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### ON THE COVER

A rare Healey comes to auction. Read about in the Auction report section.

**Encounter** – The Brandywine Region officially kicks-off the 2026 Encounter countdown. Please see the 2026 Flyer and message from the Encounter Committee in this month's *Flash*.

**Advertisers** – All advertiser's ads are direct links to their websites. Check out their latest offers.

**Auction Report** – This month we review a very special Healey model which rarely comes to market – a 1946 Elliott with long term ownership and significant provenance.

Also reviewed is a very nice 1956 BN2, which I thought was a good buy. Check them both out in the *Flash*

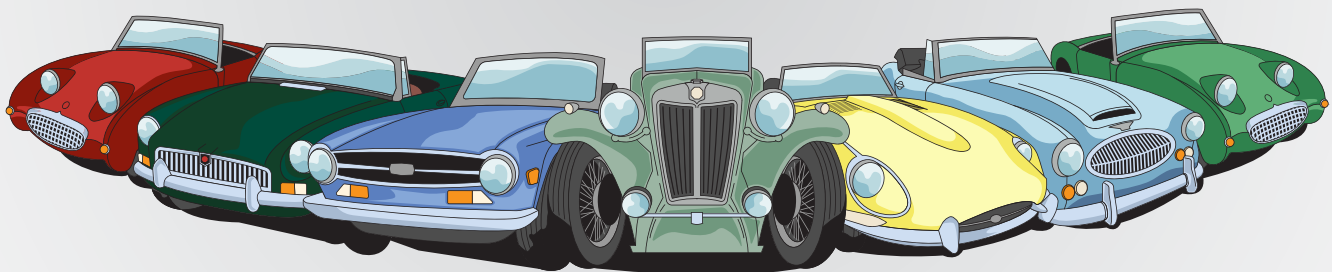
**Flash Classifieds** – We have **two big Healeys** for sale in the classified section, and a new offer of Sprite drivetrain parts. Members are looking for assistance locating parts. Please see if you can help.

**President's Page** – In addition to Steve's regular report, he has included information about the AHSTC Club-Wide Winter event at the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA.

**Tech Article** – Rich Ippoliti of the NJ Region revisits the often-discussed topic of a disc brake conversion using his 1959 BN4 as an example. Thank you, Rich.



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# Presidential Ruminations


Steve Feld

Another new year is here and although most of us have our Healeys in hibernation, we are already looking forward to getting them back on the road when better weather beckons. Those of you who winter in warmer climates and can enjoy top-down motoring in January and February are the envy of those of us who are watching the falling snowflakes and washing salt spray from our daily drivers.

However, club members up North do have one advantage this year. They may enjoy one another's company at our AHSTC Winter Event to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026. We'll have complimentary lunch and tour of The America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA. See the following page for more details and be sure to let your Regional President by January 17 know if you'll be attending.

The monthly meetings held this winter by most of our regions are ideal times to commiserate with other club members but also to seek advice and help to get your Healey ready for spring. If your Healey is only a step or two away from fixing that which kept you off the road last year (and maybe the year before, too) don't just sit there – seek the club's help. If it's a little issue, another club member may volunteer to help. If it's a major problem, the guidance that's available to you by just asking can get your Healey on the path to recovery. The worst thing that can happen is that you'll be at the status quo.

Too cold to spend time in the garage? How about some Healey movie entertainment this winter? Try this website where you may search for Austin Healeys or other cars that made appearances in movies and TV shows. This site has photos or clips for 316 instances for 3000s and 330 for Sprites. <https://www.imcdb.org/>

Enjoy the winter and I hope to see many of you on January 24. 



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<https://americaonwheels.org/>**

For our Winter 2026 Club-wide Event, join other Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club members on January 24, 2026, for a complimentary lunch and tour of the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA. We will meet at noon for lunch in the museum's Hub Cap Café and then enjoy a tour of the museum.

America On Wheels exists to showcase a profound, educational, and immersive tribute to America's unique role in the evolution of the automobile and transportation in modern culture, to inspire and inform an enthusiastically mobile future.

**So that we know how many we will have for lunch and the tour, please let your Regional President know if you'll be attending and how many persons by January 17, 2026. Your cooperation in making reservations is most appreciated!**

*We hope that you will join us!*



I write this on Christmas Day, awaiting our second snowstorm of the season. Definitely not Healey weather. I hope all Healeys are tucked in well, winterized, and will be ready for driving season this coming spring.

Leo Kob and Nick Ludovic came to my house earlier this month to help rewire my BT7 with a new alternator. It got too cold to actually mount the unit, but all the wiring has been completed and ready for good weather.

