorestown and their children, Brooks Stevenson and Morgan Victoria; and to son Preston Cook Foster of Haddonfield and his twin sons, Adam Thomas and Samuel Baird. Brother to Richard E. (Phyllis) of Blackwood and Lawrie J. of Chestnut Hill, PA.

Baird was the great-great nephew and great-nephew of David Baird Sr. and Jr., respectively, both US Senators from NJ in the early 1900s. Baird Boulevard in Camden was named for David Baird Sr.

Baird grew up in Haddonfield, NJ and loved classical music. He was a percussionist at Haddonfield Memorial High School and helped to pay his way through Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ by playing drums in various bands. Upon graduation in 1960, Baird began employment at the family business, International Envelope Company in Philadelphia. Later he was involved in sales in the publishing industry at Lehigh/Rocappi in Pennsauken, NJ; and Auto-Graphics in Pomona, CA, from which he retired in 1995. Soon after, he bought a 1962 Austin-Healey BJ7 convertible and became an enthusiastic and active member of the Austin-Healey Club of America, the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club, and the Healey Drivers Club (UK), receiving numerous service awards and recognitions from those clubs over the years. The highlights of his Healey ownership occurred in 2000 and 2010 when he chauffeured Jenson Button (2009 Formula 1 World Champion) in the Parade des Pilotes (Drivers Parade) at the Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, in Montreal.

Contributions in Baird's memory may be made to the Donald M. Healey Memorial Fund, c/o Beverly Sealand, 15 Ancient Hwy, Wethersfield, CT 06109-3929. The fund provides scholarships in the USA and England to students pursuing studies in the automotive field. Following Baird's wishes, funeral services were private.







# BRITISH INVASION XXVI- UPDATE September 16-18, 2016 Stowe, VT

## **COME JOIN THE PARTY**

All AHC-NE members attending British Invasion are invited to attend a wine and beer cocktail party after the car show at Bob and Linda's condo on Saturday September 17 starting at 5:30PM.

Afterwards there will be a Healey caravan up Mountain Rd to the famous Matterhorn Bar for dinner starting around 7:00 PM. The Matterhorn is known for their outstanding Sushi, wood fired pizzas and other entrees and was voted the #1 après ski bar in North America by readers of USA Today in 2016. The back room overlooking the West Branch River has been reserved for our group.

<u>Please RSVP</u> to healeybj7@hotmail.com that you will be attending the cocktail party and/or dinner at the Matterhorn no later than Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

Bob and Linda's condo is located at 1126 Mountain Rd, just behind Sushi Yoshi restaurant, a very short distance from the Town and Country Resort.

Directions will be emailed to you when you RSVP.

If you have not already registered for British Invasion you can register at the field on Friday September 16 between 12-6PM. No registration is allowed on the day of the show.

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



# Connecticut River Rally & Cruise September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 10:00am- 3:00pm OLD LYME, CT



#### **Rendezvous Location:**

CT-DEEP Marine Headquarters, 333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

<u>Itinerary:</u> Our day will begin with coffee on the dock overlooking tidal marshes at Great Island in Old Lyme. At 10:30am sharp, we'll depart for a beautiful drive up the east side of the river generally following Route 156 through Hamburg to Joshuatown Road to Route 148 to River Road to Route 82 to Ray Hill Road and back to Route 82 where we will cross the river on the Haddam/East Haddam Bridge (at Goodspeed). From there we will drive down Route 154 to Essex Street to River Road and arrive at the Essex Yacht Club on Novelty Lane in Essex at around 11:30am.

Chef Michael will serve us a fine lunch between 11:30am and 12:45pm.

At 12:45pm we'll make the 30 second drive to the Connecticut River Museum, park on the upper lawn, and board the schooner Mary E for a 1.5 hour tour of the river under sail starting at 1pm. After the cruise ends at 2:30pm, folks can tour the museum and wander around some of the neat shops on Main Street, and eventually roll back up Main Street to North Main to 66 River Road for a swim, bite and drink at our house at around 3pm. Knowing that interests vary, note that the cruise portion of the day is optional.

<u>Cost Summary</u>: Lunch at EYC is \$22 per person. The optional cruise on the Mary E and museum tour costs \$30 per person. Total cost for both activities = \$52 per person.

**Logistics:** With respect to Healey safety, all venues – the DEEP, EYC CRM and our house – provide safe/separate parking where our cars would be parked away from common parking areas (thus avoiding the bash of the 1983 Impala door) and afford viewing opportunities for passers-by.

