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What's In The Flash

By Tom Mulligan

Encounter – Updated Registration material and the Encounter Schedule is available in this issue.

Contest - Our **April answer, April winners and May** contest question are all located inside this issue, as usual. Please continue to support the contest and remember, if you win, you can transfer the free registration and 1 night stay to someone else – a nice gift or regional event give-a-way.

A Sprite Story - Mike Haran (LI Region) recounts his nearly 40 year Austin Healey Sprite ownership story in text and photos.

Letter to the Editor – Steve Jekogian’s provides some back road driving ideas for members traveling to Hershey from the east in his Road to Encounter letter.

Auction Report - Like many of you, I have been a car enthusiast most of my life, beginning well before I was of driving age. And, probably like many of you, I poured over all manner car magazines in the 60s and 70s. I was always drawn to British sports cars and my imagination was always piqued by the kit-car craze of that era. Check out this month’s Auction Report on the “**Jamaican**”!



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PRESIDENTIAL RUMINATIONS

Steve Feld AHSTC President

The Healey driving season is upon us. Most AHSTC Regions have already offered driving events and social activities. Have you joined in? Don't miss an event because your Healey isn't up to it. We love to see your Healey but we're much more interested in you. As has been said many times: the Healeys brought us into the club but the camaraderie keeps us coming back.

Time marches on as we all know. Recently two items came to my attention that underscored that reality about our cars, for better and for worse. The first is a copy of a full page ad in Motor Sport magazine from January 1965 given to me by member Pat Venezia. The ad reads "What stops the driver of an Austin Healey from getting cold, damp and angry?" "Hoods that fit. Heaters that heat. Windows that wind up." (Underlining in original.) The fine print goes on to tout that both the 3000 and Sprite give you saloon car comfort and fully encases you in that comfort! Amazing that the Brits were promoting their cars for their weather protection as late as 1965! Of course, compared to my 1959 BT7, they were a step forward.

The second item is a "BMC Maintenance Covenant" card that Bob Snyder showed to me for his BJ7. This card details the 2000 mile maintenance to be performed by the "servicing Dealer" for a "reasonable charge." The days when oil and fluid levels as well as multiple lubrication points needed to be checked that frequently are long behind us for modern vehicles. However, the concept of a "reasonable charge" being associated with modern cars seemingly has disappeared.

A few reminders!

- Register for **Encounter 2023 in Hershey - August 24-27**. The unique Healey 100 silver pin designed and made by Gerry Coker can be yours by entering the Encounter raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn at the award banquet. (See the registration form for raffle purchases.) www.austin-healey-stc.org/show.html
- Don't forget to enter the Healey Trivia contest in The Flash. You could win free Encounter registration and a complimentary room night.

Concluding thought: It's our collective energy that makes AHSTC work. Thanks to all who spend their energies on the club's behalf.



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HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett

April has been a weird month weather wise. We have experienced near record high temperatures in the upper eighties followed almost immediately by lows below freezing. On the plus side, it has been mostly dry here in central Pennsylvania, so there have been plenty of opportunities for driving the Healeys, even if the top stayed up. Perhaps it will snow in May? Next Meeting May16th at the Hillside at 6:30.

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

April's meeting of the Harrisburg region took place at our usual hangout, the Hillside Café in Lewisberry on the 18th. Attending were the Prestons', Sherks', Hoopers', Hardys', Millers', George Wagman, and Liz and Scott Brockman. The Brockman's celebrated their return to a meeting after a long absence by promptly winning two of the four 50/50 drawings. Some things never change! Discussions ranged from plans and preparations for August's Encounter to other upcoming events in May. May is indeed looking to be a busy month for our region.

The Spring Drive, organized by Charlie Baldwin, is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. We'll meet at Jim Mack's in York and depart at 11:15 am. Come early to Cars & Conversation at Jim Mack's and meet some folks from the Lanco MG club as well. The drive is set to travel through York County and to end at McCleary's Pub in Marietta for lunch. **PLEASE RSVP** to Pam at rpreston1609@comcast.net if you are going on the drive. We need to have a count for McCleary's for lunch. We'll have a full report with photos in the next Flash.

