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Ray and Charlene Donovan getting into their 100.
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What's In The Flash

By Steve Jekogian

In the dead of winter, while it is cold, dark and recently snowy, it is the time to think and plan for summer Healey events. I have been involved with Allen Rosenberg and Steve Feld representing AHSTC in preparing for the Enclave 2022. With our counterparts from AHCA the team is preparing a fantastic event. Check out the Enclave section in this issue of the Flash and register now.

Every month, in the Flash, we will be outlining the Enclave activities that will make the 70th anniversary of the 100 the most memorable Austin Healey event ever.

Enclave is scheduled for September 18 to 23, 2022 in the Poconos.

There are 140 registrations already, and we are projecting 200+. Registrations are coming in from all AHSTC regions and many AHCA Clubs and with guests from coast to coast, from across the states and Canada, plus the UK.

PLEASE NOTE: The English Tea has been filled already, so there are no more spaces available. So, get your registration in ASAP as rooms at the reduced rate could also be scooped up quickly.

Go online to register for Enclave 2022 to join your fellow Healey enthusiasts at our website at www.enclave2022.org and to see the other events planned to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Austin-Healey marque.

See you in the Poconos the third week of September 2022! BE THERE!!



HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett with photos by Harold Zabady and Joe Spear



This winter has been a real “stinker” so far, with below normal temperatures and lots of minor, nuisance ice and snow storms. President Pam Preston cancelled the January meeting due to the uncertain driving conditions and the continuing Covid surge. Worse yet, the roads have been coated with salt, that mortal enemy of all Healeys, for weeks on end. Sonya and I don’t mind driving the little dears throughout the winter months, as long as the roads are salt-free. It’s actually great therapy against cabin fever and always an adventure keeping warm. Unfortunately, PennDot has really been spreading the corrosive stuff, so the cars have stayed tucked away in the garage. It’s enough to make a gearhead a little grumpy. So for those of you who have been lucky enough to escape south for a few months, I shall quote the late, great Johnny Carson and say, “May the bluebird of happiness fly up your nose!”

Seriously, at least one of our members has found a way to maintain his sanity this winter by tapping into his creative and artistic side. Fred and Donna Sherk recently purchased a very nice Fox-bodied Ford Mustang convertible. Fred has been searching for a quality scale model to assemble of their vehicle, which has turned out not to be all that easy. But one thing you can always say about Healey people is that we are a persistent (a.k.a. stubborn) lot. Even though the object of Fred’s dedicated search was not a Healey, the quest to find it and his subsequent challenges to assemble it should be a familiar story to most Healey owners, so I asked him to share the experience with us.

“DONNA’S OTHER MUSTANG”

BY FRED SHERK



Cold winter days. Stay inside and work on cars. For months, I searched the internet for models of the Fox-body Mustang. I hoped to have one for Donna by Christmas and would have preferred a built model. All I found was a slightly damaged AMT model on e-bay. It was white (wrong color), but all the pieces were in the original box.



I had a spray can of the real Calypso Green paint but was not sure it would work on the plastic model, so I tested it on the plastic runners that hold the parts to the car. No problem. The windshield that came with the car was heavily scratched so I had to make a new one. It was a challenging kit with a hundred parts that all had to be painted and assembled.