In the event of rain, the cruise portion of the day might be dampened, but other events would still work unless it is blowing a gale.



# **RSVP** by September 15th

Please email or call Tom Klin with any questions at (cell) 860-227-3587 or **Thomas.Klin@ch2m.com**.

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOAT CRUISE TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!

However, you can still join us for the drive & luncheon and spend some extra time exploring the wonderful stores on Main Street.



# **REGISTRATION FORM**

# Connecticut River Rally & Luncheon September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 10:00am – 3:00pm

Name:	
Address:	
Cell phone:	
Email:	
Number of pe	ople attending lunch @ \$22 per person:
	Amount enclosed:

Please return this form and check payable to Thomas Klin by **September 15, 2016**as we need to let **Chef Michael** at the Essex Yacht Club
know how many people to expect for lunch.

Mail completed form to:

Barbara & Tom Klin P.O. Box 453 Essex, CT 06426

# **DUAL MEET WITH**







on us for a wonaerful afternoon at Applecrest Farms, apple picking, bearing bands, hay rides, and great food

This event is a joint venture with the *British Cars of New Hampshire*, on October 9, 2016 at Applecrest Farms, 133 Exeter Road, Hampton, NH, we are asked to arrive at 10:00 am. There are many things to do and see including the new Bistro restaurant, which has gotten very excellent reviews.

If you plan to attend or have any questions e-mail Nick Zarkades at nzdesigns@comcast.net. Nick will also be caravaning a group through the shore route starting from route 128 in Beverly.



# SAVE THE DATE! KIP Weekend

"Kick-back In Plymouth"

October 21-23, 2016

Pilgrim Sands at Long Beach, Plymouth, MA



#### Here's what on the agenda....

NO car show - NO rallye - NO Gymkhana or Funkhana - NO Valve Cover Races NO Tee Shirts or Hats (unless you bring your own) - NO Banquet and NO FUSS!

#### So what do we do?

Sit on the deck overlooking the ocean and contemplate! Dine on fine, fresh seafood. Fellowship with your Austin Healey Buddies! Or make some!

Take a long swim in the indoor pool or go for a walk along Long Beach.

Visit Pilgrim Plantation, take a Harbor Cruise or go Whale Watching!

Check out the freshly renovated Mayflower II or tour Brewster Gardens!

Go window shopping in the quaint town shops! Visit a working cranberry bog!

Chill out! Unwind! Relax! Take a Kip! *Do whatever you want!* 

And for those of you who need a *little something*, there will be a driving tour of the area.

No questions, No clues, No confounded directions, No arguing, No Nuthin', except pure enjoyment, pleasure and fun. Come and enjoy the ride and the view!



Sunset Moon at Plymouth Sands—You don't want to miss this view!

#### Here's the skinny....

We have a real Kick-back weekend with nothing on your agenda that has to be done! The Pilgrim Sands (under new ownership) at Long Beach is our host location.

They are offering our group a return to 2014 prices at \$119.00 per night! How can it get any better? **Well - you have to be there, that's how it gets better!!!!** 

Here's what you need to do **NOW!** Pilgrim Sands is holding fifteen rooms for 30 days at the quoted rate of \$119.00 on the harbor side, with walk-out sliding doors to the back deck. **Instant Ocean!** These are located on the first floor of the South Wing. Other accommodations are available with some upgrade in price. The friendly staff will answer all your questions.

#### CALL NOW: (508) 747-0900 - Mention the Healey Club for your rate!

If we can entice 10 couples to be part of this kick-back weekend, we will organize some meals out - if that is your choice! The deck will have heat lamps so that we can enjoy the evenings on the deck if you so choose. At this time there are THREE COUPLES committed. Don't wait to see what the weather will be like - it doesn't matter - we had a great time in Plymouth when the weather was horrible! These special rates will **NOT LAST**, as they are making this offer due to our past patronage. Circle the dates, pick up the phone and, oh yes, send me an email to let me know that you are interested in **Kicking Back In Plymouth**. Your comments are welcomed - I think?

#### Steve Bell: scbell1@comcast.net

Pilgrim Sands at Long Beach 150 Warren Ave, Plymouth, MA 02360 check out their website http://pilgrimsandshotel.com/

## THE STORY OF DONALD M HEALEY

As the summer driving season is slowing down, you might find yourself with a rainy day and nothing to do. Perfect time to check out this excellent documentary on YouTube on Donald M Healey.

