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Welcome to 2013. Who thought we would make it this far, driving cars made 60 years ago.

As the winter sets in going to museums are a great place to visit and below is some info on “The Healey museum” in Holland, which might be a great get away. I can hear it now “honey, you always wanted to go to Scandinavia, let’s go there and tour around!” Good luck with that.

A Flying Start For The Healey Museum

On November 17 the Healey Museum opened up in Holland.

The mood at the private opening party was exhilarating. We had prominent Healey guests over from the UK, the States and Holland; all direct or indirect involved with the museum from the outset.

Chairman Hans van de Kerkhof, together with Bic Healey and Gerry Coker formally unveiled the Healey Museum to over 160 guests, including most of the world’s prominent Healey celebrities.

Ninety year old Gerry, designer of the essential Healey 100, was present not in the flesh but in the form of a video message in which he gave his blessings to the future of the Museum. He offered a replica of the original badge to the Museum, which was from the pre-production Healey presented at the 1952 Earls Court Motor Show, only to be replaced by the Austin Healey badge one day later.

Guests included ex-racing drivers Clive Baker and John Chatham, with the Sebring Sprite and the 3000 registration number 54 FAC raced by Clive both on show, whilst there was also a 1/3 scale replica of John’s famous DD300. 1954 Endurance record breaker Roy Jackson Moore and 2009 record breaker Jeremy Welch were both present, with Jeremy lending an array of memorabilia ranging from trophies to cylinder heads to the Museum for all to see. The one and only Dutch astronaut André Kuiper even made an appearance!

The museum is host to a range of special cars on display, historical documents, memorabilia and archive film footage all providing a very interesting insight into the life and work of Donald Healey.

Guests were full of praise for the long overdue home for Healeys, with Jeremy Welch particularly impressed by the way the event had been professionally organised and the quality of the museum. All the signs are there for the museum to flourish from year to year as a place where Donald Healey and his legacy can be shared with visitors for years to come. Jeremy could not recommend it enough and believes it should be firmly on every Healey enthusiasts bucket list.

The museum opens to the public on Saturday 24 November. For more information please to visit the official site.
What’s in the Flash Cont...

A professional moviemaker from Amsterdam, John Bake, produced a film about the opening of our new Holland Healey Home.

Have a look. It only lasts a few minutes.

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When Healey-Related organizations request our mailing list, can we include your name?  YES NO
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Membership includes a subscription to the FLASH, our monthly newsletter. We send out our newsletter via email Monthly except for December. Members with email addresses will receive a link to download the Flash each month. If you don’t have email, let your Region President know so arrangements can be made for you to obtain the Flash.

Members may place non-commercial classified ads, free of charge. Our membership year runs from April 1 through March 31. Dues are $30.00 per year, $15 if joining after September 30. For your convenience you can join for multiple years, just add $30.00 for each additional year.

If there is a particular need that you think the club can help you with, make some notes below (or include a note) and we’ll try to get you in contact with someone who may be able to assist.

If you have questions about AHSTC, contact the Membership Coordinator, Rick Brodeur at 215-536-6912 or info@austin-healey-stc.org

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Happy New Year! I made a new year’s promise to our editor Steve that I would write articles more frequently and here I sit completing one for January at the very last minute (Sorry Jen).

Since I cannot provide much in the way of technical tips, I thought I would write about what I know, as they say. The Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club enters this year in fairly good health. Our membership has held steady and we have approximately three hundred Healey Families. Our financial situation is similar as well; we are neither making a profit nor losing money, which is the way I wanted it to be during my Presidency.

I’m not certain how much our members know about the governance of the Club, so I will go into a brief description. First, I would like to say no one is paid to be on the Board, everyone is a volunteer (unlike some of the other Austin-Healey organizations). We have four Board meetings a year, one of which is a rather laid-back affair during Encounter. We establish a yearly budget during our fall meeting and usually approve it during our winter meeting. The spring meeting usually deals with the upcoming Encounter and is usually conducted at that years site. As members of the Club, you are all welcome to attend any and all board meetings.

The Executive Committee consists of: President, Vice-President/Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director and Newsletter Editor. The Board is also represented by your Six Regional Presidents from: Philadelphia, Brandywine, Lehigh-Valley, Harrisburg, North Jersey and Long Island. There are three additional non-voting positions associated with the board, they are: Director of Flash Advertising, Web Site Director and Regalia Director. There is a reason why there are five executive board members but six regional presidents; it is to keep the voting balance of governance weighted to the Regions.