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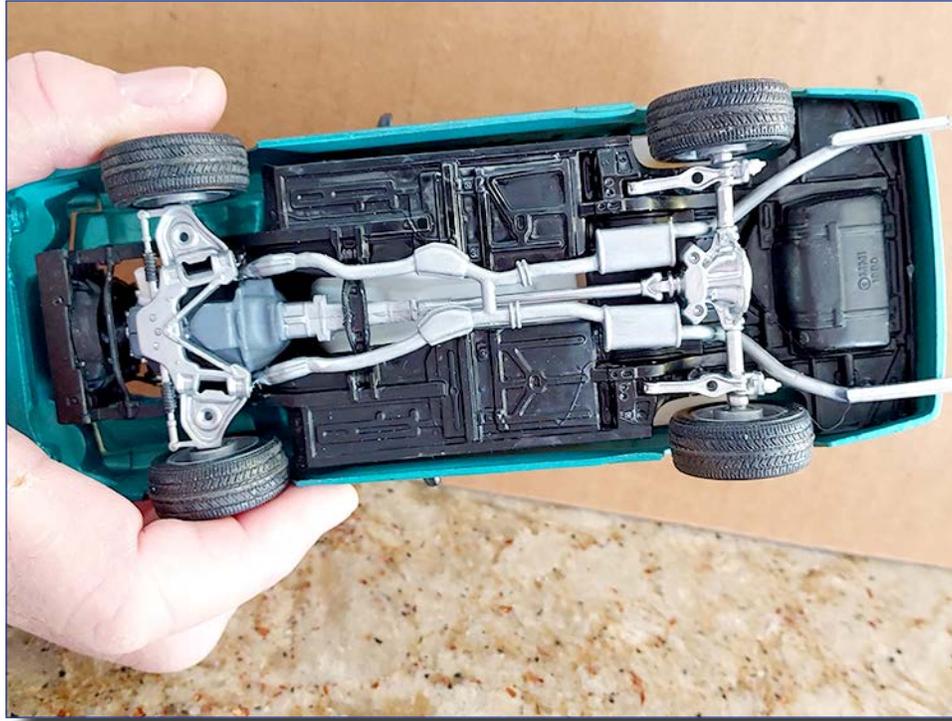
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[AHSTC HEALEY EXHIBIT AT THE AACA MUSEUM INC. HERSHEY](#)

The Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club has been given the unique opportunity to create an exhibit featuring our favorite marque at the AACA Museum in Hershey. Fred Sherk has generously agreed to curate, and I am honored that he has asked me to assist him.

The AHSTC exhibit will run from November of 2022 until April 2023 in the Museum’s recently added Williams-Clyne Showroom Gallery. This particular space is designed to resemble a vintage car dealership and is large enough to accommodate up to four of our Healeys. In addition to the cars on display, there is a large, locking glass case available with numerous shelves for securely displaying models, artifacts, documents, and other automobilia related to the featured marque. The expectation is that the walls of the gallery will also be used to display related photos, artwork, banners, signage, and dealership/factory promotional materials from the era.

FAQs CONCERNING THE EXHIBIT

Q: Will I be required to leave my car at the Museum for the duration of the exhibit?

A: No. If you wish to remove your car for any reason, we are permitted to substitute another.

Q: Will the Museum pick up the car and return it?

A: Generally speaking, you would be responsible for delivering the car and picking it up. The Museum staff will position the car in the Williams-Clyne gallery and set up the required barriers etc.

Q: What sort of preparation of the car is required to exhibit it?

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Q: Will Museum guests be permitted to touch the car or open doors etc?

A: Absolutely not! No one, including Museum staff, will touch the car without your expressed permission.

Q: What about insurance/liability?

A: The Museum contract will spell that out. You can request a copy from the curator. Aside from Fort Knox, there probably isn't a safer place to keep your car for the winter.

Q: Are there any fees involved?

A: No. You basically get six months of free, climate controlled storage in return for your generous permission to display your car at the Museum.

Please consider participating in this exhibit. It is a golden opportunity for us to introduce new generations of fans to the Healey marque by allowing Museum visitors to see these beautiful and exciting cars up close and in person, If you have a Healey and/or any related automobilia that you would be willing to loan for the exhibit, please contact Fred Sherk at racer33@comcast.net or me quietwaterpaddler@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, February 15th- Monthly meeting at the Hillside Café
To be Announced- Annual Polar Run

A FINAL EXHAUST NOTE



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By Randy Alkins

PHILADELPHIA REGION



Winter is firmly upon us, and we are waiting for a possible storm this weekend. We can hope for an early spring—February 2 and Gus can't get here soon enough. I saw a photo in the Inquirer a few days ago of ice floes in the Delaware River, which reminded me of my years living on a lighthouse and hearing the ice scrape against the cast iron structure for days on end. To imagine the sound, think of Quint's display on the blackboard in "Jaws."

It is a time of cancellations. Our club's January meeting was cancelled, but we were able to hold a small Zoom meeting. Terry McNelis was asked to bring his BRG BJ8 to the Simeone Museum on Saturday, February 12, for a show of British Racing Green cars.

Jerry Yarbrough finally got his distributor back, and was able to install it his bug-eye and get it running. Congrats are in order. We look forward to helping complete other projects on his car in the near future.

