

EXHAUST NOTES

January 2022



President's Message

We made it through another challenging Healey Year and a productive Annual General Meeting took place on January 22, 2022. If you missed the meeting an audio recording is available. The bottom line for me was the unanimous and victorious end of a brutal six month campaign for the office of President. Running the Austin Healey Club of New England is not without its challenges. We had three openings on the board this year without candidates, Vice President, Newsletter Editor and Women's Coordinator. It was noted that for many years the club did not have a Vice President and since I was the incumbent VP I could testify first hand that I didn't do much. That office remains open. After many years of faithful and creative work on the Newsletter, Dutcha had enough and wanted to retire. In a "rabbit out of the hat" bit of good fortune, Rich Ray our former HEN editor, now

retired from employment outside the house, agreed to work on the newsletter and Dutcha said she would be willing to assist Rich. Win win for AHCNE. While all agree with the need to offer a more diverse agenda for those who don't think crawling under a car is the ultimate pastime, it was thought that the solution was not just finding things to keep women occupied. The position of Women's Coordinator and the subject of more diverse programming will be further discussed at the March planning Meeting. Comments and suggestions welcome. As the days get longer I feel I am getting closer to firing up the Healey which is a happy time for me. For now I am going to start looking at seed catalogs and getting my spring order ready. As our former MA Governor was fond of saying "we're going to be fine." Look forward to seeing you on the road.



Editor's notes

Rich & Mary Jo Ray

Hi everyone. During the Annual Meeting last Saturday I was surprised to see that a new editor was needed for Exhaust Notes. Dutcha had been doing such an outstanding job for the last 4 years. I was hoping she would continue on as editor forever. It turns out she needs time for projects and events at home and needs some time to get things done. When Rick Nevelle asked for someone to volunteer you could hear the crickets. Being editor is a time consuming project. It takes computer skills that I need to work on. I was editor before Dutcha took it to a new level. This edition is a little rough; okay it's very rough. I will keep on trying to improve the format in the next edition. I am not going to publish 30+ pages every month but I will get essential information out to you.

A RAINY DAY IN SEATTLE

Our “kids” and their families have lived in Seattle, WA for the last 18 years. So, if we want a visit with them and the grandkids it involves flying 3,000 west to say hello. Flying is such fun in 2021! This October we hit some of their worse weather in Seattle ever! High winds and heavy rain day after day. We had a day to spend and my daughter suggested the LeMay Auto Museum in Tacoma, WA about 45 minutes south of Seattle.

The LeMay changes its display theme several times a year. The current display featured “Coach built cars”; Duesenbergs and the like, and the history of the Alpha Romeo . The 300+ cars are displayed on descending and ascending ramps running through 3 floors to the bottom but not including the top floor, so that makes 4 floors of some of the most beautiful cars ever built. The displays include history on the cars, companies, and people who built them. They had interactive activities for my grandkids including a slot car track that was absolutely amazing! I really enjoyed the video presentation on the history of Rt. 66. I drove Rt 66 from Chicago to LA in 1965. Lots of memories.

What about Austin Healeys The last up ramp from the 2nd floor to the top Showcase Display floor featured British Cars (this ramp is called British Invasion) and no less than 3 Austin Healeys; 2 BJ8s and a Bug Eye. I spoke to a “Docent” (volunteers who talk about the museum and the displayed cars) and he knew his Austin Healey History. I showed him a picture of my 3000 and he instantly said “that’s a ’65 BJ and a beautiful car!” Donald Healey would be proud to have our cars displayed at the LeMay Auto Museum. If your travels take you to the Seattle area be sure to include time to visit “America’s Car Museum”, and say hello to our kids for us.

