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Encounter 2023 photo montage.

What's In The Flash

By Tom Mulligan

Encounter, Encounter, Encounter!!! – Steve Jekogian, Bob Preston, Jim Cox, Del Border, George Baxter, and others provide a great recap of the events at Encounter 2023 in text and photos. It sounds like it was a great event, sorry I missed it.

Next year's Encounter will be hosted by the Philadelphia Region, and will be held in Ocean City, NJ

Letter to the Editor – Steve J did we get any responses from your inquiry last month?

For Sale / Wanted – Our page of items for sale or wanted continues to grow. Perhaps there is something there of interest to you? Just a reminder – your entries run for 3 issues as stated in the back page of *the Flash*.

Auction Report – Two Healeys that couldn't be more different. One is a nice looking BJ8 that didn't meet the seller's expectations.

I'll apologize in advance for the second car (a Sprite), but I couldn't resist! Another no sale. Check it out and you will see why.



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PRESIDENTIAL RUMINATIONS

Steve Feld AHSTC President

AHSTC Encounter 2023 is now in the books. The Harrisburg Region, in the capable hands of Bob Preston, did a superb job in hosting the event near Hershey, PA. Attendee participation in the activities was exemplary, especially given the average age of our members. One highlight was the 34 people (17 cars) who joined in the Funkhana which was based on Chevy Chase's Vacation movie. Wally World will never be the same! Also a special thanks to all who opened their wallets for the very entertaining charity auction which raised over \$5000 for the Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development. We express our sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way to make our annual convention a success.

This month's edition of *The Flash* includes much more about Encounter 2023 – take a look!

Ocean City New Jersey will be the site of Encounter 2024 on September 15-18. Those who attended Encounter there in 2019 have fond memories of our car show on the Boardwalk which we'll be doing again next year. The Philadelphia Region is busy finalizing the details, but you should mark your calendars now!

We're heading into the busy time of year for British car shows and tours that give us opportunities to drive and show off our Healeys. More importantly, these shows are really about the people we meet and the friends we see. We get to renew friendships and bring back memories for people who once owned a Healey or knew someone who did. We can also educate the younger generation who have never heard of the Marque and hopefully stimulate some longer-term interest in the Healey marque. Consider letting a child sit in your Healey (sans ice cream or soft drink, of course) for a photo.

So, take advantage of the upcoming cooler weather and put some miles on those Healeys!

2023 FLASH TRIVIA CONTEST

For seven months this year *The Flash* conducted a Healey Trivia Contest in which the winner would receive free registration to Encounter 2023 and one free room night at the Encounter hotel. Answers were entered through our website, www.ahstc.org. Correct answers were shown in the following month's *Flash* along with the names of those who submitted correct answers. If the winner couldn't attend Encounter, the contest rules allowed the winner to transfer the prize to someone who was attending.

If you correctly answered each month, you had seven chances to win. If you only submitted one correct answer, you only had one chance. We had 138 eligible answers submitted and the winner was selected using a random number app. At the Encounter Banquet we announced the winner of the contest: Pat Venezia of the North Jersey Region. Because Pat was unable to attend Encounter, he transferred the prize to another member from North Jersey who attended Encounter. Congratulations Pat!

Look for the 2024 Healey Trivia Contest in The Flash early next year!



HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett

Let's just say that the big news (really the only news) for the month of August is all about Encounter 2023. The annual gathering for and about all things Healey was held this year from August 23 through 26 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA, just minutes from Hershey. As such, the honor of hosting fell to our very own Harrisburg region. Bob Preston once again served as our region's ringmaster, a job that requires a year of planning and organizing. Our thanks and deep appreciation go out to Bob for a job well done! What follows is a thumbnail sketch of Encounter 2023- a more complete report will appear in the October *Flash*.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

The festivities got off to a splendid start on Wednesday evening with a "Night at the AACA Inc. Automobile Museum" in



Hershey. Over 100 members signed up for an exclusive, afterhours tour of this world class automotive attraction, and they were not disappointed. We can never be certain if that high level of participation was due to the Museum's exceptional reputation or because the tour was "free." Our thanks go out to the Museum staff for accommodating our club and providing us with four tour guides. The tour was followed by a pizza and pasta repast back at the Holiday Inn.

THURSDAY

Thursday morning started off overcast and a little drizzly, but by the time the Road Rally began, things had dried out. And except for some sprinkles near the end, everyone was able to complete the rally "sans hood." The Brockmanns stepped up to the plate as usual and ran yet another fun and challenging drive through our beautiful central PA countryside. These rallies are always well-attended, and this year was no exception.

The highlight of the afternoon for many was the Wine Tasting Luncheon at nearby Cassel's Winery. Other participants chose to cruise the local roads in their Healeys. The Grantville area sits squarely in the center of some very pretty and relaxing routes through Lebanon and Dauphin counties.

