



The

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*

From the Editor

By Peter Rafe Williams

We have a new name and editor. I have volunteered to take over the editing of the newsletter from Deb Katz who has been doing a great job for the past years, but has decided to give someone else a chance. I will be working with Deb to make the changeover go just as smoothly as a healey restoration. (Lets hope not) So if you have any news or events that you think the other New England Region members would like to know, give me an e-mail at rafewilliams@comcast.net

Welcome New Members

Dennis & Marguerite Russel
Wellesley, MA

William & Mary Ellen Schumann
Nahant, MA

If you haven't sent your renewal for 2005 to Keith Risk yet please do so quickly. If you don't, unfortunately, this may be the last Newsletter you receive and National will no longer be sending you the "Healey Marque". If you have any questions, contact Keith at (508) 943-1841 or e-mail to klrisk@charter.net

**A publication for
Members of the AHCA
-New England Region**

President's column

By Frank Motta

Greetings Everyone

It is so pleasing to write this column with the freshness of spring in the air, and the prospect of open air driving ahead of us. As you can see the calendar of events is going to afford us an opportunity to travel around New England to various locations, and once again enjoy the wonderful company of our dear Healey friends. There will be rallies, tours, car shows, vintage racing, a swap meet, a progressive dinner, and just plain social gatherings. All of this culminating with Summit, that this year will be hosted by our gracious Canadian friends North of the border.

All of these different events that are included on our schedule make for quite a full agenda for those who will try to be in attendance at most of them. Such a task is not always a viable possibility for many people in the club, as they have other commitments in their life, which prevents them from such a total emersion into "Healeydom". However most dedicated members will attempt to make an appearance at some of the meets, especially the newcomers meet, which allows them to greet old friends, and hopefully be introduced to new ones.

Seeing old friends is always fun, for invariably there is often something new to discuss, as usually much has transpired in our lives over the winter. However, meeting these new and fresh faces, and greeting them into our organization is the real purpose of these get-togethers. Talking genuinely and listening attentively to a member that is attending their very first meet gives them a positive impression of our organization and of the people in it. Trying to make the "new members" feel welcome, and accepted, as a real part of the club, is a key element in insuring our clubs continued success and growth. It is very important to explain to the new members just what the New England Austin Healey Club of America is about, and how we are here to help all of our members in whatever way that we possibly can. After all, there is a wealth of information about all things pertaining to the Austin Healey marque contained in the collective membership of our organization. Such a fantastic resource is available to benefit new members in the same way it has always benefited those of us who are old veterans. We must make it known to those who are newly arrived to our club that we are here to serve them as well.

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Promotional Drive

The AHCA membership campaign is underway with a promotional drive to increase our membership and to continue to create an awareness of our club's many benefits.

A supply of recruiting postcards soon will be received by AHCA Chapter Presidents. Please distribute these among your members for their use in new member recruiting. These cards are for your club's use for mailings, car show handouts, or distribution to your members for their use in recruitment. Please make use of them to help you gain new members to your local club. You might want to type, write, or "sticker" your local club contact information on the cards as well. Additional cards are available from Edie Anderson, VP Membership.

A "Recruit and Win in 2005" contest is beginning. Someone will win a set of wire wheels later this year. Look for details on AHCA's web site www.healeyclub.org and in the March 2005 issue of *Healey Marque*.

Soon, the AHCA 2005 Directory will be in the mail, and with it will be a new AHCA windshield sticker that includes our website address. Look for these and replace the older stickers with these new, static-cling ones.

This is a cooperative effort with AHCA and the AHCA chapters to grow the memberships of all the clubs.

Your support in these promotional effort is important to make it a success.

Remember to "Maximize Your Healey Experience" with the Austin-Healey Club of America!

John May

President, AHCA

Enjoy a weekend with friends on the "Coast of Maine"

SATURDAY JULY 16, 2005

We will gather at the Whitehall Inn www.whitehall-inn.com for lunch on Saturday. After lunch we will take a half hour tour of the countryside including a trip to the top of Mt. Battie to enjoy the finest views on the east coast of the US. At three we will arrive at the Camden Public Landing where we plan to have spaces for us to display our cars for an hour or so for the public. At four thirty we will drive back to the Inn, park our cars and be taken buy van back to the landing where we will board the Schooner Appledore (owned by a fellow Healey guy) <http://www.appledore2.com/>. for a delightful sunset cruise on the beautiful Penobscot Bay., then it's back by van for dinner at the Inn and an evening of fellowship and tales of the Healey life.

As this 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. The cruise is limited to forty people so please call me for your reservation on the schooner or if you have questions.

James Lea

1-207-236-3632.

Rockport Maine.

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So! When you attend your first meet of the season, and you happen to gaze upon an unfamiliar face, be sure to extend your hand and make them feel welcome. Remember the old saying “first impressions are always lasting”. A bit of kind and considerate treatment by you can make a positive first impression, and gain the club a long lasting member.

Frank P. Motta

Left onto Grange Hall Rd.
To Patricia Ave.