## https://youtu.be/Ua6p-A1d8Zw

Thank You, Rich Ray, for providing us the link to this entertaining and informative video.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We congratulate David Sushan and his family on their purchase of a Phase 1 BJ8. David joined us earlier in the year and has spend several months looking for the perfect Healey to suit his family outings.



Best wishes to David, his wife and his two future Healey-driver sons!









## **SUMMIT**

- *noun* 1. The highest point of a hill or mountain.
  - 2. the highest point of attainment or aspiration.
  - 3. a meeting between people who are interested in the same subject.

For the New England Region, *Summit 2016* checked all the definitional boxes. Held atop Vermont's Stratton Mountain ski area from July 27-31, it was the premier event of the club year. Good-natured competition prevailed while friends new and old drank in the outstanding scenery of rural New England and talked about their favorite subject ... Healeys.

And it was a time of remembrance also. The first *Summit* was held in 1997 in Jackson, NH and was the brainchild of *Dom Falconieri*, who passed away in 2015 from cardiac amyloidosis, believed to be the result of Agent Orange exposure during his Viet Nam service in the Air Force.



Dom was an active Healeyer and good friend to his fellow club members. In honor of his vision in creating the annual event, a perpetual "*Dominic Falconieri Best of Show*" award was presented for the first time this year. Dom's wife, Mary Lou, and grandsons Max and James were there to hand out the award plaque during the banquet where videos of the first meet were shown on the big screen. A few eyes welled-up seeing Dom in the video, interspersed with some laughter over how we all looked younger, thinner, with more hair, or at least with less gray.

Pete Sturtevant announcing the Dominic Falconieri Award

# **Here's how the days went:**

# **Wednesday** - Arrival day.

Checking in, ogling the extensive merchandise in the Chinese Auction, attending the opening reception at the Black Bear Lodge and exploring the area for dinner on our own.

Wrapping it all up in the hospitality room.



"Rush Hour" at arrival time



L-R: Steve Detra, Bill & Deb Berg, Gayle Kranz & George Greider in front of the Black Bear Lodge



The Registration Team ready for the stream of arrivals L-R: Linda Hakala, Eric Longbottom, Judi Stanton, Amy Carvell





**Thursday** - The day started off a little hazy and overcast for the trip up the 5.2 Mt. Equinox Auto Road to the 3848' summit (see what I did there?) Most were able to gaze out at the spectacular scenery along the climb, although a few were too busy staring at their temperature gauges in what might have been called the "Healey Cooling System Reliability Run".



Arriving at the top, we enjoyed a box lunch, toured the observatory and marvelled at how high a steam cloud an overheated Healey could put out. Highlight of the observatory was the pictures and descriptions of the Annual Mount Equinox Hill Climb where racing greats like Briggs Cunningham, John Fitch and Sam Posey have raced to the top. The switchbacks on the climb at speed looked as challenging as the rough road surface. After the Healeys cooled down, we made the descent, where the smell of overheated coolant was soon replaced by toasted brakes.

A line-up of Healeys cooling off at the top of Mount Equinox

What's a trip to Vermont without covered bridges? And so, some of the hill climbers continued on for the Bennington County Historic Bridge Tour, taking the opportunty to snap some beauty shots of their Healey exiting these classic symbols of New England. The tour ended in Bennigton at the Hemming's Historic Motor Museum, where the collector car magazine displays its antique cars and automobilia.



"McGregor" alerts Bob Britton & Linda Hakala to an exiting SUV on the Vermont Covered Bridge Tour.

**Summit's** first tech session was for Healey Modifications and a lively discussion of both big and little changes the panel of experts had made to their big Healeys and Sprites was well attended. Discussion topics ranged from wire wheel quality, reliability modifications, balanced rear brake drums, suspension upgrades, researching modifications through internet forums and how to leverage the Brexit vote and drop in the British pound to achieve big savings on parts purchased from specialists in the UK.

Dinner was at the historic Red Fox Inn and the warm summer night made a BBQ dinner on the lawn an enjoyable ending to a busy day.







## Friday -

Some early morning showers obligingly cleared out in time for the Vermont Route 100 Rally.

Rallymasters Bill Berg and Steve Detra did their best to torture the participants, who really wanted nothing more than a pleasant drive in the countryside, with tricky questions that saw some rallyists covering twice the 60 mile route searching for answers.