A very busy and fun Thursday ended with a Wine and Cheese reception at the hotel. That was followed by the charity auction, hosted by the one and only Paul Woglom (a.k.a. Alex Tricarb) from the Philly region, which netted \$5,200 for the Schreiber's Center for Pediatric Development.

FRIDAY

Friday morning found Del Border and his crew setting up the Gymkhana course as the sun rose over the back parking lot. Del says that this will be his final Gymkhana, but we are all hoping he might be persuaded to change his mind by the time Encounter rolls around next September. Later in the afternoon, Ray Donovan presented an excellent talk on the ins and outs of car auctions.



Friday ended with a bang, with a delicious southwestern style dinner followed by the always popular Valve Cover Races. Our race-master, Jim Cox, usually hosts this fun event for young and old alike, and we all relish his booming voice and good-natured ribbing of the contestants. Unfortunately, Jim had recently contracted a case of laryngitis and had to hand over the master of ceremonies duties to others this year.

SATURDAY



The Funkhana got things off to a roaring start. Shawn and Tami Miller recreated scenes from "National Lampoon's Family Vacation." The course included games of skill, a blindfolded driving challenge, luck, and a trivia test. As always, this event was a family favorite!



As soon as the Funkhana cones were removed, the cars began filling the lot for the Popular Car Show. This year our Austin Healeys were joined by four gorgeous Jensen Healeys. Maybe we could induce some Nash Healeys to attend the next Encounter and get the whole Healey “family” together on one show field!

Dave Siwa from Philly region gave a great afternoon tech session, and the Awards Dinner ended the festivities Saturday evening. True to his word, Bob Preston kept things moving right along, and nobody fell asleep at their table this year. A real highlight of the evening was the awarding of the coveted George Null AHSTC Person of the Year Award to Harrisburg’s own Priscilla and Dave Hooper.

Our region was proud to host this year. It was great to be with our entire Healey family. We are all very grateful to everyone who attended from each of the various regions and to all those who pitched in. Now, on to Ocean City New Jersey for Encounter 2024!



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PHILADELPHIA REGION

Temperatures have cooled down a bit, making it more Healey-friendly. Additionally, the rain seems to have subsided. On Sunday, August 13, Dave Siwa and I met with Gary Hartzel at the New Hope Automobile Show. It was a beautiful sunny day with a light breeze. In total, nine Healeys were there for the show. Many other Marques were on display as well since the day was devoted to foreign automobiles. At the end of the day, Gary's BT7 won third place.



On Friday, August 18, Bob Ott led a Retiree Drive created by Nick and Alice Ferrant down some beautiful back roads in and around Allentown, NJ, with a midway stop at Historic Walnford, an 18th century mill village and country estate listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. After a tour of the house, property and grist mill, the drive continued through amazing horse and farm country, ending at Laurita Winery in New Egypt for lunch and a glass of wine.



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- The Wings and Wheels Car Show is on Saturday, September 9, at Wing's Field in Blue Bell, PA. The show supports Angel Flight East, which is a non-profit organization that arranges free air transportation for children and adults who are ill.
- A Retiree Drive will be held on Wednesday, September 13. Details to follow.

Rob Morrow is looking into revisiting the glider show we conducted a few years ago at the airport which he flies out of. More details to follow.

Philadelphia Region on the way to Encounter





North Jersey

By George Crombie

It appears that the next Regional Event to have occurred since I last sat down (well, truth be told, I did sit down a few times during this past month, but I'm talking about updating y'all on Regional Happenings, here) to report on local events of interest, started off with a lakeside picnic hosted by Larry & Diane Gersten at their home on the shores of Lake Hopatcong in northern New Jersey on Saturday, August 12th. The Regional Club provided the food and drinks, while Larry & Diane provided the location, hospitality, and all the water toys one could think of with which to thrash about in the lake. Mother Nature supplied an absolutely gorgeous, picture-perfect day, leaving all the socializing and comradery to the dozens of members who took the time off to enjoy the afternoon. It was a great time had by all, with a heart-felt "Thank You!" to Larry & Diane. If you just gotta know who was there, do what I did: cheat and check out the R.S.V.P.s on the Evite! I tried my hand at remembering all the revelers (I came up with 29 names), while the list named 31, and Steve Feld counted 35 attendees. Consequently, I'm not naming names to protect the innocent (namely me).

The following day, Sunday the 13th, Ralph Scarfogliero hosted another of his every-other-Sunday during the summer Cars & Crumpets (C & C) in Morris Plains, and had a turnout of around 28 LBCs, including five Healeys (while I was there – in a BJ9): Ralph with his red 100 Modified; Patrick Venezia (BJ8); Richard Ippoliti (BN4); Frank Dapiran (BT7); and Steve Feld (BT7). Also on hand was a Jag E-Type; a Jag XK 120; a Jag XK 150; and an early RHD Mini, as well as an assortment of MGs and Triumphs. If you haven't made it to one of these C & Cs yet, there are still a few more scheduled for this season (check your e-Flashes from Steve Feld to get the latest).

