



New England News

*The newsletter for members in the New England Region of the
Austin Healey Club of America
NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME & Northern NJ*

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Well the transition is going just like a restoration; the things that you think would be ok are the biggest pains in the you know what. Hope to have the delivery time under control. Will be trying to get this thing in your hands by the 1st week of the month if possible.

Did you know?

Membership for the New England Region for May by State was:

CT - 134

DE - 1

FL - 4

MA - 139

MD - 1

ME - 19

NH - 31

NJ - 9

NY - 68

PA - 3

RI - 10

VT - 13

Welcome New Member

Burt Weiner , Chelmsford, MA

President's column

By Frank Motta

Hi Everyone

Now that the "Driving Season" is in full swing, we are all afforded a great opportunity to attend various Healey meets in different areas of our beautiful New England region. When we set out on the road heading to an event, often in small Healey caravans, we are usually very excited and expectant of a wonderful day or weekend spent in the pleasant company of our fellow Healey enthusiasts. Our positive visions, of a good time to be enjoyed at the end of our ride, are most usually well founded.

I know that I always enjoy these events, and from my conversations with other members they do as well. However, the fact is that the events that my wife and I have attended over the years have usually been planned by the same inner circle of participating members. You know that when you arrive at these gatherings that there will most likely be some further driving event, or even a car show, usually followed by good food and camaraderie. These meets are for the most part well coordinated and operate with great proficiency. They are, because of the nature of any car club event, often repeats of things that have previously been experienced by most veteran members of our club. That fact, in itself, is not a problem, but often such events are held in a venue that we are all too familiar with. Holding the same kind of event, in the same PLACE, will tend to discourage some people from driving a great distance to attend. Don't get me wrong these meets are still enjoyable. You still get to hang out with your Healey friends, and get to see any new cars that might happen to be there that day. However, it would be nice if our club could do these same Healey things in new and different places.

Despite the facility and ease with which old hands can appear to put together a meet, we all know the depth of effort necessary to plan and carry out a successful Healey event. It certainly cannot be expected that those people who have traditionally been the moving force behind the New England Healey club should travel to a distant locale just to carry out an event in a new place. Even though, over the last few years, some people involved in the development of our Summit meets, have been forced to go on the road in the course of their planning, it would be presumptuous to ask anyone to make such a Herculean effort for an ordinary club meet.

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Enjoy a weekend with friends on the “Coast of Maine”

SATURDAY JULY 16, 2005

We will gather at eleven AM at the Whitehall Inn in Camden for lunch on Saturday. After lunch we will take a half hour tour of the countryside which includes a drive to the top of Mt. Battie to enjoy the finest views on the east coast of the US. You then have your choice of a visit to the Owls Head Transportation Museum or the annual arts and craft fair in the park at the head of the harbor. At five PM we will board the Schooner Appledore (owned by a fellow Healey guy) <http://www.appledore2.com/> for a delightful sunset cruise on beautiful Penobscot Bay. Then it's back to the Inn and for dinner and an evening of fellowship and tales of the Healey life. As July is the height of the season it is highly recommended that you make your reservations at the inn as soon as possible as they do fill up early. Their number is 207-236-3391 or the web site is www.whitehall-inn.com.

The cruise is limited to forty people so it is imperative that you call or e-mail me for your reservation on the schooner or if you have questions.

All those who register will receive a map with directions on the best routes to Camden in July and an information packet from the Camden Chamber of Commerce.

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Even an event conducted in your own back yard requires an effort that is time consuming and involves some planning. How then, can we get to attend different events in new places as a part of our regularly scheduled calendar?

I believe that, to quote Bob Dylan, “ you can have our cake and eat it too”, only if we can get new members, or non-participating old members, to become actively involved in the club. These fresh faces, who are apt to reside in various parts of greater New England, may or may not have a different vision about the nature of a Healey event, but they probably live in a place we would all like to visit. If we can get them actively involved in club activities it is possible they may be inspired to sponsor a club meet in a totally new location. Hopefully this would serve the dual purposes of increasing member participation, and taking all of us on a ride to a unique and interesting locale

This all sounds very logical on paper, but it may not be that easy to accomplish in reality. Convincing people, who have not previously been involved, to suddenly jump into the thick of the social aspects of our organization is a fairly tall order. It would definitely be a leap of faith for them to sponsor a sanctioned club meet, as they would surely be uncertain that they could get other club members to attend. The inherent hesitancy of people new on the scene in any human circumstance is quite understandable, and is the reason why we need to be receptive to any new people who say they want to be involved.

That it behooves all of us, club leadership and members alike, to greet all new members with open arms, in order to make them feel like they are a genuine part of the organization goes without saying. If you want to see yet unseen areas of our region in your Healey travels we need to get our new recruits to help us get there.

It falls upon the all of us to create a positive image of the New England Austin Healey Club whenever we come into contact with any new or old non-participating member of our organization. Hopefully we can bring forth a climate of cordiality that will foster the type of pleasant atmosphere necessary to bring new members totally into the fold. Getting as many people as possible to take an active role in club activities can only benefit us, as it will tend to expand the innate expertise that is available in the planning and actual development of club events. Personal contact from a club member will not necessarily insure involvement, but it can't hurt. So! I now issue this challenge to our general membership, to get involved! Let's make our organization one that works to serve and benefit ALL of its members.