The club's Holiday party was cancelled, and we plan to have Christmas in June or July. It's always good to have something to look forward to.

I have received notices of upcoming shows beginning in June. Red Mill will be held on Saturday, June 4, as will the Hope Lodge Cars of England show on the same date. The Rebels and Redcoats show at Washington Crossing Park will be held on Sunday, July 3.

Congratulations go out to Ray Donovan who was elected Vice President for Club Support of our sister club, Club of America.

If you have been working on your cars, please let me know so that I could include it in a future *Flash*. If you would like a tech session, email me. 

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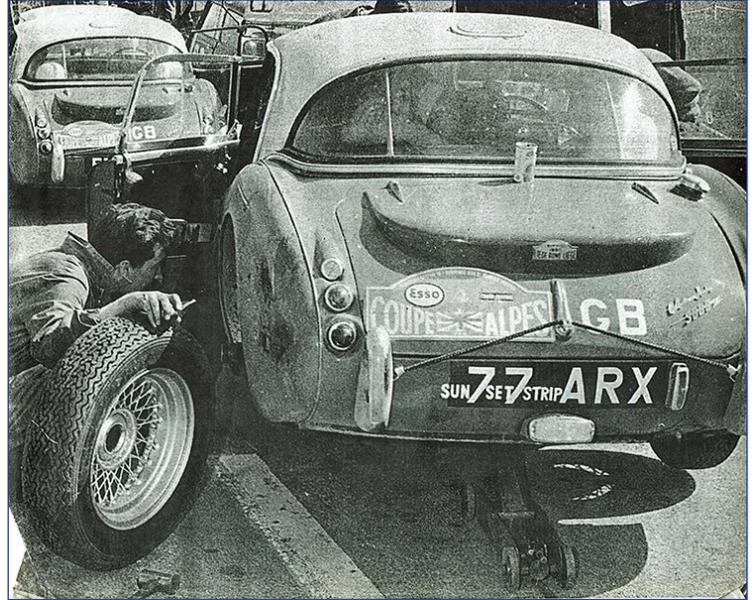
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Long Island

REGION

By Paul Parfrey



THE JOY OF OLD CARS

Back in November, we had hoped to get together this January. I procrastinated arranging the details and, for once, I am glad I did what with Omicron raging here on Long Island. Things seem to be looking better now so maybe this spring we really can get together for a dinner like the time we did one April when we lost out on getting reservations in January.

We did meet in July this year during a respite from Covid. Here is photographic proof from July 14 of our breaking bread at the diner. There is also a shot of our last pre-pandemic post-holiday party. And I have included a photo from July 2018 to remind you of the joy of old cars in case you haven't experienced it lately.

Finally, with time on my hands, I've been rereading some of my Healey histories. Peter Browning's "The Works Big Healeys" was one I picked up. I have slips of paper marking the pages with photos I used in having my trunk lid bumped up. One photo in particular caught my eye. It shows a number of interesting things. First of all, a bungee cord used to fail safe the trunk lid. I have had people look at my car at a show and remark that they hadn't invented the bungee cord yet. Not so. Also, notice a modification of the license (remember that?). This is the car that Pat Moss drove in the 1962 Alpine Rally so I guess she was a fan. Also, something I never heard of before is in the caption: "Many of the

team's top mechanics started as tea boys – like Gerald Wiffen seen here in the 1962 Alpine Rally.” Last of all, it looks like an inner fender liner of some kind was installed.

Welcome to new member Mark McAteer!



Brandywine

Ernie Leser

REGION

The Events Planning meeting for 2022 was held on Thursday, January 20th via a Zoom meeting. Originally planned to be held at the Deer Park Tavern, plans were changed due to the persistence of Covid. Members attending the meeting were: Chuck Ott; Dave Ehret; Pete Roberts; Jeff and Lisa Lanno; Ernie Leser.

As usual, the calendar of events is flexible. Hopefully other variants of Covid will not be a further problem this year. Detailed information about each event will be provided through an E-Flash as the event gets closer.

BRANDYWINE REGION 2022 EVENTS

February, Sat. 26th, 7 pm. Virtual Tech Session. Members projects.

March, Sat. 19th, 1 pm. "Pizza at Pete's".