Next up on the all-important schedule is the annual Encounter (in Hershey, PA this year) that will be starting E-GADS! TOMORROW (as I write this first part of my report). You HAVE registered, haven't you? Please pardon me as I take a short three- or four-day siesta to enjoy the festivities that we call "Encounter". I will be back (in the famous words of the immortal Arnold) to recap the events as seen through my bleary and blood-shot eyes...

Well, can't say that I didn't warn you: I'm back from Encounter 2023 in Hershey, PA with a short report. Many of the attendees arrived at the event on Wednesday, August 23rd to take advantage of the special tour of the AACA Museum that was set up to kick off this year's Encounter. My wife and I didn't manage to get out to Hershey until late morning on Thursday (talk about being "fashionably late"!); we dragged into the hotel while most of the participants were amusing themselves getting turned around and "lost" (we call it "finding an alternative way") running the Rally. Check-in went very smoothly; the folks at Registration are old hands at this, and have registration down to an art. Since our room wasn't quite ready, Denise and I walked the halls of the Hotel, checking out the

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location(s) of the various important rooms (Hospitality, Banquet, Healey Theater) and locating which parking lot was reserved for Healey parking, etcetera. By the time we were done, our room was ready.

We headed up to our room and proceeded to dump out our registration packet onto the bed to sort through. I would dare-say that the organizers thought of everything from off-site restaurants to updated dates and times for the various activities. We spent a little time filling out and depositing our raffle tickets into the little buckets in the Hospitality Room in the hopes of winning some of the coveted items up for grabs. We did win three of the items we were fairly lusting after; Denise won one, and I won two. After passing a critical eye over me from head to toe, and back again, she gave me an approving “thumb’s up” on my new leather sports cap. I think her actual words were something to the effect of “That’s a remarkable improvement for you.” Had me intrigued enough that I had to slip off to the Men’s Room to find the nearest mirror. We caught parts of the Valve Cover Racing, the Gymkhana, and the Funkhana. As we had hoped our daughter, Sarah, might be joining us again this year, we opted to check out a few of the local restaurants for dinner as she is a vegetarian. We spent a good bit of time scouting out the area surrounding Hershey.

One of more enjoyable events that we attended was a Tech Session (more like a presentation) put on by Dave Siwa about his travel experience taking his Healey overseas to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime jaunt across the Pond for a 2600 (or so) mile over the hills and through the valleys of Scandinavia with a group of 29 other Healeyites, culminating with attending the European Healey Meet in Norway. Great presentation; and we even recognized a few of the places we had been to just a few months before Covid locked us all down. We also spent some time watching a bit of Healey History in the Healey Theater, just chilling out.

We arrived late, and left early (before the Banquet), but managed to do a lot of visiting and socializing. All in all, we had a great time at this year’s Encounter and can’t wait for Ocean City in New Jersey in 2024! Isn’t that what it’s all about? 



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Long Island REGION

By Paul Parfrey

First off, I recently heard from Bob Shaffsick. He is back living on Long Island! I hope we get to see him soon.

Encounter 2023 was great fun! Long Island region attendees were Mike Haran (who has probably missed only one or two Encounters since the first one ever held), his daughter Maureen Bowie (who has been to Encounters since she was a baby with a few missed along the way), her husband Lucas Bowie (who is now a regular), George Robinson (who attended back when and after a hiatus, resumed coming for the last few years), his son Evan (whom we met for the first time at this, his first Encounter), and Susan and myself.

You don't need to bring a Healey, or even to own one, to attend. Mike trailered his Sprite there, the Bowies came in a Nissan sedan, George drove his 3000 BJ8, Evan followed him in his Honda Fit, and Susan and I took Amtrak. You hang out with old friends, meet some new ones, observe and/or participate in whatever events you want.



Mike, owner of a winning Sprite.

The Long Island Region's honor was upheld by Mike Haran's Sprite placing third in the Square Body Class in the car show, and by the Bowies coming in second in the Rally and first in the Funkhana! The Funkhana this year was totally unique. It included very slowly driving blindfolded in a circle with your navigator giving you directions which would keep the tin can that was hanging on a string tethered to your car from hitting the ground. Very tricky! Other components included shooting a Nerf gun at targets, trying to toss "sandwiches" into a picnic basket, rolling giant die, and answering some questions.