A stop in Weston gave everyone an opportunity to stretch their legs, grab a sandwich and explore the famous Vermont Country Store, with a few goodies finding their way back into most of the Healeys. True to their word, the rallymasters kept us off the unpaved roads, no small feat in a state where 8,600 miles of the byways are dirt. Rally winners were:

1st: Steve and Sue Bell;

2nd: Don Margeson and Rick Neville;

3rd: Stephen and Joy Caldwell;

Honorable Mention: Bob and Levina Yule/ Nick Barber and Karen Shevlin.



Rallymasters Bill Berg & Steve Detra - doing their homework ??

### Valve cover racing and ice cream



Lined up for the delicious Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream

...what a perfect combination for the kids, no matter how old they were. The ice cream came from Vermont's own Ben & Jerry's. As everyone knows, it's hard to be sad when you're eating ice winner Jim Begin placed first once again, his six-cylinder cover beating back a strong challenge from Robert Scalla's four cylinder racer that pluckily came back fighting after enduring some spectacular crashes at the bottom of the ramp.

Third place went to Steve Bell while the Best Design award went to Lucas Kashtan, whose #54 Healey Blue entry looked suspiciously like the Sebring Sprite replica his grandad Pete Sturtevant built for him.



James Falconieri and his great uncle, James Kelly, line up Lucas Kashtan's Sebring Sprite valve cover racer.



Robert Scalla and Jim Begin line up their valve cover racers

#### **SUMMIT 2016**



# **Saturday**

Gymkhana and Funkhana started the day with die-hard entrants shuttling between two parking



James Falconieri takes a shot on goal while Pete Sturtevant guids his BJ8 through the Funkhana course

lots at the Lodge to compete in both. The gymkhana course had some tight slalom gates and a 360 degree around-the-cone for the Sprites with a long straight coming out of the last gate for the big Healeys and Nasty Boys.

Steve Bell took first in his bugeye in the Sprite category, while Bob Bender topped the four cylinder roadster class.

Neil Grotenhuis and Bill Berg finished 1-2 for six-cylinder roadsters, while Bob Britton and Elliot More did the same for six-cylinder convertibles. Linda Hakala was first in Women. Meanwhile David Pfaff's 300 horse power Nasty Boy with an all-aluminum six-cylinder from a Chevrolet Trailblazer bested the two V8 modifieds in the class.

The Quebec Austin-Healey Club set up the Funkhana and, quelle surprise, it featured hockey, eh? Despite the indignity of being required to don Montreal Canadiens jerseys, the mostly Bruins fan New Englanders ran the course while attempting to shoot hockey goals.

While everyone had tons of fun, the Future 50 gang really got into the action.

#### Winners were:

1st: Robert and Donna Scalla; 2nd: Bob Britton and Linda Hakala;

3rd: Bob and Levina Yule.



Amy Carvell 'modeling' the Montreal Canadien jersey.

Tech Session II was well received with Gary Gammans and Mike Spring of Sports Car Services in Keene, NH reviewed the fine art of tuning the big Healey engine ignition system and balancing SU carbs.



The final competition of the the weekend was the big one, the Healey Car Show held in nearby Manchester, VT. Manchester is a bustling tourist destination during the summer with great restaurants and a number of high-end clothing outlet stores and home to The Orvis Company. Founded by Charles F. Orvis in Manchester in 1856, Orvis is America's oldest mail-order outfitter and longest continually-operating fly-fishing business. The car show was held on the Orvis grounds, next to their stocked trout ponds and while participants and spectators browsed amongst the Healeys on display, some took the opportunity to get some fly-fishing lessons from the Orvis experts on hand. Some even sneaked out for a last-minute run at the stores.





The six-cylinder convertibles lines up at the Popular Car Show at the Orvis grounds.

Judging at the Car Show was by popular vote from a steady stream of spectators, not by the participants, and the cars proved quite an attraction for Orvis shoppers (as were the Orvis-supplied discount coupons for show voters). Best of Show went to Jim Begin with his 1962 3000 Mk II Tri-carb, the engine compartment of which seems at first glance to be filled with chromed engine parts and accessories. Closer inspection, however, reveals those pieces aren't chrome, but stainless steel hand-crafted by Jim and even include a working stainless Shelley jack in the boot. The spectators certainly had an eye for quality.



The stainless craftsmanship in the engine compartment shines in Jim Begin's "Best of Show" BT7

#### Other show winners were:

**Sprites** - Steve Bell;

100s- Bob Bender;

6 cylinder roadsters - 1st: Jim Begin, 2nd: Nick Ferrant;

3rd (tie): Roger Hamblin/Paul Hurdle.