Our monthly meeting on Monday, December 15, was very well attended. Our main discussion that evening was about the Holiday party to be held on Saturday, January 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Plumsteadville Inn. The cost will be \$40 per guest, which includes a buffet dinner in the Inn's original dining room, circa 1751. There will be a cash bar as well as the ever-popular gift exchange. If you have not yet emailed your RSVP to Dave Siwa [dbsiwa@verizon.net](mailto:dbsiwa@verizon.net) please do so.

There will not be a monthly meeting at the Metropolitan in January because of the Holiday party. Regular meetings will begin in February.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Glorious New Year!



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As you may (or not) have noticed, I, along with my fellow regional scribes, were issued a temporary reprieve from our duties for the month of November (this happens every year at this time) so we can enjoy a festive Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends without having to sequester ourselves away in our a) den; b) basement; c) garage; or d) attic. For me, my deck is just too dang cold and windy, and I can't type with mittens on and shivering! The downside to this is that November and December are combined and both months are due in December on, yep; you guessed it: Christmas morning (or just a bit later, if, like me, you tend to hibernate until noon-ish during the winter months). Now that I've sort of warmed up a little - inside and out - I guess I can give it a stab before the Spring thaw!

As far as the weather is concerned, we have had a mixed bag, a virtual roller coaster of highs and lows over the past few weeks. There has been something for almost everyone, although I won't go into details as it has (or not) affected our last few events. Our latest monthly meeting, held on November 11th at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette, NJ, had a good turnout with Steve Feld, Tom Mulligan, Kevin Walsh, Rudy Hyzer, Jim Vollmuth, Richard Ippoliti, Bob Jankowitz, Vickie Hurst, Larry Gersten, Theo Padavano, Denise & George Crombie, Allen & Ginny Rosenberg, and Paul Olson in attendance. Again, the meeting was held upstairs in our own little room, far away from the general public (presumably so our festive rowdiness wouldn't cause too much of a concern and get us banished from the establishment for decades to come).

Top on the agenda was our annual election of officers, to wit: Larry Gersten (Treasurer), Steve Feld (President), and George Crombie - I'm gonna change my name! - (Newsletter) were all re-elected to their respective positions for the upcoming year. Other topics discussed included: our club's Regional Holiday Party (Saturday December 6th at Capisce Trattoria in Morris Planes); a joint winter event, with the AHSTC, checking out the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA on Saturday, January 24th, 2026 (R.S.V.P. to Steve Feld BEFORE January 17th for a head-count!); important information on this coming year's Red Mill All British Meet (this year Red Mill will be held on Saturday, June 20th, 2026); January's monthly meeting will be at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette on January 13th; and the annual Polar Run (#11) was "confirmed" for November 16th. Almost everyone in attendance acknowledged that they planned to "go running" with us...weather permitting, of course. That brings us, of course, to the last few actual events of 2025. Saturday, November 15th saw Paul Olson, Sarah, and George Crombie taking advantage of the offer from the NJTA (New Jersey Triumph Association) to join them for a "Tech Talk" concerning "The ABCs of LBCs", hosted by Bill and Drew Thomas at their shop in Frenchtown, NJ. Designed as an entry level discussion covering the basics of LBC ownership, the discussion covered A LOT, and if you missed it (um, your name probably would not have been mentioned above - just saying...) you can hit up Peter Nelson with the NJTA for a great synopsis.




**CLUB / North Jersey** On the following day, November 16th, the North Jersey Region enjoyed a nearly picture-perfect late fall day following Sarah and me (BN2) as we led several die-hard enthusiasts on this year's (2025) Polar Run. Out for a drive on this pleasant Sunday morning were George & Sarah Crombie (BN2), followed by Richard Ippoliti (BN6), Ralph Scarfoglio (100 Modified), Steve Feld & Rudy Hyzer (BT7), Jim Lyon (MGB), Patrick Venezia (MGB), Patrick Henry (Sebring), John Moore & Denise Crombie (BJ7), Allen & Ginny Rosenberg (BJ8), and Kevin & Betsy Walsh (BJ9). There were very few interlopers throughout the Run, and these were quickly dispatched off with barely a puff of smoke. Starting at the Wegmans on Route 202 South in Bridgewater, we wound our way into Branchburg, over to clip the edge of Raritan Boro, down into parts of Hillsborough, over towards Amwell, into Raritan Township (different from the Boro) before finally (some 35 miles later) ending up in the little hamlet of Neshanic Station for lunch at a quaint little local joint off one of the side streets called The Riverside Inn. Nobody broke down; nobody got lost; nobody ran out of gas; and everyone pulled into the parking lot in precision, as if we had been practicing for months! Well done, Comrades! Ah! If only NEWS 12 NJ had been on hand!