There were other events you could attend including a trip to a winery for some wine tasting, tech sessions (one about car auctions, and one about a trip to the European Healey Meeting in Norway, followed by a three-week driving tour of Scandinavia). The first night there was a trip to a great car museum, AACA Museum at Hershey, a Smithsonian affiliate. Even my wife enjoyed it! And the charity auction is really fun (even if you don't bid on anything), especially when Paul Woglom is the auctioneer! This year the beneficiary was the very worthwhile Schreiber Center for Pediatric



LI Attendees



Maureen and Lucas, placed 2nd in Rally.



**Maureen and Lucas won the Funkhana hat.
Also Maureen had a turn with the hat.**

Development. And there is always the Hospitality Room with free beer, water, soft drinks, snacks, a jigsaw puzzle to work on, and a place to relax and chat.

Next year's Encounter is in Ocean City, NJ. The last time there was an Encounter there in 2019, it was incredible! Mark your calendar for September 15-18. Think seriously about coming. Bring a friend!

The October *Flash* will include Rich Miot's visit to Howard Kroplick's garage to view his automobile collection, and about the Scottish Festival and Antique British Car Display.



Who are these ladies and what are they up to?



Flora Schneider and Susan Parfrey, master puzzle doers



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Brandywine

Chuck Ott

REGION

Since your regular editor Ernie Leser did not attend Encounter this year, I have again been tapped as substitute *Flash* article editor. I arrived at Encounter on Wednesday in time to visit the AACA museum. It was a great experience to have volunteers tell us about the cars in the collection and show us the cars in the barns out back that are waiting to be sold off or rotated into the collection. While at Encounter I connected with Brandywine region members Ben and Cindi Nolan, Mike and Pat Tyler, Ray and Bonnie Slavinsky, Nigel and Edy Smart, Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey, and Paul Serdiuk. Dinner Thursday at the Skyline Diner with the Nolans was a highlight, as was Friday night at the Troegs brewery with the Tylers. Also, I finally got to meet Ray and Bonnie Slavinsky, who brought their beautiful white over maroon 100 to Encounter for the first time. The Nolans had to leave early so they took off in their white over navy blue BT7 Saturday afternoon. Since they were going to miss Saturday night's banquet, they donated their tickets to the Smarts and we had a full Brandywine region table. Nigel and Edy arrived in their Jensen Interceptor, but Nigel reports that his BT7 and possibly his BJ8 will soon be back on the road.

My BJ8 is nearing completion of its engine rebuild and body/paint touch-up but was not ready in time for Encounter. I drove my trusty blue Sprite and won 2nd place in the car show. I also managed to win three of the bucket of loot auction items. My strategy to place my tickets in buckets that nobody else had put theirs in paid off. Having things to



Nigel and Edy Smart at the car show.



Ben and Cindy Nolan ran the Funkhana In their BT7.



Ray and Bonnie Slavinsky with their 100 at the car show.

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do on Sunday, I left after the banquet and drove the Sprite home with the top down, arriving around 11:30pm. It was an amazing experience - there is no traffic on route 30 in Lancaster that time of night, so I zipped through town and hit every traffic light green.

FUTURE EVENTS

September 23 crab feast – Leave at 12:30 from Walgreens 2470 DuPont Parkway, Middletown, DE for a tour down scenic route 9 to Boondock’s restaurant for crabs. Or meet at Boondocks at 1pm. As we did last year, the Brandywine region will pay for the crabs, you pay for your sides and drinks.

October 5 Picnic at Leser’s – The tradition continues, meet at Ernie and Joan Leser’s house at 2 Orioles Nest, Elkton, MD at 1pm. The region will provide beverages, hamburgers, hot dogs, and ribs, you bring a side dish to share. RSVP to Joan or Ernie by Sept. 30th (410-398-7308).



Mike Tyler and Ray Slavinsky with their valve cover racers.



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Happy Anniversary!" Pete Sauvigne said, smiling at his wife.

"Thank you", Linda replied clearly happy, but nearly oblivious to what was coming next. It was 1980 when she and Pete were celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary while standing in a parking lot at a restaurant in Newport, VA. They were next to a beautiful Austin-Healey 3000, which Linda immediately went over to admire. Linda always loved Big Healeys, and it was one of the first things Pete got to know about her after they first met.

"Happy Anniversary!" Pete repeated. Linda looked questioningly at her husband, and then again at the car; she remained silent and confused, that is until he handed her the keys and started to take the top down.

Specifically, this was a 1962 Austin-Healey 3000 Mark II BT7. Linda soon was calling her Healey "Baby", and it became as if part of the family. Linda drove it regularly and happily as she first loved it, but when the Sauvignes settled in retirement in Pennsylvania, they decided to have "Baby" restored. They took it to K&T Vintage Sports Cars for a full body off restoration. According to the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust factory record certificate, the car was originally Ivory White with black interior when it was exported from England to a dealer in Germany, prior to being re-exported into the USA. As a German export, the car is unique in that it had amber signal lights and white running lights built into the front shroud. Donald Healey himself examined the car in 1978 and confirmed only 28 cars were made this way in 1961 for the German market.