As stated earlier, these are all voluntary positions and everyone works very hard to maintain and run the Club thereby keeping you an engaged as a member. The Board takes care of organizing the various Regions, providing insurance coverage and long term planning for each Regions turn at hosting Encounter. We oversee the issues associated with membership, the newsletter and the website. We spend much of our time discussing membership retention and methods of attracting new Healey owners. We also discuss seeking advertisers for our newsletter, selecting products to offer in Regalia and basic club maintenance items. We attempt to provide these services at a net-zero sum, so the money we take in goes back out in services and product.

Let’s take a look at these costs: we have the insurance, the credit card machine, the cost of producing the Flash, maintaining the website and too many miscellaneous costs which I won’t list here. Our membership fee has been $30 for the past, um, five or more years? Of that fee, we return five dollars a year (minimum) per member to our Regions. This helps, but certainly by no means covers, costs associated with each Region’s activity. Each Region can determine how and when to spend their yearly allowance. The Philadelphia Region uses it to defray costs for their Spring Picnic and end-of-the-year Holiday Party. The options
for allocating the funds are many but they do need to be related to the Club’s Region and its members.

The fees you incur for Encounter are used to cover the costs of Encounter. We attempt to run these events at no profit as well, when we do make a profit we try to do something for the Club. This year we reimbursed each region an additional two dollars and fifty cents (per member) in their annual disbursement. Previously, we used the profits to purchase the timing lights used at Encounter during our Funkhana and Gymkhana events. We don’t always post a profit through Encounter and we hold onto non-sold Regalia items after initial purchase from our vendors (although we’ve been really good at keeping inventory low). We have managed to carry-over and maintain a small amount of money left by previous Boards, but in the scheme of things, it isn’t much.

This represents a truly simplified explanation of what we do; your Board members care about the Club, its members and the Marque. We try to make this Club enjoyable and a resource of information for each and every member. If you have certain skills or ideas which you think will benefit the Board or Club members, please feel free to contact me at: Rjdisi@aol.com.

Thanks and Healey on!
I had meant to start this article on Christmas Eve, but I opted to supervise the decorating of our fake (37 year old) Christmas tree, instead. Then, on Christmas day, daughter Sarah and I dug out Little Red, fired her up and took her out on a little local run. After a little bit of sputtering in the beginning, she smoothed right out and we had a nice (but chilly) 10-mile circuit, in 34 degree weather. Back home again, we snuggled her in tight against the lawn mower, snow blower, bicycle, two gas cans, the bike rack, the have-a-heart trap, and the battery charger. It will be at least another three or four weeks before she makes another run.

A few members from the North Jersey Region met at the Bamboo Grill at the Basking Ridge Country Club on November 20th for the final club business meeting of the 2012 year. Attending the meeting were Ian Kessen, Steve Feld, Steve Jekogian, Richard Ippoliti, Frank Dapiran, Bob Swanson, Jim Veir, Larry Fersten, Art Herkomer, Tom Mulligan, Allen Rosenberg, Dennis Meehan, and George Crombie. Steve Feld drove his Healey. According to my calculations, there were enough members present to constitute a quorum, so just a wee bit of business was conducted. The pressing issue was to nominate, and I guess vote in, a slate of officers for the 2013 calendar year. It was a very good thing that the food came when it did; it stopped the fisticuffs in mid-air before anyone got hurt. Despite the hotly contested race for offices, the incumbents retained their control of power over the masses, at least for the upcoming year.

Ian Kessen will continue as President for 2013;
Marge & Joe Costa will continue as Club Treasurer;
And 2013 will be my final year writing the Newsletter.

After the club business was finished, many tales of the wrath of Super Storm Sandy were bantied about, with lots of folks espousing the virtues of personal, home generators. More and more are seeing the light, as it were, of having a generator on hand for those rare occasions (that are becoming less and less rare) when the power grid fails to supply the masses. The pros and cons of whole-house, propane-powered generators were touted versus the smaller 3500 to 5000 watt jobs, with a few advantages tipping the scales in favor of the whole-house versions.