6 cylinder convertibles - 1st: Stephen Caldwell, 2nd - Paul Hetu, 3rd - John Kelly,

**6-cylinder convertibles HM-** Jud Perkins.



6-cylinder convertibles lines up at car show



The BN4 with rally touches owned by Paul and Robin Hurdle of the AH Club of Southern Ontario on display at the Orvis car show.





# **Saturday Evening**

The Awards Banquet was held back at the Black Bear lodge and featured Jim Begin receiving the "Dominic Falconieri Best of Show" perpetual plaque that will have his name engraved and which he'll keep until next year's winner assumes custody. He also received an individual plaque.



Mary Lou Falconieri and grandson James present the "Dominic Falconier Best of Show" plaque to Jim Begin

The highlight of the night is always the auction and the big prize, donated by the Quebec Austin-Healey Club, was the opportunity to drive one's Healey in the 2017 Montreal Formula One Grand Prix Pilot's Parade.

The stories by previous auction winners of driving the F1 pilots in front of the cheering crowds during the pre-race activities stoked the bidding that ended with Elliot More and Jud Perkins securing a place in the parade along with the opportunity to experience Roger Hamel's famous hospitality during the race weekend.

The other high-ticket item of the night was an illustration of Donald Healey's personal 100S coupe, donated by David Townsend of Sports Car Art, that was bid high by Tom Webster.

Linda Hakala took home a valve cover racer made from one of the aluminum covers that Roy Balthazard had manufactured, Jud Perkins got tickets to the Mystic Seaport, Bob Abbott a poster of a 100 that club member Nick Zarkedes did for the Larz Andersen Museum British Car Day and Pete Cosmides got the event banner.



The Auctioneers hard at work to raise the bids!







Awards, awards and more awards—and all around Happy Faces!

**Sunday** - At least the rain held off until away day. Everyone packed up, including all their winnings from the Chinese Auction, said their goodbyes and were left to ponder how a car built in a country where it rains over a 100 days a year could have such rotten weatherproofing.

JOIN US IN 2017 FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT!



# SUMMIT @ STRATTON AWARD WINNER



# Valve Cover Races

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Begin 2<sup>nd</sup> **Robert Scalla** 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Bell

**Best Design** Lucas Kashtan



Jim Begin taking 1st at VCR

# Rally

**Steve and Sue Bell** 

2<sup>nd</sup> **Rick Neville and Don Margeson** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Stephen and Joy Caldwell

**HM** Bob and Levina Yule

**HM** Nick Barber and Karen Shevlin



Steve Bell, relaxing behind his Sprite

# Gymkhana

1<sup>st</sup> **Steve Bell Sprites**  $1^{st}$ **4 Cylinder Roadsters Bob Bender** 1<sup>st</sup> **6 Cylinder Roadsters Neil Grotenhuis**  $\bar{\bar{2}}^{nd}$ **Bill Berg** 1<sup>st</sup> **6 Cylinder Convertibles Bob Britton** 

2<sup>nd</sup> **Elliot More** 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Hakala Women 1 st **Nasty Boy David Pfaff** 



David Pfaff 's NastyBoy taking 1st in Gymkhana

# Funkhana

1 st **Robert and Donna Scalla** 

2<sup>nd</sup> **Bob Britton and Linda Hakala** 

3<sup>rd</sup> **Bob and Levina Yule** 



# SUMMIT © STRATTON AWARD WINNERS



# Car Show

Sprites 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Bell

100's 1st Bob Bender



Ted Stanton hands Bob Bender his award

6 Cylinder Roadsters 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Begin nd Nick Ferrant

Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Hamblin Tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Hurdle

6 Cylinder Convertibles 1st Stephen Caldwell

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Hetu 3<sup>rd</sup> John Kelly HM Jud Perkins



John Kelly receives his award from Ted Stanton who is assisted by Max & James Falconieri.

Best of Show Jim Begin

Dominic Falconieri Jim Begin Memorial Award



A beaming Jim Begin receives his award from MaryLou Falconieri and her grandson James

### From our Technical Advisor Ted Stanton :

In the past, I've submitted a couple of articles about overdrive problems, perhaps because I've been immersed in my own BN1 enigma. I finally solved it by replacing one of the \$ 165 relays with a \$ 10 AutoZone relay and with the help of my EE nephew. I found a good Norman Nock article, which might help all of the BN2 through BJ8 owners who have only one relay rather than two. BN1's have a centrifugal switch on the tail of the OD, which newer models do not have. If anyone wants to know how the new relay terminal numbers correlate with Lucas', let me know. As always, if you have a particular problem you need help with, please let me know. I might just have the article which could help you.

