



President's Letter

BY JUD PERKINS



While the driving season has ended for many of us, Club activities continue. This month there are two important things we ask you to participate in.

Our Annual Survey

Each of you will shortly be receiving an email from Peter Sturtevant to participate in our Annual Survey. Last year 100 of you did and we hope to have even more participation this year. The Survey is a very important planning tool that the Board and Wing Coordinators use in understanding our membership better and planning activities for the upcoming year.

Even if you don't participate in Club activities your input is still very important to us. Last year we learned you wanted separate event notices and have responded. Twenty percent of you said your cars were not on the road, and we'd like to get your thoughts on how we can get more of your cars back on the road. Sitting in a garage only accelerates the deterioration of these great cars. Let's hear from all of you on this year's Survey.

Membership Renewals

For the past several years membership renewals have been coming in later and later. This presents several problems for us and the National Club. As a result National is going forward with an absolute cutoff of **January 15** for renewals to be listed in the National Directory. Renewals after January 15 will not get published in the National Directory, so get your renewal in on a timely basis.

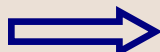
The renewal fee is \$60 (\$50 to National and \$10 to us).

Please see the information from our Membership Director Linda Hakala on page 5.

We're asking for some additional optional information on the renewal form (page 6). We'd like an alternate (spouse/significant other) email address. Recognizing that the spouse often controls the social calendar and our emphasis on more activities that the women will enjoy, we thought it good to keep them informed of upcoming events. As I mentioned in the November Exhaust Notes we need your help in volunteering to help plan Club events. Knowing your professional backgrounds would be helpful in building a skills data base for the Club. We are not looking for huge time commitments but a little help from members would go a long way to reduce the load on the Area Coordinators and Board members, many of whom are doing double duty.

Next Month our Annual Meeting will be in Sturbridge, MA on January 20 at 10:00, plan on attending. We'll give the exact location in the January Exhaust Notes.

*Thanks,
Jud*



I would like anyone in the Club to feel free to contact me with thoughts on how we can make your Club better.



Contact me by email at juds3000@comcast.net or by phone at 860-204-9168

Austin Healey Club of New England 2017—2018 Calendar of Events

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

DATE	WING HOST	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
December 2017				
Friday December 8	Club	Annual Christmas Party	Oliver White Tavern Olde Sturbridge Village, MA	Len Bach summitm9@aol.com 870-875-8855
Monday December 11th 8:00 pm	All	Technical Forum Conference call	641-715-3580 Pin 690047#	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
January 2018				
Saturday January 20 10:00 AM	All	AHC-NE Annual Business Meeting	Location to be determined	Jud Perkins juds3000@comcast.net 860-204-9168

SAVE THE DATE

August 5th - 8th 2018

Spend your 2018 Healey summer vacation on Boston's North Shore with the Austin-Healey Club of New England. This will be an unforgettable event held at the former seaside estate of one of Boston's elite families of the gilded age. See it here: <http://www.nylicenter.com>. Staying at this breathtaking location in the heart of the scenic Gold Coast, just 25 miles northeast of Boston, is only \$129 per night, including breakfast. GREAT everything with all your favorite Healey events. Block out the dates now. More information at <http://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-2018.html>








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Great Adventures
Great Views

DUTCHA'S CLIPPINGS



- ♦ Don't miss the fun — final call to join the Holiday Party **page 4**
- ♦ Be on the lookout for your membership renewal form in the mail **page 5-6**
- ♦ Read the technical questions & answers of our conference call
Do you have a question? Next call is on December 11! **page 7-8**
- ♦ Sadly, several members passed away recently **page 9**
- ♦ The 2017 Financial Statement by Treasurer Linda Hakala **page 12-13**
- ♦ Delegate Report by Club Delegate Steve Bell **page 15-20**
- ♦ Have you too been on a Healey-related trip? Send us your story! **page 21-22**
- ♦ Baby, it's cold outside! Perfect time to look for those old Summit pictures **page 24**

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NUTS & BOLTS CORNER

If you have a particular problem you need help with,
please contact Peter Sturtevant at healeyn4@comcast.net



Our November conference call covered a variety of subjects, from purchasing new tires and/or wire wheels to electronic ignition issues to replacing your walnut dash. See the Technical Committee's recommendations elsewhere in this newsletter.



Technical Director Peter Sturtevant is hosting monthly technical conference calls. He and members of the Technical Committee, Bob Abbott, Steve Bell, Denny Broughel, Rick Neville and Ted Stanton will address a great variety of subjects, all geared to help you maintain your Healey.



Our December conference call will be held on Monday, December 11th at 8:00PM. **To join the conference call 641-715-3580 and enter the PIN 690047#.**



Please email Pete Sturtevant with **any questions in advance**, which you would like covered during the call.

Please RSVP to Pete at healeyn4@comcast.net if you wish to join the call.

NOTE: For those who participate on these technical calls, if you are using a speaker phone, please *mute your phone* when not speaking, to eliminate any back ground noise for the other members. Thank You.



The Austin Healey Holiday Party

Friday, December 8, 2017

6:00 P.M. till 11:00 P.M.

Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA

This year's Holiday Party will again be held at the Old Sturbridge Village in the "Grecian Parlor" in Oliver White Tavern.
Social and cocktails at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM
There will be a cash bar in our room!

The dinner selections will be a buffet with beef, chicken and a pasta selection. Price of **\$40.00 per person** includes appetizer, dinner, dessert, coffee/tea, tax & gratuity.

We will have a special "Yankee Gifts" presenter.....

!

Keep your eyes open for the right \$10.00 "Yankee Swap" gift.

Rooms have been reserved for those wishing to stay overnight a special rate for our Austin Healey group of \$89.00 at the "Old Sturbridge Inn & Reeder Family Lodge"
369 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
Call 508-347-5056

Contact Len Bach **NOW** if you would like to join the party!
To: Leonard Bach 192 Bald Hill Road, Tolland, CT. 06084-2518
Any questions? SummitM9@aol.com or (860)875-8855

Please make checks payable to AHCA of NE
I'll try and secure reserved parking again this year

This is a fun time! Reserve early, room space is limited





2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

BY LINDA HAKALA, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

It is that time of year again; AHCA/AHCNE membership renewals will expire Dec. 31, 2017. AHCA prints and mails to current members their membership renewal form around the beginning of December.