A couple of weeks later, on December 8th, Larry & Diane Gersten hosted our Region’s Holiday Party at their home in Chester, NJ. If my notes serve me correctly, the following members joined Larry & Diane for an evening of fun and merriment: Ian & Sue Kessen, Allen & Ginny Rosenberg,
Jay & Dawn Bauman, Nick, Bob Pense, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, Steve & Anne Feld, Art & Joan Herkomer, Bob & Pat Swanson, Richard & barb Ippoliti, Frank & Lorraine Dapiran, Bill & Marge Smith, Dennis & Elaine Meehan, and George, Denise, & Sarah Crombie. There was plenty of good food and company. So much food was on hand that many of the attendees not only went home stuffed, but we brought home so many leftovers that we were assured to remain stuffed for at least a week to come! The annual gift exchange began on a rather civilized note, going at least eight or nine rounds before the stealing began, and even then it wasn’t anywhere near as ruthless as in years past. A few of the more hotly sought-after items being offered this year included a Moose-pooper (you really need to see this contraption in action to get the full effect of it); a set of Healey books (enough to sit back and read for months, if you pace yourself properly); and a Vitesse 1/43rd scale model of the 1964 Spa-Sofia-Liege Rally 3000, number 3. Yours truly went home with “Brazilian Wax Job in a Bottle.” I was informed by several attendees that I had to write it up, or they would. Not only am I reporting on the Wax job, but if you show up to the next meeting, you may get to see the professional results…

The next Regional meeting will be held in mid-January; stay tuned to your e-Flashes from Ian for the time, date, and place. Hope to see you all there.
Before we launch into this month’s tome, I thought we might clarify the great mystery of the last issue. I know you have lost nights of sleep (well, maybe 5 minutes) pondering what were six photographs, (not annotated nor mentioned in the article) actually doing there.

Well I can’t explain what happens to photos catipullted into the great cloud of the internet, but this is what we think. Taken at our annual awards banquet on Saturday 10 Nov. 2012, long after the deadline for November’s Flash, you see on page 10 & 11 of November’s issue these 6 photos. At the top of page 10 is a shot of the table at our awards banquet, in the middle are a pair of trophies I can’t place and the bottom is Don Olsen’s car with the Baltimore Mascot which is covered in that issue’s text. On page 11, is your scroungy scribe getting Most for the Marque - Big Healeys. On the bottom is the Hoppers receiving same for Sprites. The middle one is the Dick Waltz Award (our regions version of the George Null Award) going to, who else but Mary Ann Waltz, an enormously popular choice. Mystery solved, now on to December.

On Saturday Dec. 8th the annual pillaging of the pantries of those pressed into service (victims of their own good will) also known as the Progressive Dinner, started at Shawn and Tammi Millers at 4PM. This was the first time in the long sordid history of the region that the Olsens made it on time and didn’t get lost since moving to Columbia, MD (they actually got there before we did!). After raiding the appetizers, soups and bolstering themselves with spirits sufficient to grasp the holiday spirit, it was off to Don and Flora Schneiders for the main feed. Not only was it the best holiday dinner I’ve had in years, the guided tour of Don’s Indy 500 exquisite model collection was priceless. He’s got Indy winners going back half a century. The basement holds another treasure - a train layout that would knock the wheels off your Healey. I’ve seen it before so your 3 legged scribbler passed on the stair assent and chatted with some of the more than 30 members attending.

The Grand Pooh-Bah even got an award - he’s always giving out trophies to us, so it was thought he deserved one himself. We would have done it sooner but there wasn’t enough in the treasury to buy him a new turban in case his head might swell. Now you might think this bunch was itself sufficiently swelled for one
night, but the crowd heading for Preston’s made it look as though the government had run out of food stamps. There, on our arrival, Bob and Pam had covered their dining room table end to end and side to side with every delight on my ‘don’t eat’ list. You guess it, I had some anyway. A hearty thank you to all those members who contributed so much of their culinary skills to make this night such a success.

The new year will start in January (guess the interpretation of the Myan thing was wrong after all) so, if we don’t plunge off the cliff, get overrun by copy cat killers emulating the exploits of the media created celebrities of late, find the Jersey shore 5 miles from Easton due to global warming, watch N. Korea trying to see if their rockets can reach St Louis or Iran builds nuclear bombs, we could have a great year. If these dilemmas seem ominous, just remember the Myans. I’ll be here in 2013, and so will you - chin up.

An old cowboy actor once said “the key to happiness can be found in the definition of a single English word - appreciation”. I hope you found some of that happiness this season. I sure did.
Hard to believe that another year has gone by. The best of good health and happiness in 2013 to all of our members! In addition, much enjoyment with our venerable Austin Healeys in the New Year.