Rich & Mary Jo Ray

The Summer's Last Hurrah

On Friday September 3, 21 British car faithful gathered at Brady's American Grill in Peterborough, NH for the start of the ride to The Fells, home of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge in Newbury, NH. There were 6 cars from the Austin Healey Club and 5 from BCNH in the tour. The group was treated to a beautiful hour and twenty-minute drive to The Fells. The highlight was surely Route 31, all the way from Greenfield, NH to Goshen, NH, approximately 40 miles over a mostly empty, rural, hilly, and twisting road. And most of it had recently been re-paved, which of course our British cars appreciated. Upon arriving at the Fells, we were able to park in the courtyard in front of the Hay Estate. We were later to learn during our guided tour that front of the building was originally the back of the house as the front back in the late 1800's when the house was built faced Lake Sunapee where Mr. Hay and his family, as well as their numerous summer guests, arrived by steam boat since there were no roads back then. Our guided tour took about 45 minutes and we learned that Mr. Hay was Abraham Lincoln's private secretary when he was President, and then later in his career served as Ambassador to England and Sectary of State under both President's William McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt. He built this magnificent estate on 1000 acres with over a mileage of frontage on Lake Sunapee in 1889. The estate, now much smaller in size, has been preserved as a National Wildlife sanctuary. After the tour of the house and beautiful gardens surrounding the estate, the group departed for a 15-minute drive to the Flying Goose Pub in New London, NH to enjoy lunch and a few beers before everyone departed for their rides home. All and all a wonderful day.

Submitted by Bob Britton



Anniversary of British Invasion 2021

What a wonderful weekend bestowed the members of the club and all British Car enthusiasts who journeyed north to Stowe, VT for the 30th annual British Invasion. Both Friday and Saturday greeted the crowds with wonderful weather in Stowe although some

encounter a bit of rain on their way to Stowe on Friday.

Friday afternoon's Reception party on the show field was followed by a Street Party on Main Street with a live band. British Cars were invited to line Main Street before it was closed off to regular traffic and the band then started to play many old favorites from the 60's, 70's and 80's. A lot of rock and rolling was observed before the block party ended around 9:30 PM and party goers returned to their hotels to get ready for the big day.

Saturday started off cool but then quickly the temperature rose to the mid 70's under beautiful sunny skies. Cars attending the show numbered around 450, more than 100 less

than normal years, mostly attributed to the Canadian border still being closed to those north of the border who could not attend.

Although there were fewer Austin Healey's in attendance compared to previous years, the marque was well represented. Several AHC-NE members won awards in their respective classes. In the 3000 Roadster class Jim Begin won 1

st place. And in the 3000

Convertible class the club swept all awards with Jeff Liroff taking 1

st with this stunning

Pacific Green over white BJ8, Peter Borrone took 2

nd and Jack and Kathy Daniels took a

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^{rd.} Elliot More took 1

st place for his beautiful Jensen Interceptor in the Jensen class.

In the Sprite classes Michael and Kathy Aikey won 3

rd for their Bugeye and Lynne and

Mathew Lee won 3

rd in the Square Body sprite class. Over at the Concours judging Roy Crane took a well-deserved 1

st in class for his recently restored 100. On Sunday Elliot's very rare Jensen Healey GT took honors as the best black car in the color competition and

Mark Borrone won best Blue car.

After a stop at the Show Field on Sunday to view the Competition of Colors and Tailgate Picnic Competition members headed home with tops down on another sunny day to enjoy another great day of Healey motoring. Until next Year.....

Submitted by Bob Britton



New Members

Month	Name	City/State	Wing
Oct-21	Lawrence Gersten	Morristown, NJ	Wing 1
Oct-21	Ranald Adams	Hyde Park, NY	Wing 1
Oct-21	Timothy Pearson	York, ME	Wing 6
Oct-21	John Ryall	Pittsfield, MA	Wing 7
Oct-21	Arthur Tattrie	Coventry, RI	Wing 4
Oct-21	Robert Snyder	Allentown, PA	Wing 1
Oct-21	Steven Pelchat & Lora Miner	Elliot, ME	Wing 6
Nov-21	Belinda & Kenneth Owens	Las Vegas, NV	Wing 6
Nov-21	John Noreika	New Hartford, CT	Wing 2
Dec-21	Christopher Morse	Cumberland Center, ME	Wing 6
Jan-22	Norman & Lisa Thibault	Bolton, MA	Wing 5
Jan-22	Marco & Stefanie Oliveira	Danbury, CT	Wing 1

Welcome Back Returning Members

Dec-21	Robert Markovich	Patterson, NY	Wing 1
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In the spirit of the 1952 Earls Court Motor Show, members of the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club and the

Austin-Healey Club of New England will host a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the introduction of the Austin-Healey at Enclave 2022. While the Earls Court Exhibition Center succumbed to the wrecking ball (urban ruin-all), our beloved Healeys have lived on and prospered in price and popularity.