Frank P. Motta

Got this in the E-mail last week:

Guys- This years Northeast Exotic Car Show will be on Saturday June 25th. Check out www.northeastexotic.com , the website has all the info on this years event as well as a photo section of last years show. Let me know if you have any questions. It would be great to have a bunch of Austin-Healey's at the show. I realize that many of the local car clubs are busy and if you have a conflict on this day I understand. If at all possible I would appreciate it if you could pass the info along to your membership. This event is a fundraiser for the New Hampshire Make-a-Wish Foundation, registration is \$10.00 at the door. That money goes directly to Make-a-Wish. The money collected from sponsors pays for the awards, etc.
Thanks-Jeff Torrey

SMOKIN' SUMMIT 2005

Aug. 25-28, 2005-05-25
St.-Sauveur, Canada



If you wish to drive your Healey due north and prefer to do so when there is something interesting going on, why not come as far as Montreal and continue north along Autoroute 15 until you reach St-Sauveur, a lovely little village filled with things to see and things to do. You'll love it.

And if you choose the right time of year, chances are you'll meet other Austin-Healeyists because the Quebec Austin-Healey Club is hosting Smokin' Summit August 25-28, 2005. See the schedule of events listed below and then log onto the NE Region Web site to download the Registration form – both US and Canadian versions. (<http://ahcane.tripod.com/eventscalendar.htm>)

We hope to see you there !!

Summit 2005 Tentative Schedule

Thursday Aug 25

15:00 -17:30 -Registration
16:00 -18:00 -Arts & Crafts Registration; Raffle
16:00 -18:00 -Regalia Sales
17:30 -21:00 -Welcome Party (Beer, Wine, Margueritas) -In Hospitality Room

Friday Aug 26

8:00 -10:00 -Tech Inspection for Hill Climb+ Gymkhana
8:30 -10:00 -Regalia
8:30 -10:00 -Registration
9:00 -10:00 -Arts and Crafts ; Raffle
9:00 -16:00 -Self Guided Quiz Tour
17:00 -18:00 -Registration
16:00 -17:00 -Tech Session
16:00 -18:00 Tech Inspection for Hill Climb+ Gymkhana

17:00 -18:30 -Hospitality -Dining
Out On Your Own in St Sauveur Village

Saturday Aug 27

8:30 -12:00 -Gymkhana
9:00 -12:00 -Hill Climb
9:00 -10:00 -Regalia
9:00 -10:00 -Arts And Crafts; Raffle
13:00 -16:00 -Popularity
17:30 -19:00 -Hospitality
19:00 -22:30 -Banquet & Awards; Raffle Drawing

Sunday Aug 27

10:00 -11:30 -Pack up
12:00 -Farewell to Good Friends

Conclave 2007 Update

Thank you for the great attendance and sign ups for the different teams. I just finished my second round of treatments and will find time to organize the list and emails and pass along to each of you. As you can see we have a great group and the more we can get done prior to pushing to button the better we all will be. There are some teams that will need a few more people but I know they will be easy to fill. Write down your thoughts and I will be getting back to by newsletter or email soon.

Charlie

Calendar of Events 2005 Healey Season

June 5

British Cars By the Sea – Waterford, CT
Dave Barton 860-658-7147
MGTD52@COMCAST.NET

June 11

Southeastern, MA Steve Bell 508-947-6499

LUNCH ON THE RUN!

Enjoy a progressive luncheon with your hosts the Brennans, Bells and Falconeiris with some very lovely drives through the woods and lakes of Plymouth County. The day begins with your arrival at the home of Ed & Debbie Brennan in Raynham, MA between 11-11:30 AM. (Directions are listed below). With some time given over to conversation and some munching on appetizers and tidbits, we will then caravan through the backroads to visit Steve and Sue Bell, in Middleboro. Here the merriment will continue while the burgers and dogs are cooking on the grill. We can groove to some tunes and kick some tires or whatever floats your boat. Our final leg of the luncheon has us on the road for about 20 minutes as we travel from one part of Middleboro to another to have dessert with Dom and Mary Falconeiri. It will be a relaxing afternoon with a minimum of driving and a maximum of eating. Please phone the Bells by Wednesday, June 8th so that we can make adequate plans. 508-947-6499

Directions to the Brennans in Raynham

FROM BOSTON: Rt. 24 south to Rt. 44 East, which is the exit for Cape Cod; take exit and immediately get into the left lane. Turn left at water tower onto Orchard Street and go 1.2 miles to King Street on your right. Turn right onto King Street and go 1.6 miles to 935 King-a green cape on the right.

FROM RT. 495: Take Rt. 44 west, which is the Taunton/Providence exit. Go west 2 miles to Church Street at the Honda dealership on the right.

Take a right onto Church Street and immediately bear left the fork in the road; Go .4 miles on Church Street and cross Judson Street onto Locust Street; go 1.2 miles on Locust Street and take a left onto King Street; 935 King is the third house on the left.

June 17-19

Watkins Glen Challenge - NY
Jim Smith 860-267-4325
See write up March issue

June 26-30

Conclave 2005 – Winston Salem,
<http://www.triadahc.org/conclave.html>

July 10

Hyland Brewery Rally – Sturbridge, MA
Jon & Janet Kastberg
413-245-4618

July 16

Coast if Maine
James Lea 207-236-3632
See write up this issue

July 16

Show of Dreams
All British Car Show Portsmouth, NH www.BCNH.org

Aug 25-28

Summit 2005
ST-Sauveur, Canada
Steve Woloz
514-486-1898
Go to our website for the Registration forms

Sept. 17-18

British Invasion – Stowe, VT

Dec 3

New England Region - Christmas Party 05
Bob & Betty Bender,
413-684-3934

June 18-23 2006

Conclave 2006 – Akron, OH

Summit 2006 – Maine

Sept. 1-4

Lime Rock Vintage Racers- Line Rock, CT

June 24-29, 2007

Conclave 2007 – Burlington, Vermont

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Michael Silverman Little Compton, RI (401) 635-8989 offshoremichael@aol.com

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