The region held our annual elections on Nov. 15th, 2012 at the Lone Star Steak House in Wilmington. The separate dining room where we have met before was taken over by a crowd of 30 – we were outnumbered and agreed to another spot in the restaurant. We did have a dozen attendees, including new member Mike Pollack. Mike owns a recently purchased 1968 Sprite. He became interested in old cars through his father’s restoration work of Model A Fords. Others in attendance at this raucous meeting were: Tom, Mike, and Diane Zalewski; Jim Martin; Steve Garrett; Pete Roberts; Jim and Paula Bewley; Chuck Ott; Joan and myself.

After dinner, the usual pent-up demand of members to assume newly elected positions took place. Most of the former officers were re-elected (no surprise), with the exception of Diane Zalewski who will be our new membership chair. In addition, it was decided to make the events coordinator a monthly assignment based on the particular upcoming event.

The annual Brandywine Christmas Party was held on Saturday, Dec. 15th at the home of Diane and Tom Zalewski.
in North East, Maryland. Our hosts provided an excellent assortment of food and drinks in addition to the Christmas ambience of their new home. Many thanks to Diane and Tom for a wonderful party. Attending were Dave, Ann, and Danielle Ehret; Steve and Kris Garrett; Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Chuck, Sue, Randy, and Gina (along with her friends Cheyenne and Maya) Ott; Jim Martin; Mike Zalewski and his friend Elisabeth; John and Nancy Montague; my son Andrew and myself. John and Nancy are new Brandywine members and currently reside in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

The Ugly Gift Exchange order of picking was determined by the fastest track time in a slot car racing circuit Tom had set up. The usual exchange of gifts took place during the evening. All had a great time and each person left with a new cherished item to be carefully displayed in their home.

Our upcoming event is the 2013 Events Planning Meeting. This will be held January 17th, Thursday, at 7 pm at Matilda’s restaurant located on Rt. 896 just off I-95 in Newark, Delaware. Come out and let's get your ideas to make 2013 a truly special Healey year!
Happy New Year, everyone! As I’m writing this on the morning of December 21, it’s looking as though the Mayans had it wrong. And if you’re reading this sometime in January, that proves it!

Way back on October 27, we did our annual Fall Wine Tour, visiting Blue Mountain, Pinnacle Ridge and Vynecrest vineyards via a backroad, twisty circuit. The Wine Tour is one of the Region’s most popular events (hmmm…what does that say about us?) Joining Region members Mike Bradley, Ken and Cindy Beck, Phil and Jane Nase, Bob Pritchett, Rick and Sue Brodeur, and Joel and Jolene Keefer, were Bill and Ruth Ann Chaplis in their sweet BMW. Bill and Ruth Ann are members of the Over the Hill Gang street rod club. The tour took place just days before Hurricane Sandy hammered much of the East Coast. Fortunately, most of us in the Lehigh Valley Region did not experience major damage, though one of Mike Bradley’s beautiful blue spruce trees blew over, nearly missing my shed (with the Bugeye parked inside!)

November was election month for the region as well as the nation. Our process went much easier, with Ken Beck and Mike Bradley switching roles as President and Vice-President, and Bob Pritchett and Bob Snyder doing the same with the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Mike Bradley has stepped up and volunteered to serve as Encounter chairman for 2014, with Bob Pritchett agreeing to serve as co-chairman. Mike and Bob will need all of our support and help to pull Encounter together between now and August 2014, and to run it when the time comes. They have been talking with various hotel and resort operators to identify a suitable site. Stay tuned for updates.

We kicked off the holiday season early, with our region Christmas party on Saturday, December 1. Thanks to Bob Snyder for the following report on, and photos of the party in yrs trly’s absence:

Our Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 1st,
and it was a great success! Hosted by Bob and Judy Weaver at their beautiful and spacious home in Schnecksville, thirteen club members attended, joined by the Weavers’ daughter, Jill, and their granddaughter, Jacqueline. Jill was kind enough to take our 2012 Christmas Party photo. The revelers included Gerry and Ella Jane Kunkle, Ken and Cindy Beck, Bob Pritchett, Ken and Sue Weidner, Phil and Jane Nase, Bob and Sue Snyder; and, of course, our hosts, Bob and Judy Weaver. The Weavers’ home is a winter wonderland of decorations that immediately creates a warm and cozy feeling, with a great Christmas tree to bring alive the Holiday spirit for the upcoming season. The culinary fare was over the top, with mouth watering beef tenderloin with Madeira sauce and more sides and deserts than one could ever hope to sample in one evening! After dinner, great conversation was enjoyed by all during a relaxing evening with friends.