In the November 2017 Healey Marque Magazine on page 34 you will find AHCA Membership Director Mike Schneider 's Membership Information message. Highlights of his message are:

- To be listed in the 2018 Membership Directory, membership dues **must** be paid by January 15, 2018.
- Any member who has not paid their dues by February 15, 2018 will be dropped as a current member and will not receive the Healey Marque Magazine or AHCA benefits.
- Renewal notices are mailed to the address on file, if you have moved and have not communicated your address change to AHCA/AHCNE you may not receive your invoice.
- Please use the form below or online version at <http://www.ahca-newengland.org/join-the-club.html>.
- Membership Dues are \$50 for National and \$10 for the New England Club for a total of **\$60**.
- See other information in Mike's article regarding Longevity Recognition, where to find your membership number, logging in to the AHCA website, renewal process/dues and address changes.

Please note the following changes for the AHC of NE Membership Form that is below and on-line (link above):

- ♦ An optional secondary address (spouse, family member, significant other) can now be included for New England Club email distributions of events. A great way for others in your household to know when events are occurring.
- ♦ Professional Experience Current or Former if Retired: Including your professional experience will assist the NE Club Officers in reaching out to someone who has an expertise in an area. If you are retired, please show as "Retired-XXXXXX example Retired-Teacher" etc.

I hope your renewal process goes smoothly.

If you have any questions please contact me at linda.m.hakala@gmail.com.

THANK YOU,
LINDA HAKALA



Austin Healey Club of New England Austin Healey Club of America Membership Application

Name:		Spouse	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Primary Email Required:		Secondary Email Optional (Spouse):	
Professional Experience Current or Former if Retired:		Owner:	Yes No
Signature:		Date:	
If you join between Oct. 1, and the following June 30, a full year's annual dues are \$60.00 (includes \$50.00 for National) If you join between July 1, and Sept. 30, a prorated amount of \$40.00 is due (includes \$35.00 for National).			

Model	Year	Serial Number (For Club Use Only)
BN1 100	1953-1955	
100S	1955	
100M	1955-1956	
BN2 100	1955-1956	
100M	1955-1956	
BN4 100-6	1956-1957	
BN6 100-6	1958-1959	
BN7 3000 MK I	1959-1961	
BT7 3000 MK I	1959-1961	
BN7 3000 MK II	1961-1962	
BT7 3000 MK II	1961-1962	
BJ7 3000 MK II	1962-1964	
BJ8 3000 MK III	1964-1968	
AN5 Sprite MK I	1959-1961	
AN6 Sprite MK II	1961-1962	
AN7 Sprite MK II	1962-1964	
AN8 Sprite MK III	1964-1966	
AN9 Sprite MK IV	1966-1969	
Jensen-Healey	1972-1976	
Silverstone		
Other		

To submit your application:

1. Print out this page
2. Complete Application
3. Make out a check for the appropriate amount payable to: *AHC of New England*.
4. Mail the completed form and check to:

AHC of New England
c/o Linda Hakala, Treasurer / Membership
17 Bittersweet Lane, Hancock, NH 03449

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NUTS & BOLTS CORNER



Below are some of the recommendations made by the Technical Advisors Committee at our November 13rd Technical Conference Call.



Jack Towle asked:

1. I'm purchasing new tires - what size and manufacturer would you suggest for a BJ8?

Several members have successfully bought new tires through Hendrix Wire Wheel. It was recommended by several on the call fitting 165's instead of the oversized 185's. In addition to 165's being the original proper size, 185's will not properly fit into the boot as your spare.

2. What should I do regarding servicing the wire wheels?

You can remove your wheels and tires, remove the tires from the wire wheels and then ship the wheels to Hendrix for approx. \$ 160.00. Hendrix can tune the spokes and install new 165 tires. They are currently selling a brand called Nexen and shave the tires for a perfect fit. Members have been very happy with their service. Hendrix will mark where each wheel should be mounted on your car.

Bob Abbott confirmed that he prefers size 165 Nixen (Chinese) tires as they are not too expensive, nice looking quiet tires at approx.. \$ 60.00 each. Bob has purchased approx.. 12 sets for different customers and for his own Healey.

Pete Sturtevant bought new wire wheels and tires for his Sprite from Hendrix and was very pleased with their service. The tires were balanced & shaved and included instructions where to put them on the car for maximum ride and feel.

Nick Barber confirmed he too bought tires & rims from Hendrix, which needed a lot of weight adjustments to properly balance. He had lots of vibration before and none after. Great job.

Bob Abbott does not know about balancing driveshaft work by Hendrix.

Charlie asked: Do we not rotate wheels? Bob Abbott answered, that we do not rotate wheels due to the weight on wheels. The wheels may not be true round and weight adjustments make a difference. The cost of sending & measuring/balancing new tires is approx.. \$ 1,000.00.

Ken Beck of K&T Vintage Sports Cars in Allentown, PA, also shaves and balances your wire wheels and tires along with balancing brake drums, with great results to minimize Healey Scuttle Shake.

Bob Abbott noted that Hendrix does not sell tubeless tires. The reason for only selling tube tires, is that in order to service tubeless tires, they would have to brake the seals.

Tom Webster recommends Montrose Marchine in Wakefield, MA to balance driveshaft. A balanced driveshaft puts less stress on universal joint.

**3. Electronic ignition was installed and now the tachometer needs to be adjusted
- what is the solution?**

If you have a positive ground, send the tachometer to Nisonger Instruments. They calibrate and clean tachometers and other instruments.

It is recommended to carry a spare coil, as they have been a problematic area. When using electronic ignitions also carry a spare unit or a set of points and condenser in order to be prepared if/when the system fails.

**4. I'm considering replacing the existing dash with a walnut dash
- what is the best source and is this a do it yourself project ?**

Pete Sturtevant got his new walnut dash from Healey Surgeons for roughly \$ 500 and was able to save much of the chrome trim. Be careful with all the drilling required for the new dash. This is a good winter project job, which can be done yourself in roughly 10 to 15 hours.

Please note, that you will need to be able to twist and turn as a contortionist as doing this project yourself will take several fittings.

Mike DiVito asked :

**5. What lubrication do members use to lubricate the throttle linkage joints?
- white lube? 20W oil? something else?**

First use a carburetor cleaner to clean the linkage. Use light weight oil, 3-in1 oil, graphite (note: do not use lithium grease – it would attract dirt)

Is there any problem with linkage on carburetors on 3-carbs car? No, not really.
Early 4/6 cylinders carburetors had hole drilled to link to shaft.
Later carburetors had bearing and shaft rides in that.

6. My car pops out of second gear when decelerating:

SYNCHRO-ring is most likely the problem and the transmission needs to come out to fix it.

Note: check that shifter boot is properly centered; if off-center the shifter boot could put pressure on shift and cause it to pop out of second gear. A simple solution is to cut the boot a little bit.