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"Baby" as it looked when Pete gave it as an anniversary gift to Linda. Note the single white turn signal lamps in the front shroud before it was restored to original dual lights.

Linda and Pete take "Baby" for a spin after restoration. Today Linda and Pete Sauvigne are active members of AHSTC Lehigh Valley Region and enjoy taking "Baby" to many of the club's outings and shows.



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AUCTION REPORT

By Tom Mulligan

These two Healeys couldn't be further apart on the Healey spectrum, but they both offer an insight into the market, particularly the on-line market and, in one case, a little entertainment.

At first of glance of the photos, the 1965 3000 MkIII looks like a very nice car that, while not without faults, shouldn't have any trouble selling at a reasonable price. So why did the bidding stop at a reserve not met (RNM) of \$33k?

This car was offered on a relatively new on-line website called Pccarmarket.

Auctions www.pccarmarket.com

This may not be familiar to many of you. It's a Bring-a-Trailer copy with a few little differences. In addition, it seems to be dominated by the Porsche market, although it appears to accept any marque. So, first off, this may not have been the best venue for a Healey. But I encourage you to read the comments and look closely at the photos. The devil is always in the details. See what you think.

www.pccarmarket.com/auction/1965-austin-healey-3000-mark-iii-bj8/



Here we have a 1969 Healey Sprite with a twist, on Bring a Trailer. I apologized in advance in the What's in *The Flash* section and, as I said, I could not resist sharing this car with you.

When I first came across this car, I anticipated that it would be cutting edge and perhaps relevant in an era of electrification, including vintage cars. (Check out what the actor Robert Downey Jr. is doing with his vintage car collection on the Motor Trend channel if you can find it.) Here we have “not quite” cutting edge technology, but you must admire the effort. I'm betting this is the heaviest Sprite on the planet! And don't overlook the included, towable gasoline powered “range extender”. This car was RNM (yes it had a reserve!!) at \$686.

Check it out here and read the commentary, which is quite entertaining.

Electric-Conversion 1969 Austin-Healey Sprite Mk IV for sale on BaT Auctions - closed on July 26, 2023 (Lot #114,641) | Bring a Trailer <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1969-austin-healey-sprite-13/>





ENCOUNTER 2023 Recap

[Article By Bob Preston](#)

What do you get when around 150 AHSTC family and friends gather in one place? An Encounter breaks out! For the 46th time, Encounter convened with a robust gathering of AHSTC Members and friends in Hershey at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. The Harrisburg Region was pleased to host the club back in Central PA. By most accounts, Encounter 2023 was a big success. We were pleased to receive 80 registrations for the event. Those attending were treated to a full schedule of activities. Even the weather cooperated!

The opening night event was a private evening tour of the renowned AACA Museum in Hershey. Expectations for participation were smashed with 106 people joining the tour requiring us to break into 4 groups. The visit included a behind-the-scenes tour of the building housing many vehicles in the collection that aren't currently on display in the main museum. They have a unique and beautiful collection, and AHSTC was pleased to have the museum to ourselves for the evening.



Thursday was Rally Day. A large group of hearty adventurers took off at 9:30 AM on a Liz and Scott Brockman created challenge. And the good news is that everyone came back!



In the evening, another cherished Encounter tradition, the Charity Auction was held before a large crowd in the Grande Ballroom. Everyone was overjoyed to welcome our perennial, and favorite, auctioneer, Alex Tricarb (aka- Paul Woglom) back to the podium to preside over the festivities. The auction benefited the Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development. James DeBord, Schreiber President, related inspiring and emotional details of Schreiber’s mission and successes. One of Schreiber’s “kiddos”, Graeme Flynn, and his parents, told Graeme’s story and even Graeme himself had the chance to get in front of the microphone. The star item of the auction was a beautiful, hand-made painting of a Healey 3000 by Graeme which started off the auction with a \$1,000 bid! Congrats to Steve and Gerri Kirland on winning that one-of-a-kind treasure! In the end, over \$5,100 was raised by our generous AHSTC family “for the kids” as auctioneer Paul would say.

On **Friday**, once the two big car carrier trucks left the parking lot, Del Border’s Gymkhana went off without a hitch before a crowd of enthusiastic spectators. It was a spirited competition, and the results are listed elsewhere in this *Flash*.

Also on Friday, an intrepid group ventured to the Cassel Winery in Hershey for a special wine tasting event. It was a nice break from all the car-related Encounter activity.

Following the Western Roundup BBQ, the Valve Cover Racing competition took place with 14 cars participating. Young and old (that would be the rest of us!) engaged in a spirited, single elimination event that was a lot of fun, win or lose.