As many Club members know, Bob Weaver is the original owner of an award winning 1963 AH 3000 BJ7 in Colorado Red, which we had the pleasure to view, as well as a fairly recently acquired (within 2 years) Emerald Green 1974 Triumph TR6, which is also in excellent condition. Bob is meticulous with the care and preservation of his cars and it is certainly a joy to have the opportunity to see them. Ken Beck is always anxious to check-out an excellent TR6, so the opportunity to see Bob’s car was especially enjoyable for him.

Another of Bob’s passions, which Club members may not know, is model railroading. Bob has a rather large S-Gauge layout in his basement that is extremely well done. He has around twelve engines available to run on the layout, with the ability to run 3 or 4 trains simultaneously. Most of Bob’s rolling stock on the layout is American Flyer manufactured in the 1940s and 1950s. He also has a large collection of additional S and HO-Gauge trains on display, along with a nice collection of model cars.

The Lehigh Valley Region of the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club had a great year in 2012 and we look forward to an even better 2013. However, we can only get better with your participation, so we look forward to supporting our new President, Ken Beck, to make 2013 a fantastic year for your Club!

Congratulations to Phil and Jane Nase on winning the Lehigh Valley Region’s participation award for the second consecutive year. Phil and Jane amassed 270 points during the year, and will receive a paid AHSTC membership for 2013.
Lehigh Valley Cont...

Our 2013 Region events calendar follows. There are still a number of “TBD’s” that we’ll update as soon as dates are known. Note that there are only a few shows on the list this year. The idea here is not to go to these shows to look at other peoples’ cars, but to participate in them as a Region, to give ourselves some visibility and perhaps recruit some new members.

Next business meeting is Monday, January 21, 6:30 pm, at the Top Diner, Allentown. As always, watch for E-Flashes about other events and activities.

AHSTC LEHIGH VALLEY REGION EVENT CALENDAR, 2013

JANUARY
• 19: Tech Session at K&T Vintage Sportscars
• 21: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
• February
• 18: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner

MARCH
• 18: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
• 23: Saturday Morning Tour to Wherever
• TBD: Tech Session

APRIL
• 7: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever
• 15: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
• 28: Spring Wine Tour

MAY
• 4: Dinner tour to Blue Mountain
• 18: Tour to Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals
• 20: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
• TBD: Tech Session

JUNE
• 9: British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown
• 15: Tour to Hershey – Elegance/Hillclimb
• 17: Monthly Meeting – road tour/ice cream run

AUGUST
• 2-4: Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA
• 8-10: AHSTC Encounter, Hershey, PA
• 19: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner

SEPTEMBER
• 8: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever
• 16: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
• TBD (or OCT): Autumn Leaf Auto Show, Moravian Academy

OCTOBER
• TBD: Tour to Polo Match @ Tinicum Park (British car show day)
• 21: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner - Nominations
• TBD: Fall Wine Tour

NOVEMBER
• 2: Saturday Morning Tour to Wherever
• 18: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner - Elections
• TBD: Tech Session

DECEMBER
• TBD: LV Region Christmas Party & Monthly Meeting
• TBD: LV Region Picnic & Monthly Meeting
• TBD: Pre-Encounter Tech Session
Winter is approaching and things around the City of Brotherly Love are slowing down Healey-wise it seems. That does not mean members are not doing non-Healey things. Dear Leader informs us that his Sunbeam Tiger will be ready for the warm weather and Jason Tickner has discovered motorcycles which means Healey, Tiger and Lincoln Capri projects are on hold. Leo Kob is pressing on with his XKE project which is in the early part of that restoration. As for me, the Healeys have been lovingly prepped for next year and are snugged up in their individual car covers.

This year’s holiday extravaganza will be held at Ben Kenion’s Bugeye Sprite Café again. This, of course, will mean local members will have to travel to New Jersey necessitating locating our passports! Just kidding. Last year, you will recall, was a banner event requiring us to reset the bar on holiday events. I am sure Cap’n Ben is working to surpass last year’s event.