We are fortunate to have a commitment from Blair Harber to bring not only the first production Healey (#138031) that has achieved Gold-level concours certification twice in the past, including as recently as Enclave 2015 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, but also two pre-production cars: AHX12 and AHX14. These cars will greet attendees upon arrival in the lobby of the spectacular Kalahari Resort, our host hotel in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, September 18-23. Go online to register at www.enclave2022.org and to see the other events planned for Enclave 2022.



For starters prepare yourself for spirited Hotwheels racing ***The first Healey off the production line.*** that will take place daily during Enclave. Steve Bell will bring the newly refurbished Hotwheels track he originally built in 1997 and last used at Summit 2012. The track is known to many as “the most exciting 72 feet in racing.” Hotwheels Healeys will be provided to those who pay the \$5 Hotwheels registration fee. Hans device and helmets not required for this racing experience, but seatbelts are suggested for the final heats as adult beverages may be involved.

Two of the rare “pre-production” Healeys, hand built at the Donald Healey Motor Company.

“The most exciting 72 feet in racing.”



There is something to do for everybody at the Kalahari, especially the amazing water park with direct access to the hotel. Sign up early and look forward to a spectacular event in an equally spectacular setting.

DATE	WING HOST	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
February				
Saturday February 5th 9:00 AM	Wing 4	Bugeye drivetrain Tech Session	10 Cedar Ridge Lane Mansfield, MA 02048	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Monday February 14th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
March				
Monday March 14th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Saturday March 19th 10:00 AM	3	Spring Planning Meeting	Zoom Details shortly	Bruce Ketchen bruce.ketchen@gmail.com 617 947 6473
April				
Monday April 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
May				
Monday May 9th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
June				
Sunday June 5th 10:00AM	CT	British By The Sea	Harkness Memorial State Park 275 Great Neck Rd. Waterford, CT	Ted Stanton healey@snet.net 203 605 4172
Friday - Saturday June 10th - 11th	All	British Motorcars in Bristol	Colt State Park, Bristol RI	Ernie Connor ernie.connor@verizon.net 401-480-9838
Monday June 13th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Sunday June 19th 8:00am	Wing 4	Portsmouth Abbey Father's Day Car show	Portsmouth Abbey School 285 Corys Ln, Portsmouth, RI	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
July				
Monday Jul 11th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
August				
Monday August 8th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
Saturday August 13th 10:00 AM	Wing 4	British Car Show, Flyin, Antique Motorcycles	Mansfield Municipal Airport, 265 Fruit St., Mansfield, MA	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net

September

September 3rd - 5th	All	Historic Festival 39	Lime Rock Park 60 White Hollow Road Lakeville, CT 06039	
September 9th - 11th 2022	All	British Invasion Stowe, VT	Register — The British Invasion	Bob Britton healeybj7@hotmail.com 603-381-3158
Monday September 12th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
September 18th - 23th 2022	All	Enclave 2022 70th Anniversary Kalahari Resort Pocono, PA	https://www.enclave2022.org/	Linda Hakala linda.m.hakala@gmail.com 603-398-4421

October

Monday October 10th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
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November

Monday November 14th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net
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December

Saturday December 3rd 6:00 PM	Club	Annual Holiday Party	Longfellow's Wayside Inn 72 Wayside Inn Road Sudbury, MA	Rick Neville healeyrick@yahoo.com 978 948 5500
Monday December 13th 7:00 PM	All	Monthly Technical Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85606466257?pwd=TVdOSm1HaUpSTkdwMkE1czZTMlh6Zz09	Pete Sturtevant healeybn4@comcast.net



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Closing thoughts:

I know this edition of HEN (Healey Exhaust Notes) seems a little disjointed, but I have decided to go with it as it is. I will keep working to get it a little better every time. Our 300 plus members owe a BIG THANK YOU to some of our fellow club members: Rick Neville for the last 2 years has done an inspiring job as club president. The Healey Marque is more robust in New England because of his efforts. Dutch Sliker-Hersant put in countless hours to make our HEN the best newsletter in the country. Be sure to thank them both when you see them at our next event. ed