Two unique tech sessions were a true highlight of Encounter. Our own Ray Donovan held forth on “Barrett-Jackson and the Auctions: Being there.” It was a fascinating look at the collector car auctions we’ve all seen on TV from someone who’s been there and could shed some light on the behind-the-scenes details. On Saturday, Dave Siwa shared gorgeous video and photos in a delightful travelogue from the Scandinavian Healey Tour he and Barbara took in June. Seldom have Healeys had the chance to travel on such picturesque roads and we were very fortunate to have Dave let us share in the sights and stories. Both sessions played to packed rooms!



Graeme Flynn

SATURDAY BEGAN WITH CONCOURS JUDGING BRIGHT AND EARLY.



While that was going on, a memorable Funkhana, created by Shawn and Tammi Miller, played out before a crowd of curious onlookers. This is the first Funkhana in which participants remained seated in the car. Perhaps that helped to explain the large number of people who joined in! A large number not seen in years.



The parking lot was the location for the popular car show which took place on a sun splashed afternoon. 40 cars sparkled in the sunshine. We were very pleased to welcome four Jensen Healey's to the show field. That is the most Jensen's that anyone can recall at an Encounter. A great addition to the Healey family!

The capstone to Encounter 2023 was the Awards Banquet. Trophies and ribbons were awarded to the winners of the various events. Detailed results appear elsewhere in this edition of *The Flash*. The highlight of the night was the presentation of the George Null Award to Dave and Priscilla Hooper. There are few recipients of this cherished award who are more worthy of recognition than Dave and Priscilla. Congratulations Hoopers and many thanks for your incalculable contributions to the AHSTC for over 40 years.

The common thread running through the entire event was participation. Participation was high at every event from the start through Saturday night and the Awards dinner. Thanks to all the Harrisburg Region members and other AHSTC family who helped with Encounter 2023. It was those efforts that made it such an enjoyable success.

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[Article By Steve Jekogian](#)

What Encounter is all about—family and friends for years, seeing each other at Encounter is just a great time. The Walker parents, children and grandchildren always make Encounters enjoyable.

The Harrisburg Region, were wonderful hosts for this year’s Encounter in Hershey, PA. Many members / volunteers went to great lengths to make certain everyone had a memorable and enjoyable time. Here are some of the highlights:

Encounter Rallye results - A drive through Chocolate land

Liz and Scott Brockman again did a great job of sending the Healey rallyers through the great backroads and farmland that is the Hershey area.

We were on some of the nicest roads and, of course, with the tricks of the rally cars going in all directions it makes you think you are going in the “wrong” direction. Lots of questions, which was fun and a great conversation back at the hospitality room over a beer, or a couple of beers. It was great rally weather, as it was cool and cloudy, and you were not baking in the sun or the car overheating.

First Place

Steve and Gerri Kirlin

Second Place

Lucas and Maureen Bowie

Third Place

George and Lise Baxter

Fourth Place

Bob and Sue Ott

Fifth Place

Ann and Steve Feld

FUNKHANA RESULTS

What were the organizers thinking? Let's put people in a car
WITH THE DRIVER BLINDFOLDED AND HAVE THE NAVIGATOR TELL THEM HOW TO DRIVE IN A CIRCLE?

Shawn and Tammy Miller, came up with a unique Funkhana theme which was National Lapoon Family vacation trip to Walley World. Oh it was fun. We should have put a video camera in the car and watched and listened to the "directions/conversations". I bet we would have had a million hits on youtube.

Healey British cars

First Place

Driver: Tim Walker

Navigator: Jaidis Wade

Second Place

Driver: Mike Salter

Navigator: Bob Yule

Third Place

Driver: Tim Walker

Navigator: Jackson Hauseman

NON-BRITISH AND SCOOTER

First Place

Lucas and Maureen Bowie

Honorable mention should go to Joe Spears and Angela Perna. Angela or "L" walked beside Joe Spears as he drove the scooter blindfolded and instructed him on how to steer. Then she completed the Funkhana with him and it was a great funny sight to see.



One of the main reasons to attend Encounter is the Cars. We all want to see them, hear them, and see what members have done to them.

The car show at Encounter was great. Cool, dry, and well laid out. It was a great day and show. We also had four Jenson Healeys attending, a welcome and rare sight and we appreciate them attending.

Results

100-4

- 1st Mike Salter
- 2nd Ray Donovan
- 3rd Jim Ellis

100-6

- 1st Nick Ferrant
- 2nd Liz Brockman

3000MKII

- 1st Tim Plesz
- 2nd Paul Woglom
- 3rd Ian Kessen

3000 MKII

- 1st Don Schneider
- 2nd Nicholas Ludovic
- 3rd Gary Hartzell

3000 MKIII DOUBLE LIGHT

- 1st Jim Cox
- 2nd Susan Rhoderick
- 3rd Scott Kocevar

SQUARE BODY SPRITE

- 1st Pam Preston
- 2nd Chuck Ott
- 3rd Mike Haran

BUGEYE

- 1st Bob Ott
- 2nd Nick Ferrant
- 3rd Fred Sherk

MODIFY/NASTY BOY

- 1st Del Border
- 2nd Tom Walker

JENSON HEALEY

- 1st Tim Hendricks
- 2nd Bob Wall
- 3rd Mark Brandt

BEST IN SHOW

Jim Ellis 100-4



GEORGE NULL CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations and thanks to Priscilla and Dave Hooper from the Harrisburg Region who received the 2023 George Null club person of the year award.