Yes, Virginia, we do hold meetings and Dear Leader led us through a spirited agenda covering the recent Board meeting. Nice to know that membership is actually increasing again but Philly is only #3 in membership. Ten people attended the monthly muster. Dear Leader announced our first ever participating award competition for 2013. Means that folks are going to have to unearth those Healeys if they want to take home the hardware at next year’s holiday party!

An election was actually held and the recommended, or should I say, railroaded slate of candidates was reaffirmed. That will learn them not to attend meetings! Dear Leader announced, for the benefit of the assembled, that 2013 will be his last year at the helm however.

Looking ahead to 2013, several suggestions about driving events were made. Now all we need is someone(s) to step forward and organize them!

On that note it seems appropriate to inform my readers that this will be my last installment for the Flash. Early next year (we Hope) we will be packing up the toys (and the cats – now 3 again) and heading to Knoxville. Jennifer was asked to stay on until April by her company’s new ownership but as soon as our estate sells we’re out of here! Of course, that could mean next November for that matter.

A new editor will be taking over in January. The hausfrau has threaten to send me south over the winter if the weather continues on the early season pattern. Never liked winter much but as I get older I seem to tolerate it less. Anyway, it has been an enjoyable stint and hopefully I have been able to provide some information or at least entertainment over the past years.

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Hero Racer
Keep in mind that your Healey is a time machine…

Just like the boys from San Dimas in the 1989 movie, Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure that starred Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter with George Carlin as Rufus, used a time machine (disguised as a phone booth) to time travel so do you every time you fire up the old beast and take off on a driving adventure. The telephone booth provided by Rufus allowed Bill and Ted to travel to the past to bring back the likes of Napoleon, Sigmund Freud, Genghis Khan, Sew Crates, Joan of Arc and Abraham Lincoln to keep the young metal-head slackers from failing history class.

And for most of us of a certain age, a Healey can take us back to our youth, high school or college, the days when cars were simpler and had more personality though less reliability and less comfort, the days of iron men (and women) and wooden dashboards. Mine allows me to fantasize the days of Pat Moss and brother Stirling, Ann Wisdom, Peter Riley, Paddy Hopkirk, Tim Makinen, et al. It is hot and uncomfortable but that is part of the journey.

Now on Labor Day weekend, Tedd Krummeck and I used a very different time machine, bigger than a phone booth and less comfortable than a Healey but just as efficient a transport to a different era. We took a flight from Republic Airport in a B24J Liberator bomber belonging to the Collings Foundation of Stow, Mass. The B24, a WWII bomber nicknamed the “Liberator” by the British, was the most produced military aircraft in US history (18,400 or so). They served in every theater of the war and were flown by the US Army Air Force, US Navy, RAF and Royal Canadian Air Force. We could conjure up the spirit of Winston Churchill who used a Liberator as personal transport. Churchill flew in secret to Moscow and Casablanca in a Liberator he christened “Commando”, painted all black with no markings. Senator and presidential candidate George McGovern piloted B24s on 35 missions TV’s Mr. Wizard, Don Herbert, piloted 56 missions, actor Jimmy Stewart 20 missions, director Robert Altman 50 missions as a copilot, Interior Secretary Stuart Udall 50 also (as a waist gunner), and President Kennedy’s older brother, Joe, piloted 25 missions in the Navy.
The B24 had four Pratt & Whitney 14 cylinder air cooled radial engines of 1,830 cubic inches (a big Healey is 188 or so at its largest) with 5” bore and stroke. These engines leak oil even with a dry sump system and no crank case (if you had an old air cooled VW Beetle, you can understand why). But you have a Healey so you know all about oil leaks; Healeys are in good company.

When the weather improves later this year, get out the Healey and time travel. And if the Collings Foundation bombers visit an airport near you on their annual tour across the country, you can do a little time traveling with them!

The post-holiday party has already occurred but you will have to wait till next month to read about it.

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by Baird Foster

*MG/A-H Midget/Sprite* by Terry Horler, Veloce Publishing Ltd., June 2012

Every one of the thousands of enthusiastic owners who still have a “Spridget” on the road today will want to have this book handy to diagnose problems—it’s a real trouble shooting guide that offers solutions to problems that repair manuals often overlook. Simple signs—vibration, noise, smell, etc.—can provide clues to the root of problems.