Contact Ted Stanton at healey@snet.net

# OVERDRIVE STOPS WORKING, BN2-BJ8

Norman Nock British Car Specialists Stockton, California Golden Gate Austin-Healey Club

he overdrive wiring for BN2 through BJ8 series Healeys is shown in Figure 1. To diagnose overdrive

electrical problems you will need a heavy-duty 12volt circuit tester available at an automotive parts house or from NAPA (part #BK 700-1437).

 Gear Box Switch: Turn on the ignition. Place the gear lever in third or fourth, keeping your foot on the accelerator pedal.

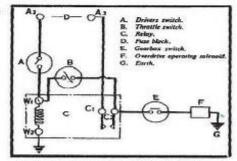


Figure 1. Overdrive circuit in BN2 through BJ8.

Wiggle the gear lever strongly from side to side. If you are getting a strong click, the gear box switch is not keeping an electrical circuit while the car is in gear. Replace this switch.

2. Solenoid: While sitting in the car, turn on the ignition, hold the accelerator pedal to the floor and move the gear lever through the neutral shift gate (left to right). When the lever is moved to the right you should hear a strong "click." This tells you that the electrical feed to the solenoid on the side of the overdrive is

working. 3. Relay: If you do not hear a click after doing this test, you will need to diagnose why. Locate the rotary throttle switch (Figure 2) on the firewall by the fuse box (note connecting rod to accelerator linkage). Disconnect both

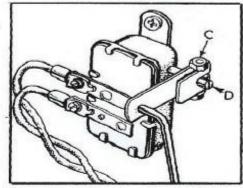


Figure 2. To adjust the arm on original switches use nut (C) until slot (D) is vertical when the throttle switch in its static position.

A. Locate the SB40 relay next to the fuse box (Figure 3).

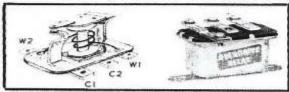


Figure 3. Relay controls high current to overdrive solehold.

- B. With the car in neutral, turn on the ignition and use your test light to check if you have electrical power at relay terminal C1. If no power, check the fuse box wiring.
- C. Turn on the overdrive switch. You should have power at relay terminal W1 and the relay should have made a slight "click" when you turned on the overdrive switch. Check for electricity at terminal C2 of the relay. If you have no power at terminal C2 you have a defective relay and you will need to replace it.
- D. If you have power at C2, check if you have power at both terminals of the gear box switch on the side of the gearbox when the car is in third or fourth gear. If you do have power, and if the overdrive still does not work, I suspect you have a faulty overdrive solenoid located on the left side of the overdrive unit. Check to see if it smells burnt. If so, it was not adjusted properly and needs to be replaced. When putting in a new solenoid, be sure it is adjusted properly.

(Note: If the SB40 overdrive relay does not work, you will still be able to get into overdrive. As soon as you open the throttle more than 1/sth, however, the car will drop out of overdrive. It will come back in when you take your foot off the accelerator.)

#### 4. Throttle switch:

A. Connect the two wires back onto the throttle switch as shown in Figure 2.

B. Adjust the arm on original switches using nut (C) until slot (D) is vertical when the throttle switch in its static position. This could be different on aftermarket switches. I noticed a difference for the first time at the 2003 Rendezvous when I saw a switch from Moss Motors (very confusing). See the August 2003 HEALEY MARQUE for more information on adjusting the throttle switch.

For more information on the overdrive, consult the Healey shop manual or my book Tech Talk, available from British Car Specialists, 2060 North Wilson Way, Stockton CA 95205, (209) 948-8767.

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## SERGIO FRANCHI OUTDOOR CONCERT

SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH— STONINGTON CT

BY TED STANTON



Saturday, Aug 27 dawned with a beautiful morning where Tom and Barb Klin, Dave Snetro, Peter and Cindy Sturtevant, Len and Carolyn Bach, Jud Perkins and Pat, George Greider and Gayle Kranz, and Dutcha Slieker-Hersant met at Judi's and my place at 9:30am so we could arrive at Eva Franchi's estate by 10:00am.



We arranged our cars, oldest to newest, and set off for the ½ mile drive to the concert using the back road into her property.