*It is with sadness that we say Goodbye
to the following members who recently passed away :*

Bruce Anderson (76) of Boxford, MA



Bruce S. Andersen, 76, of Boxford, passed away on November 4, 2017, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Bruce was born in Boston and was the devoted husband of Judith Andersen, with whom he shared over 50 years of marriage. Bruce is survived by his wife Judith, son Erik and son Peter. Bruce was a middle school teacher for 31 years. An avid outdoorsman, Bruce loved to golf, camp, fish and garden, as well as play tennis. He was a member of the Austin Healey Club of America. For those who wish, Bruce may be remembered through donations to the Boxford Council on Aging, 4 Middleton Rd, Boxford, MA 01921.

David Lang (76) of Wayland, MA



Photo by David Lee Black

David Lang died on November 8, 2017 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident caused by a deer that struck his windshield. He was born in Manhattan, NY and is survived by his wife Kathleen, daughter Amy and son Jonathan and their families. David was a noted sculptor and his work can be seen here: davidlangstudios.com. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests that memorial gifts may be sent to Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301, First Parish in Wayland, or a charity of your choice.

Brad DelSorbo (65) of Woodbury, CT

Brad DelSorbo has passed away of a heart attack at age 65. Brad was a member of the New England Club for many years but was best known for his British Parts company. Always an interesting character and a source of many stories.

Tony Bennetto of Melbourne, Australia



On October 19th, 2017, a well-known Healey enthusiast and Healey businessman, Tony Bennetto, drowned while snorkeling near the Great Barrier Reef off Queensland, Australia. Though not a member of the New England Region, Tony was well acquainted with many of our local members as he visited New England every year, before and after the Carlisle show. For twenty years Tony was one of the "crew" that attended Carlisle, where he was a true ambassador of Austin Healeys. He bought parts from many members, offered helpful advice and even rebuilt transmissions while he was here. Tony's trips to the States enabled him to expand his offerings to his client base in the Melbourne, Australia area where he had his shop, The Bugeye Barn. He was a recognized authority on Sprites and bought #501, the first production Bugeye Sprite, a few ago and had been painstakingly restoring it to concours condition. Tony travelled the world attending special Healey events in England and in Europe. He was a good friend and companion to all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Kerry, his two sons, Alan and Christopher, their wives and 3 grandchildren.

(Sadly reported by Steve Bell)

We offer our condolences to the families of our departed members

TECH SESSION AT THE PELLEGRINI'S WITH JAY STATTS

By Jud Perkins

Twenty Club Members from Wings 1, 2,3 and 4 attended a Tech Session and lunch hosted by Bert Pellegrini and Jay Statts on November 4, 2017. Jay talked about the steps necessary to properly winterize your car. An interesting discussion took place regarding mouse prevention as everyone seemed to have a story and "home" cure to share. After the winterization discussion there was a general roundtable about a variety of technical challenges and cures. Bill Hughan put his car "on the rack" for an inspection by all. Bert then led the group on a beautiful drive to Edd's place in Westbrook for lunch. We joined a car show at Edd's, so everyone had some time to chat and gaze at the other car show entrants.



← All eyes are on Bill Hughan's car on the lift
L-R faces :
Greg Mandas, Bert Pellegrini & Bill Hughan

Some of the women hanging out in the kitchen →



← Lunch was
enjoyed by all !

Closest Table L-R :
Bill Hughan
Robert Scalla
Jay Statts

Far Table L-R :
Greg Manda
Bert Pellegrini
Glorica Bellucci
Carlen Mandas
Janice Pellegrini
Jud Perkins

Standing L-R :
Restaurant Owner
Geoffrey Fairbairn
Doug Winner

***WELCOME ...
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS***

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS :

- ♦ ANNE COUTUREWEST ROXBURY, MA (WING 5)
- ♦ STEPHEN & JANET OGILVY.....FALMOUTH, MA (WING 4)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR HEALEY
AT THIS YEAR'S EVENTS!**

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TREASURE'S REPORT

BY LINDA HAKALA

Treasurer's Report 2017 Fiscal Year Financials

In accordance with the AHC of NE by-laws, the Fiscal Year Financials (Treasurer's Report) must be communicated to the members at least 3 weeks before the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AHC of NE next AGM is Saturday, Jan 20, 2018 (see the Calendar of Events for more details). The Financial Statement below is the format required by the Austin Healey Club of America and has been submitted to the AHCA Secretary and by Steve Bell at the 2017 Delegates meeting.

Net Proceeds Comments

Cash proceeds for Fiscal Year 2017 was a negative **(\$35)**.

The negative cash flow for the fiscal year is primarily due to the payment of 2016 **\$1,830** Contributions to BU Bionic Pancreas Research.

Major Income/Contribution Comments

National Dues/Calendar Income is pass through income that is paid to National and the same amount is reported as an Expense.

BRCA Contribution (from Summit 2017) will be paid in 2018.

Major Expense Comments

Summit 2017 generated \$1,646 net cash (\$3,258 Income less \$1,612 expense).

New speed timing equipment was purchased for \$1,210.

2017 Financial Statement

CLUB: Austin Healey Club of New England, Inc. (NER of AHCA)

Beginning balance: October 1, 2016

\$ 22,319.63

INCOME:

Dues National	\$ 12,805.00
Dues AHC of New England	\$ 3,105.00
AHCA – Extra Calendars/Directories	\$ 60.00
Regalia (Grille Badges)	\$ 430.00
Advertising	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	
Events	
Holiday Party	\$ 1,400.00
Summit 2017	\$ 3,258.00
Carlisle	\$ 73.00

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bu Bionic Pancreas Research	\$ 2,460.00
BRCA (The Breast Cancer Gene)	\$ 575.00

TOTAL INCOME/CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 24,266.00

EXPENSES:

Dues to National	\$ 12,805.00
Extra Calendars/Directories to National	\$ 60.00
Regalia (Name Tags)	\$ 146.75
Advertising	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 218.75
Events	
Holiday Party	\$ 1,673.20
Summit 2017	\$ 1,612.00
Misc Wing/Other Events	\$ 505.55
Delegates Expense to AHCA Convention	\$ 289.43
Club Business Meetings	\$ 571.13
Contribution Payments JDRF	\$ 249.00
Contribution Payments BU Bionic Pancreas Research (Revenue for 2016 & 2017)	\$ 4,290.00
Legal Counsel	
(Massachusetts Not for Profit Filing)	\$ 230.00
New Speed Timing Equipment	\$ 1,210.00
Supplies (includes postage & office supplies)	\$ 143.24
Newsletter	\$ 78.31
Website	\$ 218.95

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 24,301.31

NET PROCEEDS:

(\$ 35.31)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE Sep 30, 2017

\$ 22,284.32

ASSETS:

\$ 0.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNT/CERTIFICATES:

\$ 0.00

Migrating Members ...