Dave and Priscilla have been long time AHSTC members and key members of the Harrisburg region. Priscilla received her Bugeye as a high school graduation gift and has kept it in great shape and attended every Encounter with it.

Dave and Priscilla are always willing to talk about the cars, the club, and the people and perhaps more importantly how many days a year they snow ski.

This is the second husband and wife team awarded the George Null award and it reflects Priscilla and Dave's commitment to the club and promoting the club and the marque.

This is a well-deserved award, and thanks for all their work in and for the club.

PREVIOUS HONOREES

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Allen Rosenberg | 1998 |
| Del Border | 1999 |
| Steve Jekogian | 2000 |
| John Morrison | 2001 |
| Baird Foster | 2002 |
| Mike Haran | 2003 |
| Nigel Smart | 2004 |
| Don Schneider | 2005 |
| Don Hoffer | 2006 |
| Ken Beck | 2007 |
| Bob and Pam Preston | 2008 |
| Larry Gersten | 2009 |
| Trish Woglom | 2010 |
| Paul Parfrey | 2011 |
| Rick Brodeur | 2012 |
| Dave Ehret | 2013 |
| Leo Kob | 2014 |
| Paul Woglom | 2015 |
| John Heffron | 2016 |
| Joe Spears | 2017 |
| Mark Goodman | 2018 |
| Gerry Kunkle | 2019 |
| Ray Donavon | 2022 |

Priscilla and Dave Hooper 2023



Priscilla and Dave Hooper received the award from AHSTC President Steve Feld

ENCOUNTER 2023 VALVE COVER RACE

[Article By Jim Cox](#)

The VCR event was again held this year on Friday evening in the Ballroom of the hotel right after the Western Barbeque Dinner. As usual, many fans, mechanics and competitors crowded into and beyond the venue.

A professional track first used in 2022 was set up with an extended runoff for the competition. In an unfortunate twist to recent tradition, Jim was stricken with a severe case of laryngitis, and he could not announce the event. Many thanks to Bob Preston who stepped in to announce and Steve Feld to keep score. Tim Plesz manned a camera at the finish line to record the correct results. Other volunteers caught the flying ankle breakers as they careened off the track at full speed!!

Categories were trimmed to just 4- and 6-cylinder racers with no age limit. This event was single elimination. We had a

total of 11 four-cylinder drivers and an additional 3 six-cylinder drivers in some unique and customized racers. Men and women always race together in this event. We also conducted a vote for People's Choice based on VCR appearance and creativity at the end of the competition.

In the end, the awards were presented, and the track was opened to friendly pairings. It certainly appeared that everyone had a good time.

As always, thanks to all competitors and observers for making this a fun event. We will reconvene at Encounter 2024 in Ocean City, NJ next year!

The results were as follows:

4-CYLINDER DIVISION:

- 1st – Jackson Houseman
- 2nd – Andrew Laverty
- 3rd – TIE – Tom Walker and Fred Sherk

6-CYLINDER DIVISION:

- 1st – Katie Laverty
- 2nd – Angela Perna (substitute driver for Steve Jekogian)
- 3rd – Del Border

GRAND CHAMPION AWARD – Runoff between Jackson & Katie was Jackson Houseman

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD vote went to Thomas Walker



Winners Katie Laverty and Jackson Houseman



Valve cover best design competition.



Tim Walker, winning design.



Angela Perna & Andrew Laverty, 4 cyl run-off.



Del's racer.

[Article By Del Border](#)

GYMKHANA AND TEAMKHANA

We had a nice turnout of spectators and participants on a perfect day that the weatherman predicted a full day of rain. Thank you to all who pitched in to get this event completed on time.

The gymkhana was scheduled to run from 9:30am until noon. We had two large tractor trailer auto carriers where the main portion of the gymkhana was to be run. The trucks were not moved until after 9:30 when a group of volunteers helped with the course layout, chalking cones, tech inspecting competitor cars and timing and scoring setup.

Below are the results of the gymkhana and Teamkhana.