Pete Roberts residence, 21 Waterview St., Downingtown, PA. RSVP to Pete by the 12th (610-458-5412).

April, Sat. 23rd. Healey Road Tour.

Dave Ehret is coordinator.

May, Sat. 14th. Carlisle Import Show.

Remember to register with AHSTC if you plan to attend. Contact is Chuck Ott (302-378-7287).

June, Friday 17th – Sat. 18th. Tour to Luray, VA. Details TBD.

July, Thursday 21st. Whip Tavern. Tour and lunch.

August, Sat. 20th. Crab Crawl and Feast. Details TBD.

September, Sunday 18th through Friday 23rd.

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October Sat. 8th, 1 pm. Brandywine Region Picnic.

The Leser residence, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Joan by Oct. 1st (410-398-7308).

November, Friday 4th, 6 pm. Holiday Party.

The Lanno residence, 1499 Bethel Rd., Garnet Valley, PA. RSVP to Lisa by Oct. 28th (610-496-5742).

December, Thursday 15th, 7 pm. Annual Elections.

Stoney's British Pub, Concord Pike (rt. 202), Wilmington, DE.

January, Thursday 19th, 7 pm. Events Planning for 2023.

Deer Park Tavern, Newark, DE.



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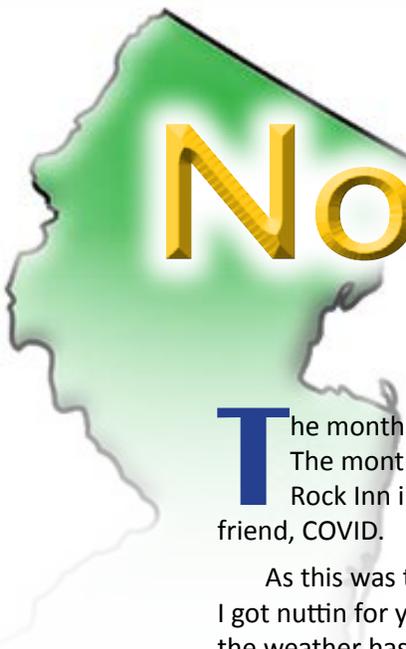
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North Jersey

By George Crombie

The month of January, 2022 was rather a “bust” in the North Jersey Region. The monthly club meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, the 11th at Chimney Rock Inn in Gillette, was canceled curtesy of concern stemming from our old friend, COVID.

As this was the only event on the calendar for the region for the entire month, I got nuttin for ya. No pictures, no write-ups, nuttin. And we all know what the weather has been like: freezing (32*) would be a major improvement. One positive: the temps would have been ideal for a couple of Polar Runs. Negatives?

Well, all the salt on the local roadways wouldn't have been too kind for our classic cars, and as my AN9 is still laid up with suspension and exhaust maladies, she's not inclined to do anything, nor go anywhere. Heck, it's even been too cold to venture out to the frozen tundra I call my garage. Does anybody else have anything (anything at all!) to report?

Man! I can't wait until Spring!! But, as always, stay tuned to these pages for messages from Steve Feld for all the latest Regional happenings.

Hopefully, February's monthly club meeting (*tentatively scheduled for Tuesday the 8th starting at 6:30 pm at Chimney Rock Inn in Gillette*) will be a “go” and we'll get a chance to get together.

And I might even have something to report!

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Lehigh Valley

Amos G. Kunkle



After the holiday party in December there has not a lot of things going on with the Lehigh Valley Region.

At our most recent corporate meeting I offered to see if I could get the NB Center's 1951 Nash Healey LeMans Roadster to be displayed at Enclave in September at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. Spoke with Jed Rapoport who is a spokesman for the Center and he suggested that I write a letter to Keith Flickinger the Curator and Manager at the Center. I wrote the letter and sent it along with the website <http://www.enclave2022.org>. which you as a member should look at since it is a very professional presentation celebrating the 70th year anniversary of the Austin Healey 100.

I attended the AHCA New England zoom meeting this past Saturday and found it to be most interesting. They had a nice turnout for the meeting hosted by outgoing president Rick Neville who those that belong to AHCA may recall that Rick is the Healey Marque auction reporter. Rick does a fine job in reporting and most recently reported about AHS3804 the 100S otherwise known as "Millie" for its Mille Miglia history. Bruce Ketchen is the newly elected president of the New England Region. This club like ours is in great financial shape. Also, their membership has increased while ours has held steady. The number of new members which as I recall mounted to 50 or so and was twice the number of non-renewals. The New England club membership now stands at about 350 in seven wings which we in AHSTC call regions.