Another popular event in May is the **Carlisle Import and Performance Show** on May 12th and 13th. If you have not already registered, you may still attend. Just make sure to let them know you are with the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club when you sign in so that we can get credit towards a free tent. Our main gathering will be under the tent on Saturday for a picnic. Bring a chair, and lunch will be on your own.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Import and Performance Show in Carlisle- May 12th & 13th

Cars and Conversation at Jim Mack's, 5745 Lincoln Hwy., York- 10:00 AM May 6th and July 1st

Cars & Conversation Event at Rob & Jim's Garage in Lancaster- 10:00 AM June 3rd

Outdoor Movie Night at the Prestons' 7:00 PM June 10th -"The Italian Job" Original 1969 version, at dusk

BBQ at George Wagman's Garage- 6:30 PM July 18th, 620 Edgar St., York, PA 17403

Encounter 2023 in Hershey, PA- August 23rd- 26th

A Final Exhaust Note

“A Springtime Ode to My Mistress, Healey”

*Your battery's topped- Fluids changed.
Tires checked- First drive's arranged.
The hood's removed- Side curtains off.
I press the button- I hear you cough!*

*I know your fuel is old and stale,
But come on, girl, you just can't fail!
The sun is bright- The skies are clear.
The leaves are green- Let's drive, my dear!*

*I hear a "pop!" Well, that's the spirit!
Just one more crank, and then you'll get it,
As now, from winter's long, cold rest,
I know you're trying to do your best.*

*Your idle smooths- I finally hear,
That "burble" that so soothes my ears.
Into the light and down the lane,
We're working as a team again!*

*We carve some turns- Enter a "straight."
You pull like you can hardly wait!
I give the overdrive a flick.
And instantly you're twice as quick!*

*How sad you looked when we first met.
I thought that I could save you yet.
Though it took money, time, and tears,
You've paid me back throughout the years.*

*You're just the tonic that I seek,
When from dark clouds, spring sunshine peeks.
Yes, you've got "quirks"- I've got mine, too,
Still glad, old girl, that I've got you!*





Healey weather has finally arrived. On Saturday, March 27, a tech session was held at Bob Ott's house to sort out his recently rebuilt engine and carbs on his Bugeye Sprite. In attendance were Leo Kob, Dave Siwa, Ray Donovan, Terry McNelis, and I. After quite a bit of time, we finally found timing marks on the engine, and thus set the timing. We moved on to adjusting and syncing the carbs. Following that, we enjoyed a lunch of chili, corn bread and beverages.

A little over a week later, Thursday, April 6, we met at Terry's home for a two-part tech session. The first part we went to his storage facility to get his BN1 started. We found a weak to no spark at the coil and points. Nick Ludovic had his voltmeter handy, and with it, we determined there was insufficient voltage on the ignition side of the coil. After further examination, it was diagnosed that the key switch connections were in poor condition. The connections were repaired and the car started properly and ran perfectly.

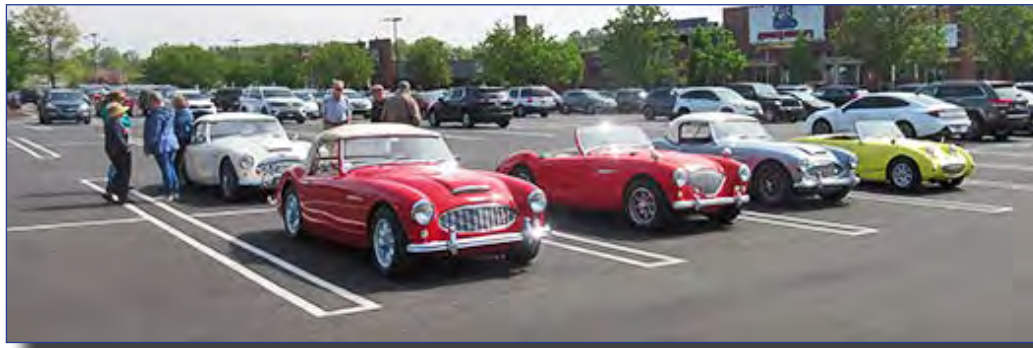
After that, the car was returned to Terry's garage where we proceeded to work on his BJ8. The car would not start and we found the fuel pump was not supplying fuel properly to the engine. The fuel pump was removed and checked for a proper seal. We could not get gas out of the pick-up line and thought it may have been clogged. Luckily, Terry had on hand a scuba tank of air, so we hooked a hose to it and blew air into the tank at the inlet and out came a lot of build-up crud. We reinstalled the fuel pump, got back in the car, and it started right up.