PLEASE RSVP Bob and Betty
Bender (413) 684-3934



The Quebec Austin Healey Club will be host to their third Summit in 2005. After visiting the Eastern Townships in 1999 and the city of Quebec in 2002, we welcome you to the quaint little town of St. Sauveur, nestled in in the Laurentian hills, 40 miles North of Montreal on the Laurentian Autoroute (HWY # 15, exit 60). You can browse to the town's official site:
http://www.saint-sauveur.net/st-sau-an/index_html

We will all be lodging at the Manoir St. Sauveur, a 300 room complex which boasts an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a large banquet hall, state of the art facilities, and private Healey parking. It is also within walking distance of all the week-end activities. Room cost is approximately \$110.00 US. Your vacation may be extended at the same room rate.

You can view the facility at : www.manoir-saint-sauveur.com

If you feel nostalgic about the famous Chateau Montebello,

site of the 1995 Conclave, you might wish to head in the direction of Papineauville...(819-423-6341). As ever, a place where one enjoys the many facets of luxurious living in the tamed wild. Also a place where one decides to simply walk and admire all that beauty. And the real amateurs will consider swimming, golf, fishing or tennis.

You can view the facility at : www.fairmont.com

We are looking forward to your visit and as usual, Joie De Vivre, will be our moto. Complete the application form now, and reserve your place at Smokin' Summit

Western Mass New Member Get Together!!!

5/14/2005 1:00

117 Patricia Ave. Dalton, MA

Yahoo! Winter's left the room with its tail between its legs. Let's celebrate. Everyone is welcome. (New and Old) It's a chance to shake off the winter drudgery, tip a little, munch a little, and talk a lot. It's a chance for new members to meet some of the veterans and ask questions. It's also a chance for some of the veterans to have those Healey passions rekindled by the enthusiasm of new members. That ought to be enough to get you here.

See ya **May 14 th!!**

From Lee exit of Mass Pike: Rt 20 to US 7
To Rt 9
Rt 9 to Dalton
Right onto South St (1st Light after entering Dalton Limits)
Left onto Grange Hall Rd.
To Patricia Ave (3RD street on left)
We are 3Rd from the last

From Northampton: Rt 9
West to Dalton
Stay on Route 9 toward Pittsfield
At 4th light take a left onto South St.

New (& Old) Members Get Together!!!

May 22
Chelemsford, MA

This years gathering of Healey Folks for Southern New Hampshire and Eastern Ma will be at the home of Thalia and Ralph Loosigian in Chelmsford, Ma. As always, there will be a lot of Healey talk, catching up with friends, and sharing stories of the winter. Ralph has promised to open up his new garage for us to envy and the fare will be a mixed grill with something for everybody. Too soon to predict the weather, but we've been lucky the last few years and will keep our fingers crossed. We'll need a head count so please let us know ASAP if you think you can come. Thalia and Ralph Loosigian 978-256-8940 or Jill and Bob Abbott 603-425-3333

Directions:

Rt. 3 North of I495
 Drum Hill Rd Exit
 Around the circle and take Rt 4
 towards Chelmsford Ctr.
 1/2 Mi. on Rt is Davis Rd.
 Stay left @ fork onto Loche Rd.
 Left on Brentwood Rd.
 First rt is Sanford Rd.
 Third house on rt.
 5 Sanford Rd.

**Calendar of Events
 2005 Healey Season**

May 14 (New Date)

A new Members meet for Western Ct
 will be held at the home of Bob & Betty
 Bender, in Dalton, MA 413-684-3934
 See write up this issue

May 14

A new Members meet for Southeastern
 MA & Rhode Island will be held at the
 home of John & Maureen Kelley, in
 Bridgewater, MA 508-697-6273

May 20-22

Import Nationals – Carlisle, PA
 British Car Show & Swap Meet
 Steve Bell 508-947-6499
 See write up March issue

May 22

A new Members meet for southern
 NH & Northeastern, MA will be
 held at the home of Ralph & Thalia
 Loosigian, in Chelmsford, MA 978-
 256-8940
 See write up this issue

June 5

British Cars By the Sea –
 Waterford, CT
 Dave Barton 860-658-7147

June 11

A Pilgrim Progressive Dinner –
 Southeastern, MA
 Steve Bell 508-947-6499

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.BCNIH.org

Aug 25-28

Summit 2005 – ST-Sauveur,
 Canada
 Steve Woloz 514-486-1898
 See write up this issue

Sept. 1-4

Lime Rock Vintage Racers- Line
 Rock, CT

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

June 24-29, 2007

Conclave 2007 – Burlington,
 Vermont

"For Sale"

Numerous accessories for
 Healey 100-6, many still new in
 boxes from Moss Motors or
 Victoria British. Please call
 Brian @ (860) 621-7187 for
 details or leave your e-mail
 address and I will forward info
 via e-mail to you.

Thanks very much!

Brian O'Grady

Ad Requirements

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 ads to be run in the New England
 News free of charge for other than
 commercial business. Commercial
 ad rates are listed above. Send
 camera-ready artwork to: Peter
 Williams; c/o 149 Maple Street,
 Ellington Ct, 0602 or via email at
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