**CLUB / North Jersey** Pardon me while I take a short reprieve. I get so easily distracted these days. Truth be told, I kept glancing out the window while I was relating the Polar Run portion above and just couldn't resist noticing that this afternoon (December 20th) had turned into another one of those perfect times to go for a Run! Just a bit on the chilly side; sunny with temps in the mid-30s, and no wind to mention. Sarah had come home from her walk as I was preparing the BN2 for the drive, so she was in time and ready to go on the drive with me. We had also managed to make full use of another cool but clear day the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Its days like these that I'm glad I don't "winterize" the BN2. I can't bear to see bonus days like these get away!


Next on the calendar was our annual Holiday Party. Again, this year, the club opted to hold our festivities at the same venue in Morris Plains, NJ as we had last year. The location is probably about as central as we can get, considering how far and wide our membership is based – north to south. I'm told there were 44 members in attendance, and Steve Feld managed to get the pictures to prove it. Bonus points if you spot me standing on my head with a Santa's hat...

Spoiler alert: you don't have to look too hard; I wasn't there! By all accounts, all who attended had a great time, although the "crazy gift exchange" was a little subdued, even though guns, knives, brass knuckles and whoopie cushions were banned from the premises. Maybe we should try sparklers next year! Just a thought. (Photos NJ 1 – 5 here)

On another note (yeah; I got distracted again): I got my "Healey Marque NOV / DEC 2025" issue (and calendar) a couple of days ago. Always an interesting read, with historical articles and tidbits of interest. This issue features a new Auction Reporter, an article on the introduction of the MK ii Sprite (AN6), and I was shocked to read that AHCA President, Roger Hamel, has just finished serving his 3-year term as National President. It seems like just yesteryear (certainly not more than 6 or 7 months!) that I was congratulating him on his presidency at Enclave in Kalahari. Time flies, doesn't it? It does make you stop and think, doesn't it? Steve, here's hope for you, too. Now I have to dig up a few pictures to send to Tom. 



A warm welcome to Oren Bloom, the newest member of the Long Island Region. He is looking for a BJ8 to buy. If anyone can help out with that, please contact me and I will pass the information on to Oren. One of the benefits of belonging to a club is sharing information on buying and selling cars and car parts and being able to give and receive recommendations on reliable people to service your car. Then there is the social benefit of meeting people infected with the same “Healey germ” you have, finding people who live nearby, attending events together, making new friends, and sometimes the “uninfected” spouse finds that a plus.

We recently discovered that long time member Rachael Foggo lives close to new member, Clifford Lavine. Rachael was able to share a recommendation with him to the shop she takes her car to. Rachael has an early 100-6 that belonged to her father in England. She went to visit him for her birthday this year and sent photos. That is how we found out that he still has a 100-4. More on that story in a future issue. As it is, we are already beyond the deadline of December 25 for submitting January’s article because we forgot about doing it. We needed a wake-up call from the newsletter editor to put us back on track. Our 4 children and 7 grandchildren have been absorbing all our time and energy this holiday season. One family from Vancouver, Canada and another from Colorado have been staying with us, and the other 2 families (local) have been over here often. Great to see them all but conducive to forgetting other things like The Flash. Happy New Year to all! Hope 2026 finds you in good health and keeps you in health, and happiness. May you have many opportunities to enjoy your car. And may we meet again soon. 



Rachael in England for her birthday



Rachael's father with his 100-4

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## 11/8/2025 - Annual Fall Dinner - Railroad House Inn, Marietta, PA

**T**welve members gathered together for Harrisburg Region's Annual Fall Dinner at the Railroad House Inn, 280 W. Front St, Marietta, PA. Members in attendance were Pam & Bob Preston, Paul & Dee Zimmerman, Del Border, Skip & Linda Hardy, Dave & Priscilla Hooper, Steve & Christine Rupe, and Pam Frazier.

The choices of entrees were Seared Norwegian Salmon, Chicken Piccata Loaf, or Grilled 12 oz Black Angus New York Strip. I personally had the Salmon which I thoroughly enjoyed, along with the conversations with other members.



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## 12/13/2025 - Annual Progressive Dinner

Thirteen members participated in our Annual Progressive Dinner, as follows: Bob & Pam Preston, Fred & Donna Sherk, Steve & Christine Rupe, Don & Flora Schneider, Dave & Priscilla Hooper, Skip and Linda Hardy, and Pam Frazier.