I have registered for Enclave and presently there are 149 registrations. In addition to the "pre-production" Healey 100's that you have heard will be coming from Canada I understand that they also hope to have at least one 100S.

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By Rick Brodeur

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Ian Hall

Kennett Square, PA

'63 AN7

Returning members:

Harrisburg

Kirsten Snow

Harrisburg, PA

North Jersey

Marco Oliveira

Danbury, CT

'67 AN9

If you have a problem receiving the Flash, please contact me at membership@austin-healey-stc.org. Our member lists are available to any member just for the asking. Each Region President has a copy that can be distributed or I can send out a copy to any member who requests one. My email address for the Club is membership@austin-healey-stc.org. If you have any questions about your membership please contact me. Contacting me is the quickest way to solve a membership problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page of the Flash and on the web site.

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Enclave 2022, jointly presented by Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club and Austin Healey Club of New England, Inc. is an event that offers something for every Austin-Healey and British car enthusiast. Your week's festivities will begin with Sunday afternoon registration followed by an evening Welcome Reception at the Kalahari Resorts Convention Center and the kickoff of weeklong Hot Wheels racing competition.

- **MONDAY** you will experience the beauty of the Poconos with our Mountain Rally followed by tech sessions and the ever-popular valve cover races in the afternoon.
- **TUESDAY** will be another action-packed day at Enclave 2022 with Funkhana, concours judging, tech Sessions, English Tea and Barbeque dinner followed by the entertaining and rewarding charity auction festivities
- **WEDNESDAY** we kick-off at Pocono Raceway to drive, ride or watch NASCAR-type stockcars navigate the 2.5 mile "tricky triangle" with the Stock Car Racing Experience followed by parade laps in your Healey. The Stock Car Experience and Ride Along can be booked on-line at



Tricky Triangle

SAVE THE DATE



Next year Conclave and Encounter will once again combine to produce another "Enclave" to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the birth of the marque Austin-Healey at the 1952 Motor Show at Earls Court.

The dates are September 18-23, 2022, and the place is the African-themed Kalahari Resort, Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania.

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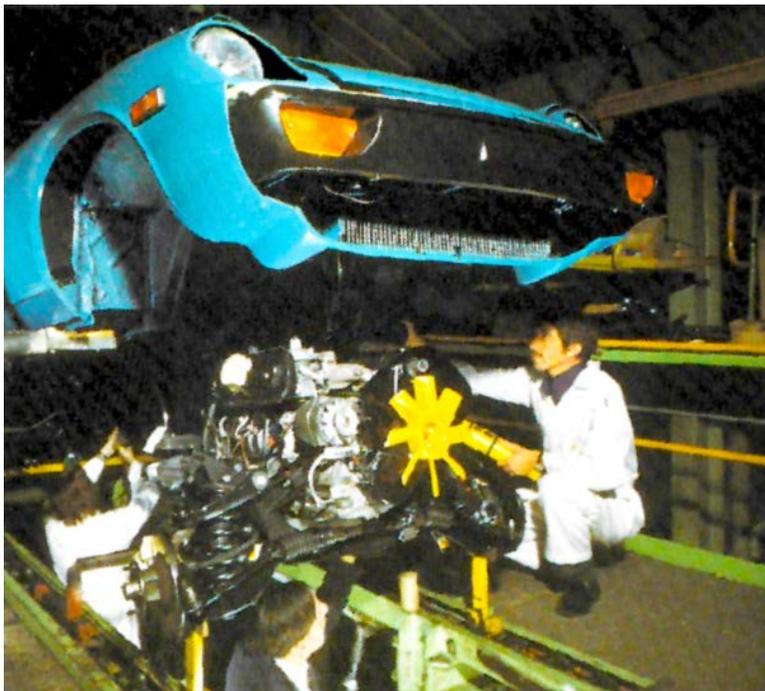
Much more to come in the months ahead but remember registration is open and some events may limit participation so sign up early and invite your British car friends to join in as well. Register now at: www.Enclave2022.org



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