We joined the other 4000 attendees and arranged our cars by Eva Franchi's house alongside one of Sergio's Mercedes'. The cars received a lot of attention from the concert goers and I even managed to hand out a club application to a long time Healey owner.



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We all staked out our spot under the few trees and set up our table, chairs, food and, of course, our drink of choice. We took turns wandering the estate while killing the time until the concert started at 2:00.

There is a small museum with historic photographs of Sergio and Eva, costumes and memorabilia from his glory days as well as a very nice chapel a short distance away. Eva also opens her house to a tour.



We enjoyed 3 hours of world class entertainment from professional artists as well as up and coming sopranos and tenors along with some popular acts. These were all backed up by a 32 piece orchestra.

It amazes me that the orchestra does not perform as a group other than at this concert. They are all brought together for one rehearsal before the big day. Absolutely amazing!

Of course, Eva the MC was Eva. All who attended know what I mean. We left around 5:00 sneaking out the back way, the way we entered, thusly avoiding the exiting traffic. It is always a memorable event.

**Ted Stanton** 

# THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE & TECH SESSION LUNCH

August 20th - Branford, CT

By Pete Sturtevant

Thank you to Pam and David Snetro for organizing an outstanding Healey event on the CT Shoreline. I hadn't sailed around the spectacular Thimble Islands in 40 years, so ever since David proposed it this past winter at our planning meeting in Sturbridge, I had been looking forward to it. David is a newer member of AHCA-NE, and the proud owner of a stunning black AH 100 "Nasty Boy" with a Corvette V8. The first time I saw David's car was at the Wayne Carini's F40 Motorsports tour on Memorial Day Weekend.

Cindy and I left our RI beach house early Saturday morning, in our Leaf Green Mark 1 Sprite "FROGI" under glorious sunny skies to meet up with Amy and Carl Carvell and their family visiting from England, plus Dutcha and her friend Ahna in Mystic, for the hour trip down I-95 to Branford. Roughly 20 minutes into the drive south, the skies turned black and it started to "chuck it down" with rain. We were running our Sprite with the Bimini top, which keeps us pretty dry, even in hard rain as long as you keep moving. Carl pulled over to raise his convertible top on his BJ8, with his granddaughter as co-pilot. Poor Dutcha wasn't quite so lucky with her BT7, and its erector set roadster top, so they were troupers driving in the open cockpit.



We arrived in the quaint little CT village of Stony Creek to see David and his 100 waiting to show us our designated Healey parking a few blocks from our Thimble Island cruise ship. The sun was shining brightly as twenty five Healey enthusiasts boarded the vessel to explore the picturesque islands right off the harbor. It was great to see several members (including the Schmitt's and Meredith's), who joined the tour and who hadn't participated in club events for many years. Thank you for joining us on this great event!

#### Healey-Only parking at Stony Creek

The narrated tour of the islands was great and we learned about the "Party Lady" who owns eight of the islands with gorgeous summer vacation homes all for sale for a mere \$72 million dollars.







Thimble Island gazebo

After the boat retuned to dock, we all jumped in our Healeys for the driving part of the tour, heading up the CT coast, to the lovely town green of Guilford.

# THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE & TECH SESSION LUNCH By Pete Sturtevant

The next part of the action packed day was a trip to the Pine Orchard Yacht & Country club. David had arranged Healey-only parking on the beautifully manicured club lawn for our lunch stop.





A very happy group was treated to breathtaking views of the Atlantic while enjoying their reserved seating lunch at Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club.

We are fortunate to have several club members who live in Branford, including David Siberkleit the "Bugeyeguy".

David has sold close to 200 Bugeye's and he brought a lovely Speedwell Blue Sprite to the event. David also gave us a brief talk on what is currently going on the Healey collector car market, and especially Sprites.



Attendees gathere to listen to David Silberkleit

After lunch we were invited to a private showing of the ultimate Man Cave of Norman Gavin's car collection inside his stunning home with views of the Atlantic, the country club, tennis courts and yacht club. Norman and his wife were gracious hosts who let us see all of his toys and their beautiful home. Norman is the proud owner of hundreds of patents of designs around filtration systems for concrete. This collection included a stunning new Ferrari, '62 Corvette Gasser drag car, '32 Ford roadster and '55 Chevy Belair convertible and every car was spectacular.