Starting at 3:00 p.m. Cocktails and Appetizers hosted by Fred and Donna Sherk at their home in Lebanon, followed by the Main Course prepared by Flora Schneider and hosted by Don and Flora Schneider at their home in Lititz, and ending the evening for Desserts and Gift Exchange hosted by Bob and Pam Preston at their home in Lancaster.

Steve Rupe brought to the Progressive Dinner several old AHSTC newsletters from the 1980's. Annette Reiff was the scribe for the Harrisburg Region at that time. That was when the newsletters were printed on old yellow paper stock.

During the Desserts, I took my mandolin and played some Christmas songs, and we had a sing-along. Then we had the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange which was a lot of laughs.

Special thanks to Fred & Donna Sherk, Don & Flora Schneider, and Bob & Pam Preston for opening their homes to make the Annual Progressive Dinner an enjoyable and successful event.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, January 11, 2026** - LANCO MG Club Monthly Meeting, Centerville Diner, 100 S. Centerville Rd, Lancaster, PA - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026** - Monthly Meeting at Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd, New Cumberland, PA - 6:30 p.m.

**Planning** is in the works for a 2-3 day trip to VA in May 2026, to visit Jim & Linda Cox and Fred & Sonya Bennett.



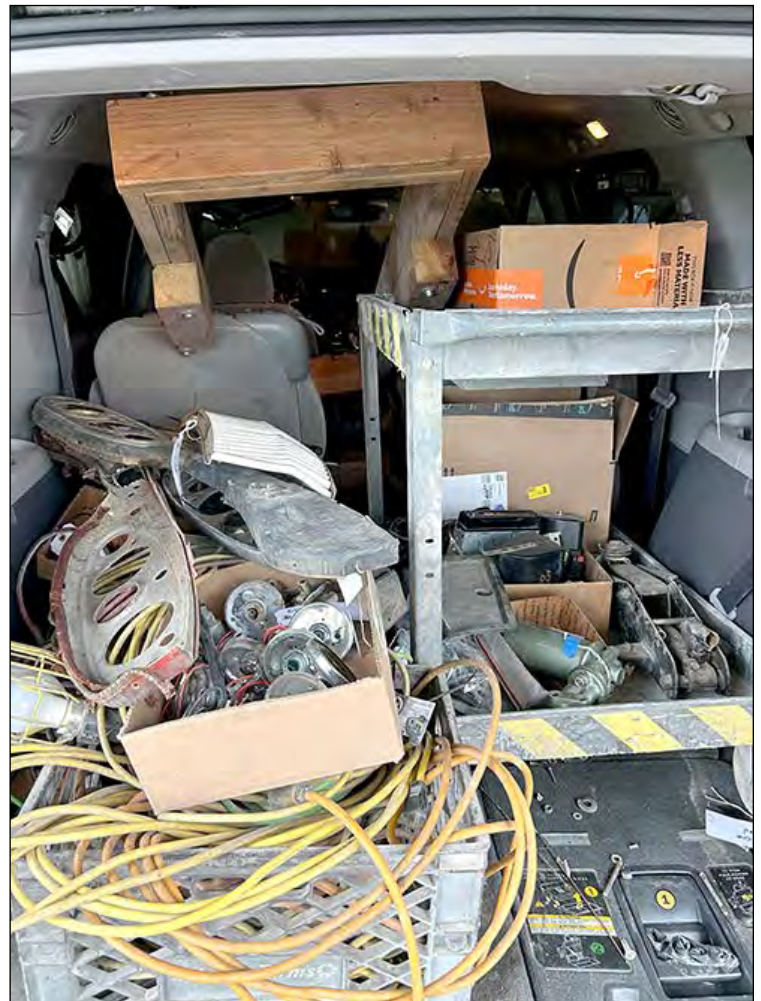
by substitute editor Chuck Ott

The November elections meeting was held at the Deer Park Tavern in Newark, DE and was attended by Brandywine members Chuck Ott, Ernie and Joan Leser, Jeff and Lisa Lanno, and new member Mike Polnerow. Also attending were Steve and Angi Taylor, they are old members who plan to re-join soon. We held the elections as required, with all of the same officers being elected. President – Chuck Ott, Newsletter Editor - Nigel Smart, Treasurer – Pete Roberts, Activities Chairperson – Dave Ehret. We also re-elected Ernie Leser as “taster”, he is responsible for making beer and food recommendations at meetings! The position of Membership Chairperson is still unfilled. If anyone would like to take on this office, which entails reaching out to potential members and welcoming new members, please let me know.