We have come to realize that several of our long time club members are starting to explore opportunities for "gracious living" in warmer climates. Who can blame them? And while we are saddened that they are not around on a regular basis, we do hope to see them from time to time. But it is very important that we all make an effort to keep in touch with each other. I recently got this great photo from Paul Dunnell. It is too bad he is in the back of the garage in this photo or else we would be able to see his grin from ear to ear! New home for Dale and Paul and a new home for all of his automotive interests including the "Hershey Bar". Looks like Paul has plenty of room to play with his toys, but as the old adage says, no matter how big the space, it doesn't take long to fill it up. Doesn't look like this is the case - yet! Good for you Paul and Dale, we miss you but we are also glad you are some where you want to be - it sure beats the nursing home!

Steve Bell



Winter Reading List ...

Still looking for that perfect Christmas present for your Austin Healey friend or perhaps for yourself?

It may not be too late to get this on your wish list at Santa's shop. The book was published in 2000 so maybe it is old news. I have had it for a few years myself. It's a fun read, and not too long, for sitting by a warm fire with a favorite pint of spirits.

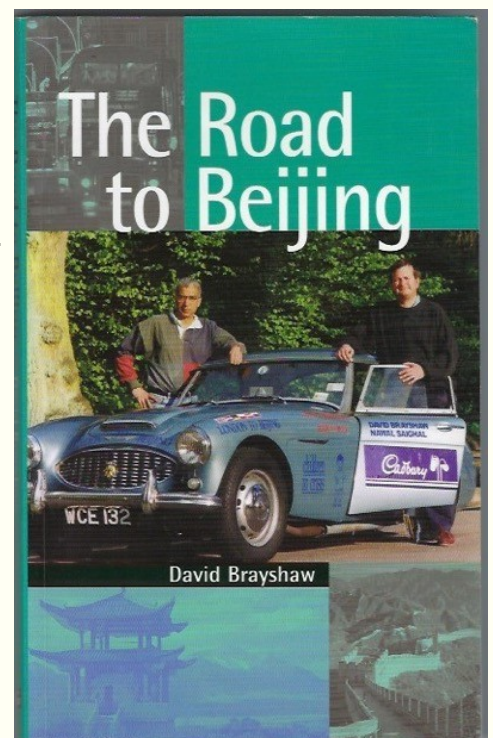
The Road to Beijing

David Bradshaw

ISBN 1-85776-403-X

The Book Guild, Sussex, England

In 1996 two guys made a drive in a 1960 AH 100-6 from London to Beijing on the Trans-Siberian "highway". Highway is very loosely applied here. This was not a rally prepared car, much closer to change the oil & points and lets go! At least they had a sponsor to pick up some of the expense. Quite a testimony to the durability of Austin Healeys and the perseverance of mankind against the odds.



*Cheers,
Ted Cryer*

Delegates Report November 11 and 12, 2017 Indianapolis, IN

By Delegate Steve Bell

Delegates Report November 11 and 12, 2017 Indianapolis, IN

Saturday, 11 November 2017

The annual fall AHCA delegates meeting was held at the Cambria Inn & Suites, Indianapolis, IN
Gary Feldman, Northeast Ohio, **President**, opened the session at 9:08 AM on Saturday morning.

Gary Feldman began the meeting by welcoming everyone and making a few general announcements. We observed a moment of silence for some members of the extended Healey family that had passed away this year, especially Baird Foster and Tony Bennetto. **Gary Feldman** also indicated that as it was Veteran's Day, we would have an additional observance at 11:11AM

Edie Lowery, Secretary

Roll Call - Following the roll call, it was announced that a quorum was present. 12 clubs were not represented. This is a dramatic improvement over last year when 21 clubs were not represented. The Elected and Appointed Officers were all in attendance with the exception of our Financial Advisor.

Delegate reports

Each delegate gave their report which includes; their club activity, membership numbers, special events, fund-raising endeavors and charities they sponsor. It was noted that the recently formed club Low Country was represented for the first time. Of specific interest were; various wine tours, Healey Week in Monterey, The annual British Car Day in Southern Onrario which includes a multi-marque flea market, a "Miglia" Rally in Atlanta, The Kansas City "Dam" Run, Halloween Driving Tour in Triad, Bowling Night(s) in Northeast Ohio, Drive and Dine Tours in Miami Valley and the Carolinas, a craw-fish boil in Gulf Coast and several clubs reported that they have moved their well-attended Christmas Parties to January to allow more people to attend at a less hectic time of year.

There was a mid-morning break at 10:50AM before the reports were concluded. The meeting was reconvened prior to 11:11 so that our Veterans Day observance could also be held. **Gary Feldman** asked that veterans in attendance please stand and be recognized. Reports were concluded at 11:10AM. It took 2 1/2 hours to complete these reports.

Vice President and Appointed Officer Reports -

Club Support, Bruce Gearn,

Bruce Gearn, Southeast Michigan began by making a full report on our "Local Only" members. (please refer to enclosure #5) **Bruce Gearn** indicated that there needed to be more of an effort to get some of these local only members to join the AHCA. There was a lengthy discussion that rehashed these past efforts. We were perplexed as to suggest what further motivation we can provide to non-Healey owners to join an Austin Healey Club beyond the insurance protection. It was noted that the Cascade Region has dropped their entire membership from AHCA as they now provide their own club insurance.

Safety, Don Klein

Don Klein, Ohio Valley, SEMA books and pamphlets were left on a front table for members to pursue at their leisure. Don stated that one of his goals is to update the website information specifically as it has to do with "tire safety" information. Don reminded Delegates that "waivers" for driving events were on the Delegates page on the AHCA website. It was suggested that these "waiver" forms be moved into the "members only" section of the website and Don said that would be done.

VP Conclave, Neil Anderson

Neil Anderson, Midwest AHC, asked how we can continue “celebrating” with Conclaves as everyone is getting older (including the cars). There is a Steering committee, headed by **Jim Frakes**, Central Indiana, looking five to ten years ahead, discussing changing some of the parameters of Conclave including; A) Moving it to a cooler time of year, B) Using other car clubs to help run a Conclave, C) How to encourage clubs to “take on” a Conclave (there used to be bidding and waiting lists), D) A “Field of Dreams” concept as in where to go, finding destination events.

Post Conclave Report

Bonnie Ayer, North Texas, gave her wrap-up report for the 2016 Conclave. There were only 96 registrations. It was like a small time meet, intimate and fun. This report was far too long leading to some discussion behind the scenes of submitting some of these reports in writing and making fewer comments.