Unfortunately, we found that when the car had been returned from the Simeone show, the tank was empty, and trying to start it, had just pulled crud through the lines. Even adding gas to the tank did not help getting it started. In attendance were Leo Kob, Nick Ludovic, Dave Siwa, Ray Donovan, Bob Ott, and I.

On Wednesday, April 12, we held our first Retiree Drive. Ray and Charlene met us in Doylestown, and we began our ride to Pour Richard's Coffee Shop in Devon. Along the way, we picked up Nick and Diane and completed our trip. At the coffee shop we met up with Leo and Marty. Rich Berman, owner of the coffee shop, joined us as we enjoyed great coffee and tea and pastries.

On Monday, April 17, the monthly meeting was held at the Metropolitan and was well attended. After a good dinner, Bob Ott went over various upcoming events including Encounter 2023 in Hershey.

On Saturday, April 22, Earth Day, Nick and Diane, Nick and Alice Ferrant, Bob and Sue, Gary and Joan Hartzel, Dave, and Marlyn and I met in Doylestown and drove to Mt. Salem Winery in Pittstown, NJ. After a lovely ride through the back roads



of Bucks County, we crossed into Frenchtown, NJ, and proceeded north to Pittstown and the winery. We had a picnic lunch outside after purchasing wine. The conversations were good, as usual.

Be sure to check our calendar on the AHSTC website for upcoming events.



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North Jersey

By George Crombie

As I sat down to write this contribution for the May issue of the FLASH, we are on the eve of the deadline (naturally) of the 25th of the prior month (in this case, April) to get these regional articles written and sent off so you can read them in a timely manner.

North Jersey held its April monthly meeting on Tuesday evening the 18th at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette with a crowd of 15 hungry members. Joining Lynn Jekogian (the only member of the fairer sex) were husband Steve Jekogian, STEVE FELD (BT7), JIM VOLLMUTH (BJ8), JOHN MOORE (BJ7), Theo Padavano, Tom Mulligan, Rudy Hyzer, Richard Ippoliti, Patrick Venezia, Dennis Meehan, Bob Jankowitz, Paul Rust, Larry Gersten, and George Crombie. As usual, a great time was had by all, with conversations ranging from how pleasant the weather was to how good the food was to how great the company is at these meetings, and everything in between. There, my job is done. What? You want more? Well, okay; here's a little more.

Upcoming events of interest include a Garage Tour to check out a collection of TVRs (like, maybe eight of them) nestled snugly at home in a "garage to die for" in Far Hills, just south of Chester on Saturday, April 22nd with a lunch in Chester for those attending. The following Saturday, April 29th, is an Open House and Swap Meet scheduled from 9:30 to 2:00 at K & T Vintage Cars in Bethlehem, PA and hosted by Ken and Cindy Beck. Sunday the 30th is this year's British Challenge Rallye, organized and put on by the Triumph Club. The first couple of weeks in May will include a NJ Region Delaware River Bridge Tour (where we hunt down bridges that cross the Delaware River – that could be why this tour is called what it is) on Saturday, May 6th; North Jersey Regions' May Meeting on Tuesday the 9th at Vintage Tavern where we find out who survived the River Crossings and who had to swim; Carlisle Imports over the May 12 – 13 weekend; and an Open House at Ragtops & Roadsters in Perkasie, PA from 10 AM until 4 PM. That ought to give your LBC a bit of exercise and keep you happy as well. All of these events should be in the rearview mirror by the time you read this. Sorry, but that's just the way it goes sometimes. The good news is that if you keep up with the e-Flashes that Steve Feld sends out on a regular basis, you will have already known about all of these events and attended those that caught your attention. And then you would have something to chat about at the next monthly meeting. And maybe even show off a few pictures! It doesn't get much better than that.