Brandywine members Chuck Ott, Jeff Lanno, Pennie Haase, John Montague and Paul Serdiuk participated in the British Restoration Corp foreclosure auction. Chuck bought the most items of the Brandywine group at the auction, about 50 of them, mostly junky stuff for \$1 each. If you wanted the pair of vice grip pliers that were in a box of junky tools, you had to buy the whole box. He did score a couple of nice BJ8 tonneau covers for \$3 each. Also, some silly stuff, like a BN4 dashboard for \$2 - garage art! Bidding and looking through all of the sale items was entertaining.

In December we had the annual Christmas party, thanks once again to Jeff and Lisa Lanno for hosting it at their home. Our regular newsletter editor Nigel Smart had a conflict with the date and was not able to make it. Once again, I have been called upon to write the newsletter, and once again I forgot to take photos, my bad. Attending were Dave Ehret, Pete Roberts, Dee Caffrey, Chuck and Sue Ott, Ernie and Joan Leser and Buzz and Paula Marshall. Also, Pennie and Bob Haase drove 2 hours each way from St. Michaels to attend! Don Lilly and his girlfriend, Mary, also made an appearance. They are not members, but Don has a classic vehicle restoration shop in Landenberg, PA. He has done restoration work on my BJ8, Jeff Lanno’s BJ8 and Chris Claudy’s 100. Jeff and Chris’ cars are still in Don’s shop as of this writing and have been there for well over a year. Don’s shop is definitely not the fastest around, but his work is very good, and reasonably priced.

Our January meeting will be held Saturday, January 17 at 1pm at the Crown Tavern 451 Wilmington West Chester pike in Glen Mills, PA. This is the events planning meeting where we set up the events for next year and also there will be an Encounter 2026 planning overview meeting.



Chuck’s minivan cargo area filled with BRC liquidation auction items. Additional items purchased by Jeff Lanno and John Montague are in the back seat!



## HOLIDAY PARTY



Seated counter-clockwise from left to right are: Bob and Sue Snyder, Nancy and Joe McGavin, Win and Justine Hoglen, Sue and Ken Weidner.

The AHSTC Lehigh Valley Region held its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at Brookside Country Club located at Macungie, PA.

It was cold outside but inside, we enjoyed a large private banquet room at the golf course's Club House, complete with a nice fireplace, warm fire and colorful Christmas decorations. In my view, this year's event felt more private and cordial compared to last year, which was also held at Brookside, but back then our holiday party was in the Club's downstairs pub area. (Looking back now, the pub room had its own warm charm which also allowed for lots of holiday fun.)

As always, the Holiday Party was a great opportunity to end another fun driving season and catch-up with good friends. This year, more than two dozen Region members and their guests attended the gala. Brookside Country Club always has a festive atmosphere and the food and drinks were fantastic! We dined on delicious steaks, seafood and salads. (Personally, I had a flatbread pizza with tomato and cheese toppings covered with sprigs of bright green basil. It was great!)

Naturally, when this group gets together, the bar keep stayed busy pouring his best holiday cheer. Everyone had fun, as witnessed by the smiles of our group in these pictures.



Seated clockwise around table from left to right are: Peter McMahon, a guest, Heather Alexander-McMahon, Karen and Don Struckle

We especially want to thank Ken and Cindy Beck and their efforts to secure this beautiful holiday venue, make arrangements for our banquet room, and facilitate everyone's seamless payment process!



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*Chocowinty, NC*  
*BN2*

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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](mailto: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 or access to the website 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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# Encounter 2026 Update

The Encounter 2026 team has been busy making arrangements for this year's Encounter, which will be held **Sunday September 27 through Tuesday September 29 at the St. Michaels Inn & Conference Center**, 1228 S. Talbot St, St Michaels, MD. The hotel room rates start at \$120/night, a large discount from the regular price of around \$175/night. This price includes a hot breakfast! Some of the rooms were recently redone, and the rest are scheduled to be redone this winter, with new furniture, paint, and bathroom fixtures. This hotel is different than our usual Encounter venue in that they don't have banquet food preparation on site. The awards banquet will be held off site at the Oaks Banquet center, with the dining room containing a wall of windows overlooking the waterfront. St. Michaels has plenty of restaurants for lunch and dinner options, and of course no Encounter in Maryland would be complete without a crab feast!

The Brandywine group is planning a riverboat cruise, road rallye, visit to the **Maritime museum**, gymkhana, valve cover races, tech session, charity auction and of course the popular car show and Event Banquet.