Conclave Report

Dick Storrs, Central Indiana gave his report for the upcoming 2018 Conclave in FRENCH LICK, IN. **Dick Storrs** reported that Miami Valley and Midwest Region were assisting in running events as well as some members of Southeast Michigan and a few other Delegates. **Dick Storrs** is still looking for help, so please contact him. This will be our 42nd Conclave held at Hoosierland, a French Lick resort with covered parking! Dates are July 15-20th. **Dick Storrs** also reminded us that this will also be the 60th anniversary of the Sprites and they are looking for a special way to celebrate this event.

Conclave Bid Report

Eileen Wetzel, Minnesota, made her clubs presentation for Conclave 2019 in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the Badlands. “Head To The Hills” to be held from Sept 8-13, 2019. She noted that this “destination” is about 8 hours away from the Minnesota “center” of activity. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept their bid.

Bev Sealand, AHCA Treasurer

Bev Sealand, New England Region, passed out our current financial statement (see enclosure #1) and there was a brief explanation of a few minor issues to be addressed in her budget presentation on Sunday morning. There were no other questions at this time.

Edie Lowery, Digitizing Committee

Edie Lowery, St. Johns AHC, reported that the work of the Digitizing Committee is basically done except for adding new documents. **Michael Schneider**, Bluegrass, has been scanning documents on equipment purchased by AHCA. Her report concluded by indicating that to date, \$4237.00 has been expended on this process to protect all of our historic documents, which is still under the original budget of \$5000.00.

Fred Dabney, Insurance

Fred Dabney, Carolinas, reported that we are on “solid ground” with JC Taylor as our insurance underwriter for Foremost Insurance. There may be a nominal premium increase, but the portfolio, which is reviewed annually, has not yielded any specific changes. There has been a review of the policy as it applies to “speed” and “driving” events and safety issues. We have a blanket policy of 5 million dollars, which matches policies held by other similar auto clubs. He reminded us that we do have “officers and directors” coverage in the policy. This extends to all local officers!

Fred Dabney, DMH Fund

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Club Promotion & Marketing, Ben Moore

Ben Moore, Bluegrass, reported that he is "rebooting" the Future Fifty concept and will be stressing an "extended families" concept. His report on technology stressed that while Facebook and the Web are valuable tools, we still need have HUMAN interaction. **Ben Moore** indicated that he can help any local club produce a club newsletter and that would include building a website. This is available through AHCA at a \$900 set-up fee. **Ben Moore** stated that it may be time to make another run of "print materials" and asked if these materials were having the desired effect? These are the colorful cards that can be passed out at car events that have contact information on them. The response was positive and new materials will be made available. Ben Moore is looking for video footage (not copyrighted) that he can out on the AHCA website.

Membership, Michael Schneider

Mike Schneider, Bluegrass, passed out his report. (see enclosure #3) He indicated that CUTOFF dates for registration will be strictly enforced this year. January 15th is the FIRM cutoff date for renewals. Delegates were asked to remind their membership directors to promote this information with the local clubs. If anyone needs to contact him concerning their membership, he would appreciate people referring to their Membership number as his database has thousands upon thousands of pieces of contact information.

Michael Schneider took a poll of those present as to who drove to the event or flew to the event.

Michael Schneider also reported that Longevity Awards are always ONE YEAR behind due the process used to confirm them. He would also like to remind local membership directors to hold checks until they accumulate a good number of them.

Old Business

Gary Feldman, Healey Registries

Gary Feldman, Northeast Ohio indicated that he is getting help from various club members to improve the information collected for the registries. In recent times these registries were able to help find a members stolen car after forty years! There was some discussion about how information can or should not be shared under various circumstances. There is a concern about VIN information sharing. The registrar should be the only person working with these files. A discussion on proposed document changes was tabled.

New Business

Gary Feldman, Northeast Ohio reported that a request has been received to sanction a new club to be formed in the Fort Lauderdale/West Palm Beach area of Florida, to be known as the Palm Beach AHC. The petition was made by three local members who expect to be able to increase their numbers once the club has been sanctioned. They are John and Wendy Maas and Reuben Navaro, who owns a classic car repair shop in the area. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Carl Brown, Carolinas made a motion to change the allocation of funds given as a start-up fund to Conclave organizers. The motion and the second were withdrawn after a brief discussion so that more information could be gathered.

Gary Brierton, Triad raised a concern about the Delegates Handbook and his vision to have it in “hard copy” so that it can be passed on when Delegates change within local clubs. There was positive discussion about the need of a handbook that can be updated so that Delegates will always have current information. **Gary Brierton** was to look into the cost involved with producing such a manual. A motion was made, seconded and passed in support of his original motion.

Gary Feldman, Northeast Ohio reported that we currently have over 500 “national members” in our membership directory that are not associated with local clubs. Many of these national members fall well within the geographical boundaries of established clubs. (see enclosure #6) It was suggested that Delegates take this information home and have a discussion with their local club officers about how to encourage some of these people to become active in the local clubs.

Cliff Hudgins, Triad reported on the findings of the sub-committee formed last year to look into issues with Delegate non-attendance. Committee members are; **Cliff Hudgins** and **Gary Brierton**, both from Triad AHC, and **Steve Bell** and **Bev Sealand** from New England Region. The original concern that reimbursement for travel and hotels was an issue. By contacting those clubs not represented last year, or represented by proxy, it was determined that this was NOT be the case. However **Bruce Gearn**s, VP Club Support, indicated that costs, especially airfares, have been rising on a yearly basis and the current re-imbursement policy is out of touch with the times. He made a motion to make the following changes to the current policy;

- A) Delegates travel expenses of 50%, not to exceed \$150 to be changed to \$200
- B) Officers reimbursements currently set at \$300 be changed to \$400
- C) Past Presidents 50% reimbursement be changed from \$150 to \$200

Motion was made, seconded and passed

The rest of the report centered on lack of communication from AHCA down to the clubs, many of who are having trouble finding local officers and people willing to serve the local clubs. The issues facing these clubs need to be addressed by AHCA so that we do not lose more clubs.

Concours Committee, Gary Feldman reporting

Gary Feldman indicated that **Randy Hicks**, Low Country, is the new chairman for the Concours Committee, which is NOT a part of AHCA. There are fewer cars in recent years requesting to be evaluated. Should we suggest judging in other categories as well, such as originality? There are also issues as to the funding for the committee, the fees to be paid for judging as well as to the hosting organization. The needs of the Concours Committee need to be made known well in advance with no last minute surprises for the host organizations. There were many questions raised and discussed, but no resolutions were forthcoming.