A couple of changes were made to the published Calendar, so I'll take just a moment to bring them to your attention. Pencil in the NJ Region's Summer Tour for July 8th, with the Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, and Cars & Crumpets on July 9th and the 23rd. In August, the "Holiday in the Summer" will be a picnic held on Saturday, the 12th at Larry & Diane Gersten's Lake Hopatcong retreat.

MAY 20th - Bridge Street Vintage Car Show, Morrisville, PA.

MAY 21st - Wheels for the Wheel, Red Mill Museum, Clinton, NJ.

MAY 21st - Cars & Crumpets (the first of the season), Morris Plains, NJ.

MAY 27th - JUNE 4: Drive Your British Car Week (exercise that little bugger)

JUNE 3rd – **RED MILL BRITISH CAR DAY**, (Presented by AHSTC- NJ) Red Mill Museum, Clinton NJ.

Garage Tour & Lunch

On Saturday, April 22, the Region members started off at the Panera Bread in Chester with a group of 18 before splitting up to tackle different objectives. Lynn Jekogian and Ann Feld hit the quaint little town of Chester to see what the town had to offer, before joining up with Denise Crombie for our scheduled lunch stop at The Old Mill Tavern in Chester, while Steve Jekogian (BJ8), Steve Feld (BT7), Tom & Pam Mulligan, Jim Vollmuth (BJ8), Theo Padavano, Richard Ippoliti (BN4), Andy Smith (BT7), Bill Smith, Patrick Venezia (BJ8), Ralph & Vera Scarfogliero, Paul Olson, Rudy Hyzer, and George Crombie (BN2) embarked on the challenging 4-mile tour to the “garage to die for” in neighboring Far Hills, NJ to check out “neighbor Bob’s” absolutely cool barn that he designed and built to house his TVR collection and give him a place to tinker around during the winter months. One of the criteria was to be able to store “stuff” out of the weather, while another was to have a comfy home for his helicopter. And, let me ask you: What “man cave” would be complete without a car lift stashed off in the back corner? Yeah, he’s got one of them, too. Bob is a mechanical engineer by profession, and you could see his talent all over the layout from his basement work shop to his garage to his man cave. He has enough projects to keep himself busy until 2137, assuming he doesn’t take on anything else.

One of the projects he took on for himself was to take a TVR, split it down the middle from nose to tail, and widen it. That entailed a number of challenges, both little and monumental, but he succeeded, as the license plate “SPLIT” on the tail will attest to. I tried to get in and sit behind the steering wheel of “SPLIT”, but no matter which way I tried to fold myself up, I just could not get both my head and my butt into the same car. There is a very good chance that Bob could have used his mechanical engineering talents and found a solution, but I might not have survived. Pam Mulligan, on the other hand, slipped behind the wheel as smooth as you please; just like she had been doing it for years. I did like the 1947 English Ford Anglia (I’ll lay odds that I can get behind the wheel of that thing...) and a ’56 Chevy. Ditto.

After our tour, two or three of us grabbed mops and buckets to help clean up the gallons of drool that we had deposited on the floor to eliminate any signs of DNA. My word for the day was “IMPRESSIVE!” with all caps! We lost a few folks after the tour of the garage and before the diversion to the basement work shop. After a lot more “oohhh-ing” and “ahh-ing”, the rest of us headed back to the western outskirts of Chester to enjoy lunch at The Old Mill Tavern. *What a great day!*



Long Island

REGION

By Paul Parfrey

"If you have to ask, you can't afford it."

J.P. Morgan (maybe)

URX727, the car that made Austin Healey history, had its auction day come up in April. There was talk that it could reach 500,000 British pounds or more. But now I have heard that it didn't meet its reserve. I will keep you posted on further developments. In one of its restorations, its racing history was painted on the front fender, along with the names of Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom, who drove it to fame. In 2007, they signed their names on their respective sides of the hardtop. There is a problem with the listing of their rally successes. Good luck with finding it. Let me know if you do. Many thanks to Steve Everest who took the photo and allowed me to use it here. It appeared in this month's issue of Revcounter.

After the BMC Competitions Department was through with the car in 1960, Pat Moss was able to purchase it for around 500 pounds. About a year later, she sold it for 1100 pounds. After that it was advertised for 1295 pounds with a three month warranty, and sold at that price.