The registration form will first appear in the February "Flash" but we expect to have on-line registration available in late January. Make sure you register early and get your room booked. The price goes up from \$120/night to around \$175/night if you miss the August 27 block hold deadline.

Watch your region's *e-Flashes* and future articles in the *Flash* for status updates, and we hope to see you all at Encounter 2026!

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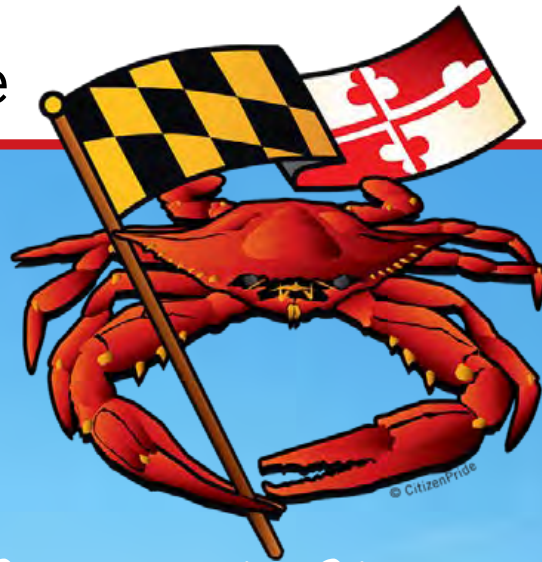
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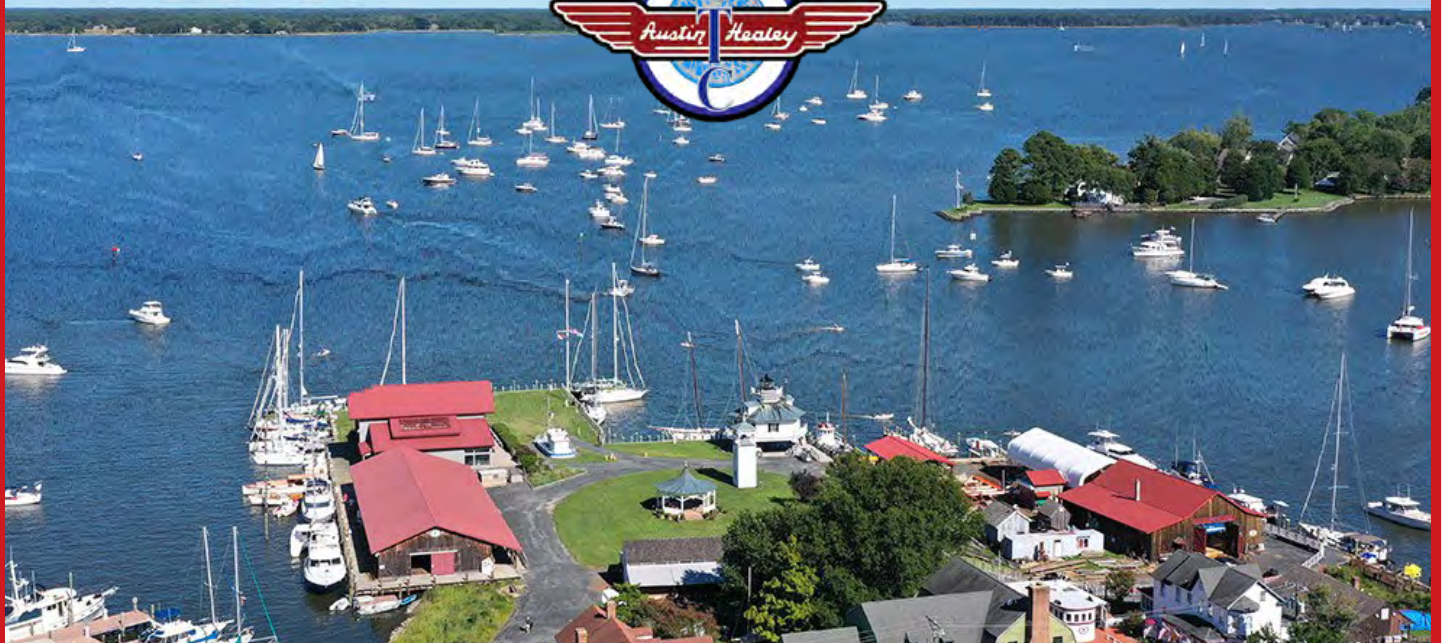
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# Flash Classifieds