Gary Feldman, President, ended our session for the day by summarizing the issues concerned with advertising revenue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01PM

Sunday, 12 November 2017

President, Gary Feldman called the meeting order at 8:36AM. He made a short presentation reviewing Saturdays proceedings and the need to save time by preparing written reports and keeping the club reports to 2 minutes. It was suggested from the floor that it would be good to have these written reports before coming to the Delegate's Meeting. It was reported by **Bev Sealand**, Treasurer, that \$1007.00 was raised at Saturday nights auction, which will be used to help defray the cost of the Delegates Meeting.

Steve Bell, New England, raised the issue of the sub-committee report on Delegate participation. He provided a quick review of the issues that were uncovered when the local clubs were contacted. It was stated by Gary Feldman that the sub-committees work was not done. It was suggested that AHCA needs "boots on the ground" to help support some of these clubs. Eleven clubs were identified as clubs at risk. There was good discussion about how to proceed.

A) Partnering and mentoring (**Gary Brierton**)

B) Send at risk clubs a summary of events of the Delegates Meeting

C) **Bruce Gearn**s, VP of Club Support asked people to contact him with needs and concerns

Steve Bell, New England, pushed for a resolution so that the sub-committee could move forward on this serious issue. It was decided to begin with adopting and mentoring these clubs with volunteers as follows;
Clubs at Risk Mentor/Club

Northern Indiana Central Indiana and Dick Storrs

Tidewater Triad, Gary Brierton Capitol, Jack White

Smokey Mountain Triad, Cliff Hudgins

Middle Tennessee Triad, Cliff Hudgins

Alabama Triad, Cliff Hudgins

Rocky Mountain Gary Feldman

San Diego Gary Feldman

Niagara Frontier New England, Steve Bell and SE Michigan, Bruce Gearns

Pensacola Tampa Bay, Bill Borgia

Road Runner So. Texas, Jim Richmond

Flatwater Kansas City, Chuck Anderson

These volunteers are asked to contact **Bruce Gearn**s, VP of Club Support, throughout the year. It was suggested that he may want to visit some of these clubs to help them get better organized as he does have a budget for travel and support.

Bruce Gearns, VP Club Support and **Gary Brierton**, Triad, asked to hear from the first-time Delegates as to the helpfulness of the Friday night meeting that was held in the hotel lounge. It was agreed that it was a good event and that more contact is needed throughout the course of the year amongst Delegates. We were all reminded that there is a link at Delegates@Healey.org

Gary Feldman reported that he is working with several members in the Scottsdale/Phoenix, Arizona area to re-establish an Austin Healey club there.

Dave Roberts, SE Michigan suggested that it would be helpful to have a full list of the Delegates names and Officers names before the meeting begins so that newer members can familiarize themselves with who these people are.

It was announced that a 60th Anniversary party for Sprites is being organized in the Arkansas area for Sunday, May 20th.

Gary Feldman moved that the 2018 Delegates Meeting be held once again at the Cambria Inn and Suites in Indianapolis, IN on November 10 and 11, 2018. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nominating Committee, Fred Dabney

Fred Dabney, Carolinas presented the slate of officers for the coming year. All of the sitting officers had agreed to continue. Fred Dabney asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the slate of officers for 2018. Fred reminded that some of the positions are appointed positions and do not require a vote. There are no new appointments for the coming year.

The following slate of Officers was presented to the delegates for their deliberation.

President - **Gary Feldman**, Northeast Ohio, three year term

VP Safety - **Don Klein**, Ohio Valley

VP Club Support - **Bruce Gearns**, Southeast Michigan

VP Conclave - **Neil Anderson**, North Texas

VP Marketing & Publicity, - **Ben Moore**, Bluegrass

Treasurer - **Bev Sealand** - New England

Secretary - **Edie Lowery**, St Johns AHC

2018 Budget, Bev Sealand

Bev Sealand, New England, passed out the proposed budget form for 2018. (see enclosure #7) There was a quick review of the income side. There were no questions. A review of the disbursements followed and there were a few questions. (see notations on the enclosure). A motion to accept the budget, as amended, was seconded and passed.

Honorary Memberships

Honorary one-year memberships were motioned for **Bonnie and David Ayer, Hillary Cooper, Ed Reed and Vince Barnell**, from the North Texas Club, who were the 2017 Conclave coordinators. The motion was seconded and passed.

An Honorary one-year membership was also moved, seconded and passed for **Jim and Jo Switzer**, Central Indiana, who have acted as our host at the Delegates meeting for the past several years and for **Dick Storrs**, Central Indiana, who has been organizing local tours for Delegates arriving early. All of their efforts were gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen Bell, NER Delegate

AUTO D'EPOCA IN PADOVA, ITALY

BY STEVE BELL

AUSTIN HEALEYS IN VOGUE AT HUGE AUTO SHOW IN PADOVA, ITALY

Each year, there are a number of wonderful auto shows that take place on the continent of Europe. One of these is the **Auto D'Epoca**, which takes place annually in October in the city of Padova, twenty miles from Venice, Italy and caters to certain aspects of our hobby.

This year arranged to meet up with a few fellow Innocenti Spider owners (known as the Italian Sprites) to attend two days of this four-day show. The venue is incredible, with five exposition style buildings, the outdoor spaces and some tented areas. Over 150,000 people attended this four-day event.

As you might expect, there were many high-end cars for sale, with of the really special one-off versions there for viewing only. It made me realize how many of these exceptional models were not available in the States, but were produced for local markets only. Beautiful cars, gorgeous lines, sumptuous upholstery and price tags short of a quarter of a million dollars or beyond!

The morning of our first day was spent walking through two expansive buildings that were home to beautiful and expensive cars for sale. The sellers were usually auto brokers with arm chairs, bars, desks with plenty of brochures, showcasing several cars for sale in their "area". Not what I had envisioned when I started out that day. Amongst these cars I found 4 Austin Healeys for sale, a 100-6, two 3,000's and a Bugeye Sprite. You could enjoy a glass of wine while sitting and chatting about their cars for sale, as I did with all of the Healey brokers, but I was a little disappointed in that most did not really "know" the cars, but appeared to be in it for the profit.



A very good example of an Innocenti Spider "S" version.



Autobianchi one of the many small cars, one and two-seaters, seldom seen here in the USA

My purpose in going this year was of a social nature but to also access parts for the Innocenti Spider I am restoring. My encounter with the first of the two parts-halls was incredible. There were over a thousand vendors, ranging from simple stalls selling used parts to quite a few with elaborate set-ups selling new and refurbished parts for a wide assortment of cars, predominantly Italian in nature, Lancia Fulvia and Alpina, Alfa Romeo Giulia and Giulietta, Fiat. **EVERYTHING** including many redesigned competition parts for the original Fiat 500's.