Last month I related how Pat Moss had asked for a higher numerical rear axle ratio and one from a London taxi was substituted. The car was also modified (not at Pat's request) by cutting off the top of the chassis rail that went under the axle and then welding angle iron to the chassis in that area to make up for the loss of strength. The crashing of the rear axle down on the frame is something that all of us big Healey owners have experienced. The BJ8s have a factory version of this but the rear axle crashes into the frames still, just not as often. The springs would wind



up under hard accelerating, allowing the car to jump all around instead of moving off in a straight line. Two tall brackets, welded to the top of the axles with bars running to mounts on the frame, took care of this problem. Those of you with BJ8s (except for an early few) that have looked at their rear suspensions will recognize these improvements. Racing improves the breed as they say. The mounting plates for the front shocks were reinforced for rallying over rough surfaces.

Be sure to check out Mike Haran's Sprite story in this issue. The Long Island Region hopefully has another member's story in the works. We always welcome stories from any of our members and any news, photos, etc.

I'm hoping for good weather and a good turnout on May 21 at the Bayport Aerodrome Society Vintage Wings and Wheels show. Two of our members volunteer there every year. There is a flier for it in this issue but I will also send out an E-Flash reminder. There is also a car show in Whitestone on May 13, and the Annual Veterans Appreciation Car Show on May 20. I will be resending the fliers for those events also.



Brandywine

Ernie Leser

REGION

Our April event was a tour along the Brandywine River starting at the Brandywine Museum of Art, but instead of ending at the Victory Brewing Co. we went to Buzz and Paula Marshall's home in Cochranville. In addition, instead of taking place on Saturday, the event was postponed to Sunday because of rain.

The tour along the Brandywine went well (i.e., no breakdowns) under partially cloudy skies. The Marshall's Healey led the way, with the Healey's of Hinterleiter, Martin, Jaagus, and Heckert taking part. A broken throttle cable on Chuck Ott's Sprite caused him to detour directly to the Marshall's house. He was able to repair the cable there. Nigel and Edy Smart also drove directly in their Jaguar XKE.

Buzz did an outstanding job grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for the group. He claimed to have a secret ingredient in the burgers that made them extra good. Paula's excellent potato salad disappeared quickly. Other goodies were brought by the members.

Attending the event were: Buzz and Paula Marshall; Dave and Ann Ehret; Chuck Ott; Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Rich Hinterleiter and Ana Diaz; Jim Martin; Bob Turner; Tom and Suzann Jaagus; Nigel and Edy Smart; Alex Heckert; Ernie, Joan, and Andrew Leser.

Buzz gave us a tour of his woodworking shop which contains many specialized tools that he has gathered over the years. Very interesting.

Thank you Buzz and Paula for a very enjoyable event.



Chuck repairing Sprite.



Hinterleiter 100 arriving at the Marshall home.



Martin and Jaagus Healeys.



Dave, Nigel, Pete, and Buzz on the patio.



The Marshall home.



Paula, Joan, Suzann, and Dee.

FUTURE EVENTS

May, Sat. 13th. Carlisle Import Show. Remember to register with AHSTC if you plan to attend. Contact is Chuck Ott (302-378-7287).

June, Sat. 17th. Tech Session. Location TBD. See future e-Flash for details.

July, Sat. 22nd. Tour to a winery or Victory Brewing Company. TBD.



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Hello, my name is Bruce Lawrence. I've been an AHSTC member since 2016 and recently have been asked to be Editor of *Flash* for the Lehigh Valley Region. As such, I want to be your conduit for showcasing those gorgeous chrome wire-wheeled, iron and aluminum pieces of coach building history lurking in your garage. It's the Healeys we love... Big Healeys, Sprites and the Bugeyes too. Each has its own, almost fairytale story; so over the next several months we're going to explore the Healeys of the Lehigh Valley Region. Hopefully, you will permit us the fun of reading about your car(s) in *Flash*!

To that end, I'm seeking Lehigh Valley members, either by me contacting you directly through the AHSTC member list, or you can contact me. I want to find out about your prized example of automotive history. I can interview you, or you can write the article, as I did when I wrote my personal never-ending story of a BT7 restoration project in the March 2018 issue of Flash. Questions we can discuss include:

- What model Healey(s) do you have? How old is it?
- Is it a daily driver or does it only go out for Sunday best? If you drive it, where has it taken you?
- Is it original or has it been restored? Is it concourse quality? Any prizes?
- Has it been the subject of any articles or publications?
- If it's a project car, what have been your problems and successes?
- How did you come to be a Healey enthusiast? What about your family? Are you a Healey family all together?