## FOR SALE: 1965 AUSTIN-HEALEY 3000 MKIII

1965 Austin-Healey 3000 MkIII BJ8. Built in February 1964 but titled as 1965. One of three that were on display in the 1964 New York Motor Show and comes with a British Motor Industry Heritage Trust certificate. Last in the possession of its third owner, long-time AHSTC member Gerry Kunkle, the car was repainted in its original Olde English White (Ivory) but not restored. Gauges and carbs rebuilt; new water pump installed. New tires, wheels and hubs in 2022. Included is the correct tool kit, hammer and jack, and the original Driver's Handbook, which was signed in 1976 by Donald Healey. Asking \$67,000 | Aug24

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# Flash Classifieds

## FOR SALE; 1956 Austin Healey 100 BN2

This car is pretty much all original and has been used a number of times in tech sessions so enthusiasts can see how these cars came from the factory. It is always a top winner (in the Diamond in the Rough category). Many of you know this car. It runs well but needs a lot of TLC, or you can keep it as it is and go for the trophy!!

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Healey 100 front



Healey 100 left side from rear.



Healey 100 rear



Healey 100 engine



Healey 100 right side from rear



Left Interior  
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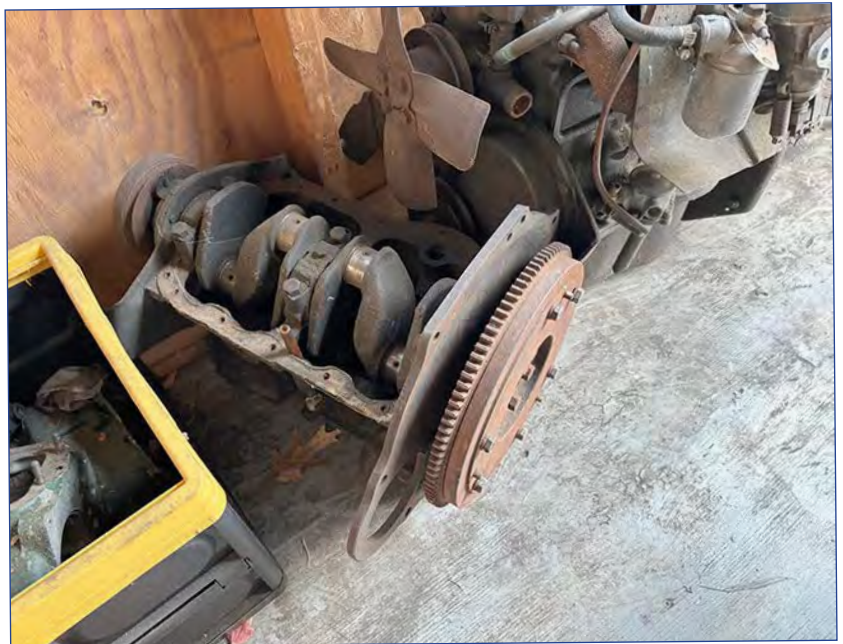
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This month we have a very rare Healey with a great ownership history, and a very nice 100 BN2, that was a good buy, in my opinion and based on what we can deduce from the photos, description and comments.

First let's look at a car that doesn't come along often – a 1948 Healey Elliott with the same ownership since 1963, and with racing provenance including the Mille Miglia. The Elliott sold at Bonhams Goodwood Revival auction for ~\$271k, including the buyer's premium.

Ownership of the car is known from date of delivery. It is a 1948 Mille Miglia participant, and for a brief period it was the fastest closed four-seat sedan in the world at 110mph in Jabbeke, Belgium in 1947.

Click on the link below to read more about the car and enjoy additional photos. Mybe it's just me but this car has great presence. I love its tall greenhouse and low beltline (relative to the styling of the era) and I would love to see one in person.

<https://cars.bonhams.com/auction/30544/lot/126/1948-healey-elliott-sports-saloon-chassis-no-b1593/>



Next, we have a 1956 100 BN2. This car caught my attention because it has the “Look” I love in the 100. By that I mean it’s been slightly modified cosmetically with easily reversible changes. It appears to have been kept in good shape for the 25 years of current ownership. The car is currently on display at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine.

The car sold for \$43k on Bring a Trailer, including the buyer’s premium. This is not a concours car by any means, having been altered a bit and not in its original color scheme. But it sure looks like a lot of fun for the money.

Check it out here and see if you agree.