Then there all of the Abarth competition parts for sale! Whew! It took me six hours to walk through this hall, once! Of course I had to look into every box or bin because you never know what might be lurking there. And I was rewarded, more often than not, with some special pieces I specifically went there to find.

Day two found my friends and I visiting a second parts hall and the "cars for sale" tent areas, where the less expensive models and those needing a little more TLC to get back on the road could be found. These cars were priced to sell. I must acknowledge the excitement level of the entire show. No matter where you went, there were crowds of people actively involved in talking about cars, buying parts, looking at auto literature and even buying some of the high end vehicles. The other benefit was to make contact with many of the European parts suppliers. It still amazes me how many companies are offering parts for cars that have been out of production for over **fifty** years.



*L-R :Innocenti Spider friends Hans VanWijk from Amsterdam,
Giorgio Ferrari from Milano and Steve Bell*

Of course, one must consider the nightlife when you travel to Italy and Germany. The food, the wine, the people, the total experience. Our good fortune was to visit family style restaurants and pubs where the opportunity to connect with the local people was readily available. I now have many fond memories of some wonderful people, their families and their outlook on life. I am already considering another trip next year and would be happy to help escort a small contingent of "interested persons" to this marvelous event. Please find an attached link with some general information about the show. Dates are not yet set for 2018.

MILLE GRAZIE E' CIAO!

STEVE BELL

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=it&u=https://autoemotodepoca.com/&prev=search>

THE CLASSIFIEDS SECTION

FOR SALE :

1956 Austin Healey 100-4 BN 2

\$129,000

This car won a gold medal in the Concours and it also won "Best in Show" award at the Enclave in Princeton NJ in August of this year.

This car was purchased in 2012, and it went through a 5 year 100% restoration by the owner. The car and every mechanical component was completely disassembled and restored and rebuilt. During this time the semi monocoque frame was mounted on a rotisserie for about 1 ½ years. Sandblasting, re-fabrication of rusted parts, were reinstalled with painstaking welding and grinding. Sheet metal parts were hand embossed to match original parts exactly.



Rust preventative primers as well as filling primers , were applied to frame. Color coats as well as Urethane top coats completed the semi monocoque frame. There are approx. 1000 photographs of the restoration project.

All numbers match from chassis, body, engine, as well as all hidden parts, that were originally marked. All ID plates are original. British Heritage Certificate comes with the car.

For more details and pictures, follow the link to the classified in Hemmings.

<https://www.hemmings.com/classifieds/cars-for-sale/austin-healey/100-4/2009557.html>

Please Contact Steve Malinsky at smalinsky30@gmail.com

PARTS FOR SALE !

I have lots of parts for sale. Large Selection of Big Healey Parts including bumpers, fenders, rear shrouds, doors, trunk lids, hoods, carbs and more. Email listing of what you need. Parts are located in Paxton Massachusetts



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

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**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 HealeyDutch@gmail.com to place your classified ad in this newsletter!

WANTED :

We are looking for one or two enthusiastic members who are interested in helping us with the ever evolving changes in the club:

1. Ladies Coordinator

You know from experience what women who often occupy the right-seat would like to do when the day's destination has been reached. Do you have a knack for taking an idea and developing it into an event that appeals to women? Come join us and help us create a calendar with events that will get the Ladies excited & smiling!

2. Publicity Person

Do you always seem to know exactly who to contact when the word needs to be spread about an event or a bit of good news? Perhaps you would like to help spread the word about our events & assist with developing a link with our chosen charities to showcase our fundraising efforts.

**Please contact Jud Perkins at
860-204-9168 or juds3000@comcast.net**



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Call Bob at 603-425-3333 or 978-238-8810



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WANTED :

OLD SUMMIT PHOTOS NEEDED FOR SUMMIT 2018

Nick Zarkades is trying to put together a slide show of past N.E. Summits. Why not make this your next rainy day project? Dig up those old shoeboxes full of great memories, clean up the files on your computer while searching for the one picture that captured your favorite moment of Summit.

Please either send JPG files to zdesign@comcast.net or mail your photos to him :

**Nick Zarkades
88 Boyles St,
Beverly, MA 01915.**

He will mail them back to you within a couple of days.

So pick your favorites of past Summits and submit them.
Nick's cell phone number is 978-590-6067 if you have any questions.

Thank You.

Nick

THE CLASSIFIEDS SECTION

FOR SALE :

1958 Austin Healey 100-six, BN4, L-O/58139

\$59,900

- Lovingly restored over 15 years by AHC-NE member David LeBlanc.
- Best in Show / British Invasion Stowe 2010.
- Bronze Level / Charlevoix-Quebec Conclave 2013
- Invited to the Boston Cup 2015
- Gull Wing Motors Award / Hemmings Concours Saratoga 2015



**Please contact Clarke Taylor at 603-587-0577
Historic Motor Sports, Candia NH**

<http://historicmotorsports.net/portfolio-view/1958-austin-healey-100-6-bn4-sale/>

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FOR SALE :

Passenger side door from 1965 BJ8 MKIII

\$ 700.00

Passenger side door from 1965 BJ8 MKIII
In excellent condition with all door glass,
side vent, all hardware, windup mechanism, lock, etc.

Been sitting in my garage since 2000, when we took it off
my BJ8 racecar to substitute fiberglass doors.

Never been hit, no bondo, excellent condition.

More photos available upon request.

Please contact Jon Einhorn at 203-623-7373



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POINTERS FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE NEWSLETTER:

- ♦ Please submit your articles in a Word Document—font Arial 12, single line spacing
- ♦ Submit your pictures as JPG attachments
- ♦ Please provide ID for members **and** their cars
- ♦ With 7 Wings, we need to be efficient with our space :
 - ⇒ **Monthly Wing announcements** 150—200 words ~ ½ page
 - ⇒ **Upcoming Events** 250—400 words ~ ½ to 1 page
 - ⇒ **Event Reports** Include a large group picture with ID
250 words + 3 small pictures ~ 1 page / 500 words + 5 pictures ~ 2 pages
 - ⇒ **Tech Articles** 500—700 words ~ 1 to 2 pages

THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ARTICLES BY THE 25TH !

THE CLASSIFIEDS RATES

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

Classified Ads:

Austin Healey Club of New England 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 - \$ 240 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 requires payment in full at time of ad placement.

THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVERTISING FOR ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE IN HEALEY EXHAUST NOTES DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT FOR THAT PRODUCT OR THE SERVICE BY EITHER THE AHC-OF-NE OR THE AHCA.

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6 BOOTLEGGERS Wing : NH, ME	Bob Abbott	603-425-3333	healeybj7@aol.com
7 WEST Wing : VT, West MA, Upstate NY	Denny Broughel	518-858-9977	broughelbd@gmail.com

Delegates Report November 11 and 12, 2017 Indianapolis, IN

Saturday, 11 November 2017

The annual fall AHCA delegates meeting was held at the Cambria Inn & Suites, Indianapolis, IN

Gary Feldman, Northeast Ohio, **President**, opened the session at 9:08 AM on Saturday morning.

Gary Feldman began the meeting by welcoming everyone and making a few general announcements. We observe a moment of silence for some members of the extended Healey family that had passed away this year, especially Baird Foster and Tony Bennetto. **Gary Feldman** also indicated that as it was Veteran's Day, we would have an additional observance at 11:11AM

Austin Healey Club of New England

A large yellow starburst graphic with the word "JOIN" in large red letters and "Us" in smaller black letters. Below "JOIN" is the phrase "It's Great" in a script font. To the right of the starburst is a circular inset showing a red brick house and a green Austin Healey car, with the text "NEW ENGLAND REGION" and "AHCA" around it. Below the starburst are several photographs: two men working on a car engine, a woman standing next to a blue Austin Healey, and a red Austin Healey parked on a grassy area.

The Austin Healey Club of New England (AHC-NE) is the largest regional area club of the national Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA). Our 300+ members are located throughout New England and eastern New York.

**Great Events • Great Resources
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Great People • Great Club • Great Cars
Now's hows that for great!**

Full membership (Annual fee: \$60.00)

If you join between November 1st and July 31st, a full year's annual dues of \$60 are payable.

Prorated Membership (Fee: \$40.00)

If you join between August 1st and October 31st, a prorated amount of \$40 are payable.

Edie Lowery, Secretary

Roll Call - Following the roll call, it was announced that a quorum was present. Twelve (12) clubs were not represented. This is a dramatic improvement over last year when 21 clubs were not represented. The Elected and Appointed Officers were all in attendance with the exception of our Financial Advisor.

Delegate reports

Each delegate gave their report which includes; their club activity, membership numbers, special events, fund-raising endeavors and charities they sponsor. It was noted that the recently formed club Low Country was represented for the first time. Of specific interest were; various wine tours, Healey Week in Monterey, The annual British Car Day in Southern Ontario which includes a multi-marque flea market, a "Miglia" Rally in Atlanta, The Kansas City "Dam" Run, Halloween Driving Tour in Triad, Bowling Night(s) in Northeast Ohio, Drive and Dine Tours in Miami Valley and the Carolinas, a craw-fish boil in Gulf Coast and several clubs reported that they have moved their well-attended Christmas Parties to January to allow more people to attend at a less hectic time of year.

There was a mid-morning break at 10:50AM before the reports were concluded. The meeting was reconvened prior to 11:11 so that our Veterans Day observance could also be held. **Gary Feldman** asked that veterans in attendance please stand and be recognized. Reports were concluded at 11:10AM. It took 2 1/2 hours to complete these reports.

Vice President and Appointed Officer Reports

Club Support - Bruce Gearns

Bruce Gearns, Southeast Michigan began by making a full report on our "Local Only" members.

(please refer to enclosure #5) **Bruce Gearns** indicated that there needed to be more of an effort to get some of these local only members to join the AHCA. There was a lengthy discussion that re-hashed these past efforts. We were perplexed as to suggest what further motivation we can provide to non-Healey owners to join an Austin Healey Club beyond the insurance protection. It was noted that the Cascade Region has dropped their entire membership from AHCA as they now provide their own club insurance.

Conclave Bid Report

Eileen Wetzel, Minnesota, made her clubs presentation for Conclave 2019 in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the Badlands. "Head To The Hills" to be held from Sept 8-13, 2019. She noted that this "destination" is about 8 hours away from the Minnesota "center" of activity. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept their bid.

Bev Sealand - AHCA Treasurer

Bev Sealand, New England Region, passed out our current financial statement (see enclosure #1) and there was a brief explanation of a few minor issues to be addressed in her budget presentation on Sunday morning. There were no other questions at this time.

Edie Lowery - Digitizing Committee

Edie Lowery, St. Johns AHC, reported that the work of the Digitizing Committee is basically done except for adding new documents. **Michael Schneider**, Bluegrass, has been scanning documents on equipment purchased by AHCA. Her report concluded by indicating that to date, \$4237.00 has been expended on this process to protect all of our historic documents, which is still under the original budget of \$5000.00.

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Laurie Wilford, Southern Ontario reported that advertising revues are down and they are still dropping off! Most advertisers are now spending their dollars elsewhere. Hyde reminded us that as members of the club, we need to support our advertisers. WE need to create a “received value” in the mind of our potential advertisers. We need to convince advertisers that “hard copy” is still; important and not just digital ads.

Steve Bell - Regalia

Steve Bell, New England Region reported that AHCA car badges will be made available again after a ten year drought. They will be made available through the new on-line store that will be set up by **Ben Moore**, Bluegrass, on our AHCA Website. Steve Bell also reported that current regalia sales are a “service” to club members and do not generate any funds for the national club. This past year only fourteen items were ordered.

Club Promotion & Marketing - Ben Moore

Ben Moore, Bluegrass, reported that he is “rebooting” the Future Fifty concept and will be stressing an “extended families” concept. His report on technology stressed that while Facebook and the Web are valuable tools, we still need have HUMAN interaction. **Ben Moore** indicated that he can help any local club produce a club newsletter and that would include building a website. This is available through AHCA at a \$900 set-up fee. **Ben Moore** stated that it may be time to make another run of “print materials” and asked if these materials were having the desired effect? These are the colorful cards that can be passed out at car events that have contact information on them. The response was positive and new materials will be made available. Ben Moore is looking for video footage (not copyrighted) that he can out on the AHCA website.

Membership - Michael Schneider

Mike Schneider, Bluegrass, passed out his report. (see enclosure #3) He indicated that CUTOFF dates for registration will be strictly enforced this year. January 15th is the FIRM cutoff date for renewals. Delegates were asked to remind their membership directors to promote this information with the local clubs. If anyone needs to contact him concerning their membership, he would appreciate people referring to their Membership number as his database has thousands upon thousands of pieces of contact information. **Michael Schneider** took a poll of those present as to who drove to the event or flew to the event. **Michael Schneider** also reported that Longevity