STOCK SPRITE

| Driver | Car | Region | Time |
|----------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Bob Ott | Bugeye | Philadelphia | 25.957 |
| Dave Carpenter | Bugeye | Unassigned | 28.405 |
| Nick Ferrant | Bugeye | Philadelphia | 31.168 |

MODIFIED SPRITE

No entries

STOCK BIG HEALEY

| | | | |
|---------------|------|---------------|--------|
| George Baxter | 3000 | Brandywine | 25.011 |
| Steve Kirlin | 3000 | Philadelphia | 25.340 |
| Ian Kessen | 3000 | North Jersey | 25.870 |
| Ray Donovan | 100 | Philadelphia | 25.921 |
| Paul Woglom | 3000 | Philadelphia | 27.834 |
| Joe Costa | 3000 | North Jersey | 29.200 |
| Joe McGavin | 3000 | Lehigh Valley | 31.838 |

MODIFIED BIG HEALEY

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Del Border | 3000 Mk II | Harrisburg | 23.699 |
| Don Schneider | 3000 Mk II | Harrisburg | 25.574 |
| Kirstin Border Snow | 3000 Mk II | Harrisburg | 26.248 |

NASTY BOY

| | | | |
|------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Tim Walker | Sprite/Ford | Philadelphia | 24.939 |
| Tom Walker | Sprite/Ford | Philadelphia | 27.001 |

TEAMKHANA

The Teamkhana consists of the two fastest Healeys from each Region from the Stock Sprite, Modified Sprite, Stock Big Healey and Modified Big Healey classes.

| Region | Driver | Time | Total Time |
|--------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| Harrisburg | Del Border | 23.699 | |
| Harrisburg | Don Schneider | 25.574 | |
| | | | 49.273 |
| Philadelphia | George Baxter | 25.011 | |
| Philadelphia | Steve Kirlin | 25.340 | |
| | | | 50.351 |
| North Jersey | Ian Kessen | 25.870 | |
| North Jersey | Joe Costa | 29.200 | |
| | | | 55.070 |

Note: No other regions qualified since they did not enter two Healeys in the gymkhana.

Special thanks to Tom and Tim Walker for bringing the pylons and helping with the course layout.

And finally, to the spectators and all the others who participated.



CONCOURS

Article By George Baxter

The lead up to Encounter Hershey Concours judging was a bit nerve wracking, given how bad the weather forecast looked for both Friday (prejudging) and Saturday (full judging). George Wagman (concours liaison) and I were looking into several back-up plans, but fortunately we did not have to implement any. We had the most cars for Concours judging in quite some time, with a total of three cars. We had three teams of judges on the following Healeys:


Jim Ellis' 1956 BN2 100M. Lead Judge Mike Haran with Ray Donovan & scribe Geoff Turl. Jim's car was judged at Enclave 2022 and scored a Bronze. Over the winter much work was done to improve the car and it paid off with a Silver award this time around.



Pete Knill's 1959 BN4 100-6. Lead Judge George Baxter with Tim Plesz, Nick Ferrant & scribe George Wagman. Pete's car did not score high enough for an award.

Ed Greene's 1956 BN2 100M.

Lead Judge Mike Salter with John Heffron & scribe Robert Von Rintel. Ed's car scored a high-level Gold.

of the Guidelines, both of which were very much appreciated. Don also graciously stepped in for me at the Awards Banquet, when I had to leave early for a wedding of close family friends. Thank you, Don! Tom Dix was our runner and Guidelines researcher and volunteered at the last moment. His efforts were very helpful and greatly appreciated. Last, but not least, thank you to my wife Lise Baxter and to Flora Schneider for diligently handling the tedious job of tallying the score sheets. I look forward to future Concours judging events and hope they will be as well supported and run as smoothly as this one. I appreciate that Encounter values the work of our judging teams and respectfully refrain from scheduling competing events. 

This was my first time as Chief Judge (Ocean City does not count, since no cars were judged) and, all considered, everything went very well. I truly appreciate the time and effort our judges gave for this very important event. 100 M's are not easy cars to judge and have very particular details and knowledge requirements. George Wagman did a fantastic job as liaison (and scribe) and has set a new standard for the position, with top notch communications and organization. All judging teams also received very nice, embroidered hats, bags and quality flashlights, as well as both breakfast and lunch! Bob Preston was key in keeping the whole event running smoothly and a big thanks to him for also helping George Wagman do his job. Don Schneider, who has been Chief Judge for as long as we can remember, provided support and the use of his printed copy



Judges in conference.

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Heading out!



Navigating the clues.



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GYMKHANA





Dave Siwa discusses 2023 EHM/Scandinavia Tour

CASSEL VINEYARDS OF HERSHEY



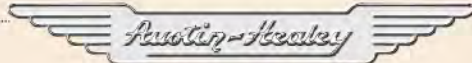








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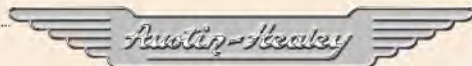
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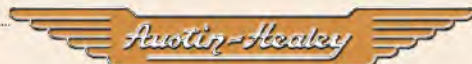
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