To help keep Spridget sports cars on the road, England’s RAC Motoring Services (formerly with the Royal Automobile Club) has partnered with Veloce Publishing to produce this new title. The subtitle, *Your Expert Guide to Common Problems and How to Fix Them*, describes exactly what this little (8 3/8” x 5 7/8”, 128 pages) book is about: big in good advice.

Author Terry Horler, a trained tool maker in the aerospace industry, has owned many Spridgets and is the co-founder of the UK’s Midget and Sprite Club, for which he now serves as a technical consultant. He has written two other books on the Sprite and Midget and is an articulate expert on these marques.

Features of the book include easy-to-read text augmented with over 180 clear color photos, each with a helpful caption. Many of the images are of Spridgets that are in original and of time-worn condition, cobwebs and all! Those of you who have an unrestored Sprite or Midget will feel right at home with these photos as you seek help in analyzing and fixing problems to keep the cars on the road.

The book itself is comfortable to use, presented in heavy stock with a coated cover, making it dirt and grease resistant—it’s meant to be used and carried in your car to accompany the repair manual. The content is well organized, with categories of engine, clutch & gearbox, brakes, etc. and includes a brief index. Issues with replacement parts are discussed with suggestions about working around these issues.

Short chapters on modifications, spares and tools, and “the Community” (clubs and vendors in North America, the UK, and Australia) are included. The “useful statistics” chapter deals with the basic specifications of these cars.

The “Know your Midget or Sprite” chapter aids in identifying the 14 distinct versions of these cars in their 21 years of production. This includes car and engine numbers, number of cars built, and a history of the Gold Seal factory reconditioned engines often encountered.

*MG/A-H Midget/Sprite* is an absolute must for any owner/enthusiast of these sports cars. Buy a copy or two and keep one in your car with your repair manual—you’ll be glad it’s there.

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The Harrisburg Region of AH-STC is pleased to be the host for ENCOUNTER 2013 to be held August 7-10, at the Holiday Inn Hershey-Harrisburg in Grantville, PA. We are excited to be bringing ENCOUNTER back to the Hershey area for the first time in 35 years. This is a destination that offers so many opportunities for fun and interesting places to visit and provides the ENCOUNTER committee a tremendous pallet from which we hope to paint a colorful and vivid experience. Some of the specific plans are still in the works. However, we can tell you that ENCOUNTER will begin with a special event on Wednesday evening, August 7th, that may involve Hershey’s Chocolate World, a possible tour of Hershey, and possibly the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum. Details will follow in the coming weeks, but we encourage you to arrive on Wednesday or even earlier, to take full advantage all that Hershey offers. We are planning to conduct the Rally on Thursday morning, making a Wednesday arrival even more desirable for those planning on rallying on Thursday. All of the regular ENCOUNTER events will be held and the driving events will take place on site at the Holiday Inn parking lot, the largest portion of which is being turned over to us for our use. In addition, we are looking to take advantage of the many interesting attractions in and around Hershey to give you and your family opportunities to enjoy activities outside the traditional ENCOUNTER experience. If we can do some of the things we are looking to try to do, this will be an ENCOUNTER to remember. We are also working on a guest speaker with a unique perspective on the Healey car that we haven’t heard before.

The Holiday Inn at Grantville is a mere 8-10 minutes from Hershey Park, the Outlets at Hershey, downtown Hershey and many of the other attractions. We have secured a room rate of $108, not including tax, which is a great rate for Hershey in August. The hotel has two restaurants, spacious banquet facilities, indoor and outdoor pools and close proximity of our hospitality, regalia, etc., rooms to the parking lot. In addition, the hotel is only a minute’s drive to the Penn National Race Track and Hollywood Casino for added entertainment.

Further details and the registration and hotel information will be following soon. We hope to see all of you in Hershey, the Sweetest Place on Earth, for ENCOUNTER 2013!
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David Shiloh, 718-655-4810

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- Workshop Manual (Free)
- Starter -used - $50.00
- Brake Caliper Assembly - 180-561 - new $65.00
- Brake caliper Assembly - used - $30.00

BOB ESHLEMAN’S BN6 THAT HE CONSTRUCTED ON A JULE FRAME.

It is a good solid car. It was first sold to John Thorne, then to Stephanie’s dad. Her dad has passed away and her mother is interested in selling it. My impression is that they would consider reasonable offers. It is in Earlysville, VA just a bit north of Charlottesville off RT. 29.

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