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To conclude the day, David Silberkleit invited us to see his "new" Quonset Hut workshop, which he is restoring for his business of restoring, servicing and selling Bugeye Sprites and other British cars. He had about a dozen Bugeye's in his shop, including Caitlyn Jenner's.



David Silberkleit's Quonset Hut workshop provided the perfect opportunity to 'dive under the bonnet'



A sampling of Bugeye's in the shop

What a great day hosted by both David's Snetro and Silberkleit. This was the first time that either member had hosted a club event, which exceeded beyond the expectations of all who attended. From our annual members survey we know one-day events are most popular. We are looking for new one-day event ideas for 2017, and our David's "*hit it out of the park*" with their first venture in the Thimble Islands 2016!



Pam Snetro & the 100 "Nasty Boy" in front of the Gavin's residence.



A very happy David Snetro at the end of a successful event.

## THE CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



## **WANTED**

Wanted:
Hood for 3000.
Time for some louvers in the Nasty
Boy

**Please Contact Rick Neville** 

healeyrick@yahoo.com or 978-810-0963

## **FOR SALE**:

Factory 2-seat Hard Top for BN6 / BN7 new paint, extra hardware, needs seals

Please contact Adam Nolde adamnolde@yahoo.com or 203-606-4675

## Make Offer!



### **WANTED**:

Oil pump, or any parts thereof, for a Healey 100-4

Please contact Ralph Scarfogliero ralph@natroute.com or 201-206-1389

#### For Sale - Parts for 3000 BJ8

\$2,000

I have sold my 1966 BJ8 and have a Truck Load of new and original parts left over from my complete restoration, including :

Books and Manuals; Hardware (cannot list all); Stock rear gear set; Gas Tank; Set of 4 stock rims; Steering Wheels; Valve Cover; Seats; Stock Radio; Most Dash and interior items; Door Panels; Bumpers; Trim.

Will sell as a complete lot only, \$ 2,000

Please contact Mark Evans Hmsevans@aol.com or 203-232-3741

Are you a club member looking to buy or sell Healey parts? Want to buy or sell a Healey? Or do you run a classic car related business?

Please contact us at HealeyDutcha@gmail.com to place <u>your</u> classified ad in this newsletter!

## THE CLASSIFIEDS SECTION

#### **FOR SALE:**

#### 1958 Austin Healey 100-six, VIN: HBN6L 2058

\$20,000

- Barn Find
- Rarer Two Seat Model
- Factory Hard Top, complete with all clamps and hardware
- Additional photos are available

Please contact Neil Macarchuk nmacarchuk@simplexgrinnell.com or 508-868-4451.



#### WANTED

#### Wanted:

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Please Contact Rick Neville healeyrick@yahoo.com or 978-810-0963

# For Sale: Wiring Diagrams for Austin Healeys

Prospero's Garage, located in Rhode Island,offers wiring diagrams for sale for classic cars, trucks & bikes in factory wiring colors. Our diagrams have helped many classic car owners make their project easier with their large and easy to read color wiring diagrams.

Each diagram is 11" x 17" and laminated to keep off grease and dirt. Every classic car owner should have one for projects or just in case. Our average diagram is under \$ 20.00 and llooks great hung on a wall when not in use!

In addition to wiring diagrams for all Austin Healey models from 1953 to 1969, we also stock diagrams for many other classic cars, such as MG, Land Rover, Sunbeam & Jaguar.

Check out our diagrams at <a href="http://www.colorwiringdiagrams.com">http://www.colorwiringdiagrams.com</a>

### Lempert 3:53 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 \$ 1,400.00 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 \$ 35.00/hour. Please ask for references.

CONTACT: Paul Dunnell—Hampshire Healey; 413 339 0102; austin3000@verizon.net

## THE CLASSIFIEDS SECTION

#### THE CLASSIFIEDS RATES

The following advertising structure was adopted at the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Planning Meeting and takes effect with the publication of the June 2016 Healey Exhaust Notes.

### **Classified Ads:**

**AHCA-NE Members Only** 

Members may advertise Healey cars, parts and related services free of charge Up to 75 words max and one photo.

Ads will run for 3 consecutive issues of HEN

and must be re-submitted or renewed for additional 3 issues.

#### **Commercial Display Ads:**

Full page \$ 50 monthly - \$ 400 yearly / includes web link Half page \$ 30 monthly - \$ 340 yearly / includes web link

Quarter page \$ 20 monthly - \$ 160 yearly One-Eight page \$ 10 monthly - \$ 80 yearly

Yearly rate is based on publication of 10 issues per year and

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