<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1956-austin-healey-100-bn2-roadster-37-2/>



# DRUM TO DISC CONVERSION

## FRONT BRAKES – 1959 AUSTIN HEALEY 100-6 BN4

### WITH WIRE WHEELS

Article & Images by Rich Ippoliti – North Jersey Region

#### Removal of Wheels and Components

1. Remove wire wheels, brake drums and brake shoes
2. Disconnect flexible brake hose; drain brake fluid
3. Remove grease cup with 5/16 fine nut and vise grips
4. Align hole in hub with top of split pin securing the axle nut
5. Straighten split pin and push up through hole in hub. Remove split pin with needle nose pliers
6. Remove axle nut; used 30mm socket on extension bar
7. Remove wheel hub with all components, bearings, races, shims, distance piece and washer. Set aside for cleaning and greasing later. (Refer front suspension/hub pic)
8. Remove back plate with wheel cylinders still attached. (Pic 1 below)

#### Dry Fitting of new Components

1. Clean Swivel Axle and all components before dry fitting
2. Install Caliper Bracket
3. Mount Rotor to Caliper. Used wedges to ensure Rotor was centered in Caliper
1. Mount Caliper and Rotor to Caliper bracket. Checked for fit and clearance.
2. Insert Hub with associated components checking for fit and clearance.
3. Remove all parts.
4. Checked for cracks in Swivel Axels using Magna Flux dye penetrant.
5. Replaced front brake lines since they were never replaced

#### Final Assembly of New Components

1. Install Caliper Bracket with new bolts and nylocks (Pic 2)
2. Mount Rotor to Wheel Hub with AN6 bolts. (See discussion later) (Pic3)
3. Install inner bearing then Wheel Hub and Rotor to Swivel Axle
4. Install wheel Hub Components, Washer and Axel Nut
5. Used Dial Indicator to set bearing clearance (Pic4)
6. Mount Caliper to Caliper Bracket using appropriate BN7/8 bolts
7. Ensure Rotor is centered in Caliper and clearances are good
8. Remove all components
9. Grease Bearings (Pic 5)
10. Install Oil Seal rear of Hub
11. Install Inner Bearing
12. Install wheel Hub w/Rotor and Components, Washer, Axel Nut and Split Pin
13. Install Grease Cup. Do not pack cup with grease
14. Install Brake Hose Bracket to bolts on Caliper (Pic6)
15. Mount Caliper to Caliper Bracket
16. Connect Brake hose to Brake Line and Brake hose Bracket
17. Form a solid Brake Line from Caliper to Flexible Brake Line (Pic7)
18. Install Brake pads, with slightly greased edges
19. Install anti squeal shims and Pad Pins
20. Fill Brake Fluid Supply Tank. Follow standard Brake Bleeding Practices

**Discussion**

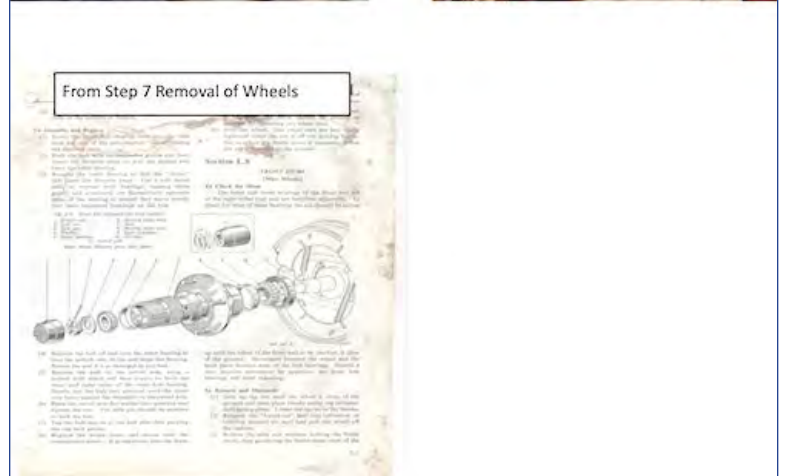
The Rotors purchased contained 5 holes for mounting. The Wheel hub contained 4 holes. Rather than purchase new hubs, they along with the Rotors were sent to a machinist for alignment and drilling of holes. Also, one Rotor did not have a large enough opening to slide on to the Wheel Hub fully and also went to the same machinist for enlargement.

All connections used Thread Lock and penetrating sealer, where appropriate.

All bolts torqued to appropriate torque with torque wrench

**Materials List**

- Brake Pads
- Shim, Brake Pad anti- squeal
- Brake Hose Brackets
- Bolts Caliper to swivel axle
- Caliper Brackets –Pictured below
- Calipers – Pictured below
- Rotors
- Brake line and fittings
- Braided Stainless Steel Brake Hose set, Including rear hose
- Miscellaneous bolts



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