And of course, we must see pictures! Let me tell your car's history, but you must provide the information. Please contact me at the phone number or email address shown in *the Flash* directory. 

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MY SPRITE

Article & Images by Mike Haran, LI Region

H! This month's Sprite article is about my 1963 HAN7 Mk II Sprite. Mk II's are interesting because engineering-wise, they were and are the bridge vehicles between the Frog/Bugeyes and the "Modern, Sophisticated" Mk IIIs and IVs. They have the now familiar "square" bodies of the later Sprites but also have the running gear of the Frog/Bug including the quarter elliptic rear suspension as well as the windscreen and side curtains. Early Mk II's (HAN6) cars also retained the 948cc engine, the smooth case gearbox, mechanical tachometer, most of the dash and interior of the Frogs.



All spiffy at Enclave 2022

HAN7s were improved with a 1098cc engine, smooth-case gearbox and front disc brakes. They also featured an electronic tach and a "more luxurious" interior including carpeting and upholstered cockpit surround pieces. My Sprite also had two factory options - wire wheels and an upholstered cushion for the shelf behind the seats.

My Sprite story begins on a sunny spring day in 1985 when I pulled into John and Carol Hodgman's driveway for a social visit. Sitting in the driveway was this black Sprite with a red interior. It belonged to another friend who had recently acquired it, gotten it running and was looking to find a home for it. I drove it up and down the driveway a few times. It drove and stopped reasonably well despite the Fred Flintstone floor on the driver's side, no top and rusting outer sills. It had a little under 25,000 miles on it. We agreed on a price of \$500 which included patching the floor and installing outer sills with me providing the parts. The car was mine (and still is).

I put an Amco white top on it, later sprayed it dark red and enjoyed it for several years that way after putting fresh tires and tubes on it. The only problem I had with it was a leaking fuel pump which I discovered while driving from Long Island up to Cape Cod the weekend after Labor Day. I noticed the fuel level dropping faster than usual and a puddle under the pump. Despite any problems, the car truly was, and is, a pleasure to drive.

Twice in the late 1980s, the Long Island Region ran a track day at Bridgehampton Race Course. I went out with my son Patrick and we had a great time. To get enough people to participate at an affordable rate, the club allowed other non-British cars to join us. Here I am in my Sprite behind a Plymouth Superbird. On the straight, he



Some 40 odd years ago, Mike and his son Patrick at Bridgehampton Race Course.



At Enclave 2022 with Mike and his daughter, Maureen Bowie

pulled almost out of sight, by turn 3 or 4, I was right behind him!

The early 1990s saw a host of improvements to my Sprite. Most noticeable were some additional rust repair, a repaint, NOS rear bumper and 4 NOS over riders. Under the bonnet was a rebuilt 1275 engine, clutch kit, a rebuilt rib case gearbox, Manifold header and MGB rear muffler, cross flow radiator, kingpins and front spring pans, bushings etc., rear springs, bushings and axle straps and a 3.9 rear diff. With the exception of machine shop work, and paint and rust repair, all work was done by myself, as was all routine maintenance.

It's been to many Encounters, a Conclave or two, and many other events. The only other mechanical problem I've had was needing to rebuild the distributor a couple of years ago after some major drivability issues developed while driving down to Encounter at Ocean City. Around the same time, I replaced the original wire wheels and the tires with new ones. I ordered tires and had them drop-shipped to Hendrix Wire Wheel, who mounted, balanced and shaved the tires on new wheels which they also trued, and installed new tubes.

Over the winter of 2021-2022, I removed all the chrome, lights and interior items and gave the car its every 30 year repaint. After retrieving the car last summer, I put it back together and trailered it to Enclave. The Sprite was up to the trip but my body (now 75) was not. It was almost 8 hours from home in southern New Hampshire. I plan to trailer it again this year, this time to Hershey.



AUCTION REPORT

By Tom Mulligan



Back in the 60's fiberglass conversions were all the rage, from Meyers Manx VWs to all sorts of various manufacturers preying on the imaginations and aspirations of young sports car enthusiasts, who had visions of the ultimate personalization of their ride. Sadly, most "kits" were of dubious quality and required far too much fabrication for amateurs to complete in a fashion that lived up to the hype.

In that context, who among Healey enthusiasts hasn't heard of the Jamaican? One of the nicer looking "kit cars" of the day. But if you are like me, you have never seen one completed, and certainly not to the degree of this example that sold at Bonhams at Goodwood in September 2022, for 41,400 Pounds (about \$44.7k at the time), including the buyer's premium.

While not an on-line auction venue on which, you may remember, I intend to focus due to the available comment sections, I couldn't resist this one. The link below provides more photos and a description.

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In the January 2023 through July 2023 issues *The Flash* will feature a Healey or AHSTC related question. Find the question in *The Flash*, click the link to the AHSTC website beneath the question, and provide the correct answer on that web page.**

AHSTC members in good standing, who correctly answer the question will be entered into a drawing to determine the winner. The more months you enter the correct answer, the greater your chances to win.

** Includes one night's room and tax at the designated Encounter hotel and base registration fee for Encounter 2023. All other expenses are the member's responsibility.*

***Answers for each month's question will be accepted until the last day of the month in which the Flash was published.*

Please note that Directors and officers of AHSTC are not eligible to win. A winner unable to attend Encounter 2023 may transfer the prize to another member in good standing.

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Last month's question; **What major motorcar race did Donald Healey win as a driver in an Invicta S-Type?**

Answer; **Monte Carlo Rally.**

"Here are the members who answered last month's question correctly. They will each receive an entry into the drawing for the free registration and hotel night at Encounter 2023. Try your hand at this month's question located somewhere in this issue. Every member who enters a correct response each month will receive an entry into the drawing. For each month you submit a correct answer to the question you will receive another entry into the drawing, thereby increasing your chances!"

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Letter to the Editor

The Road to Hershey Encounter 2023

As I am sitting here in March with the cold and snow outside, I am dreaming of ENCOUNTER 2023 in Hershey.

I cannot wait for the Harrisburg Encounter because Bob Preston and the Harrisburg team always do a great job on Encounters. Plus, Hershey is just a great venue for a Healey event. The AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) museum is something to be experienced, and the Wednesday night private tour of the AACA, is not to be missed.

As I think of the great roads in the Hershey area for the rally and ride to downtown Hershey, I can only think of the “road to get to Hershey”. Yep, for us “easterners” it is route 78.

I always hated Rt 78 since 1978 when I went to my first Encounter at Camp Hill /Harrisburg. Then Rt 78 was narrow, no shoulders and few exits with not much at the exit.

That was then and now Rt 78 is VERY DIFFERENT AND MUCH BETTER. I took Rt 78 out to Rt 81 to go to Florida in December and I found 78 much improved. It was made much wider with shoulders and lots of facilities at the exits.

However, as part of the club name is TOURING, I started to investigate “other roads” to get to Hershey. Back roads, less traveled byways, and perhaps some interesting areas to see and explore.

So, I identified some routes to try and perhaps a caravan out Wednesday August 23 from New Jersey is in order, as we used to do “back in the day”. I remember, years ago, driving to Encounters with 5 or 6 other Healeys, and there is always strength in numbers as they say.

While these “back roads” may be more like secondary highways with some traffic lights, shopping malls and such, it may be a good alternative.

So below is my idea for a route from Northern Jersey to Grantville/Hershey area.

1. Pick up Rt 57 west from Chester area
2. Pick up Rt 22 West in **Phillipsburg /Easton PA**
3. Rt 309 south (after Allentown)
4. Pick up Rt 222 West (We took this to Lancaster Encounter and it is a nice road)
5. In **Reading** pick up Rt 422 West to Hershey (**I do not know about this road**)
6. Rt 734 North to Grantville /hotel

OK now I need help from the PA local club members.

What are these roads like? Rt. 422?

Are they OK for a Healey ride out to Hershey?

Is there another alternative road you would suggest?

Please let me know

Thanks

Steve Jekogian

stevejekogian1@gmail.com

**Contest question: What is the annual gathering
of the AHSTC called?**

Submit your answer at www.austin-healey-stc.org/contest.html

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Mike Hlasney, LV Chapter, Whitehall, PA
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Just our way to say "thank you!" for supporting our show and registering early.

So please use the button below to sign up, then put us on your calendar and plan to come and have an excellent day.

This year's show will again be nonjudged — you can relax and enjoy the show without having to walk around and mark up a ballot. We still will have some special awards to hand out, of course, and there will be a great assortment of door prizes to give away.

You can also look forward to enjoying hot food from the same excellent food vendor — **Paragon Catering** — serving both breakfast and lunch items. And our fab DJ is also returning to keep the atmosphere lively and the crowd informed.

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 31 *Thanks! See you at the show*

NOTE: If you want to pay by check, click on the image below to download our Mail-In Registration, and send it to the address shown on the form. Please make sure we receive it by June 5.

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ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 23

Registration Open	2:00 PM	Hotel Lobby
Free admission and visit to the AACA Museum and Exclusive Special Behind-The-Scenes Tour	5:30 PM	AACA Museum
Pizza/Pasta Buffet Dinner	8:00 PM	Pennsylvania Suite

Thursday, August 24

Registration Open	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Hotel Lobby
Rally School	8:30 AM	Congressional Suite
Rally	9:30 AM	Hotel Parking Lot
Healey Theater	10:00AM - 5:00 PM	Congressional Suite
Hospitality Room Open	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pennsylvania Suite
Tech Session - Detailing	2:30 PM	Congressional Suite
Hershey Gardens	2:00 PM	Off site
Wine & Cheese Reception	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Grande Ballroom
Charity Auction benefit Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development		

Friday, August 25

Registration Open	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Hotel Lobby
Healey Theater	10:00AM - 5:00 PM	Congressional Suite
Gymkhana	9:30 AM	Parking Lot
Hospitality Room Open	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Pennsylvania Suite
Concourse Pre-Judging Meeting	1:30 PM	Congressional Suite
Cassel Vineyards Wine Tasting	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Cassel Vineyards
AHSTC Board Meeting	3:00 PM	Congressional Suite
Western Buffet Dinner / Valve Cover Racing	6:15 PM	Grande Ballroom?

Saturday, August 26

Registration Open	9:00 AM - ?	Hotel Lobby
Concours Judging	8:00 AM	Hotel Front Portico
Hospitality Room Open	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pennsylvania Suite
Funkhana	9:30 AM	Parking Lot
Popular Car Show Voting	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Parking Lot
Tech Session - The Auctions - Being There: Barrett-Jackson and more (Ray Donovan)	3:00 PM	Congressional Suite
Cocktails (Cash Bar)	6:00 PM	Grande Ballroom
Awards Banquet	7:00 PM	Grande Ballroom

(Schedule details subject to change)



You don't need a reminder why you need to come to ENCOUNTER! But here are a few anyway....

AACA MUSEUM - Wednesday 8/23

Exclusive after-hours access for AHSTC Encounter attendees. FREE with registration! This great opening activity now includes a special behind-the-scenes tour of the facility where vehicles are stored and prepared for display.



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Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

ENCOUNTER 2023

August 23-26, 2023

(www.AHSTC.org)

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Car(s) You Are Bringing to the Event:

1. Model _____ Year _____ 2. Model _____ Year _____ 3. Model _____ Year _____

Registration Instructions - READ ALL ITEMS

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Will you need flea market space? Yes / No

Expected arrival date: 8/23 8/24 8/25 8/26

****See Page 2, Registration Details for specifics on paid registration items.**

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Wed. evening 8/23 FREE private visit to The AACA Museum with Behind the Scenes tour.

No. of People- _____

Wed. evening Pasta/Pizza Buffet following the AACA Museum Tour

____ No. of adults @ \$28 each \$ _____

Friday evening 8/25 Western Roundup Buffet**

____ No. of adults @ \$43 each \$ _____
 ____ No. of children 6-12 @ \$20 ea. (Kids Meal \$17) \$ _____
 ____ No. of children 5 and under No Charge

Sat 8/26 Awards Banquet**

Adults @ \$48 each \$ _____
 Chicken ___ Beef ___ Fish ___ Vegetarian ___
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