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## ON THE COVER

**Healey in the Snow**  
**Steve Jekogian**  
**circa 1977**



# What's In The Flash

*Steve Jekogian*

**S**now, snow, snow. We had none then we got it all. Also, since the road crews have so much extra salt the roads in New Jersey are white with salt, and so are the cars.

So now the cars are all tucked in the garage and you are still discussing what you saw at the Barrett – Jackson auction. I know what you are saying

- I should have been there
- I am going next year
- What a deal on that \_\_\_ ( fill in the car)
- You cannot restore it for what it was sold for
- Did you see that color combination
- Was that Ray Donovan I saw – AHSTC President

There are a couple of interesting articles and a real brain teaser submitted by Rich Ippoliti.

Please read the tech article about “soft brakes” and e-mail me why this cure worked. There will be a prize awarded in the March issue.

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# PHILADELPHIA

REGION

**T**he New Year, 2016, is here, and we are experiencing winter weather. As I am writing this, we are looking at about 24 inches of snow in Warrington, and an ice river outside our home in Ocean City, NJ. We're glad our house is 5 feet up.

We spent the New Year holiday in Ocean City, and it seemed that other brave souls did as well. Marty and Leo Kob joined us overnight, for dinner and seeing Lucy the Elephant. The company was most enjoyable. The usual Polar Bear Plunge for charity enjoyed warmer water temperatures of 53 degrees, as the usual temperature is 37 degrees.

Fifteen members attended the dinner meeting at the Metropolitan on Monday, January 18. While enjoying a good dinner, we were entertained by a series of films from the 1981 Enclave in Fredericksburg, VA, including Gymkana events and valve cover races from the 2005 Encounter at Valley Forge.

After dinner, discussions commenced. First up was the question of scheduling an overnight trip, the location of which is to be determined. In the running are the Delaware River/Bay areas of Southern New Jersey, St. Michael's Maryland, and rural New York. Many of the members were in favor of such events.

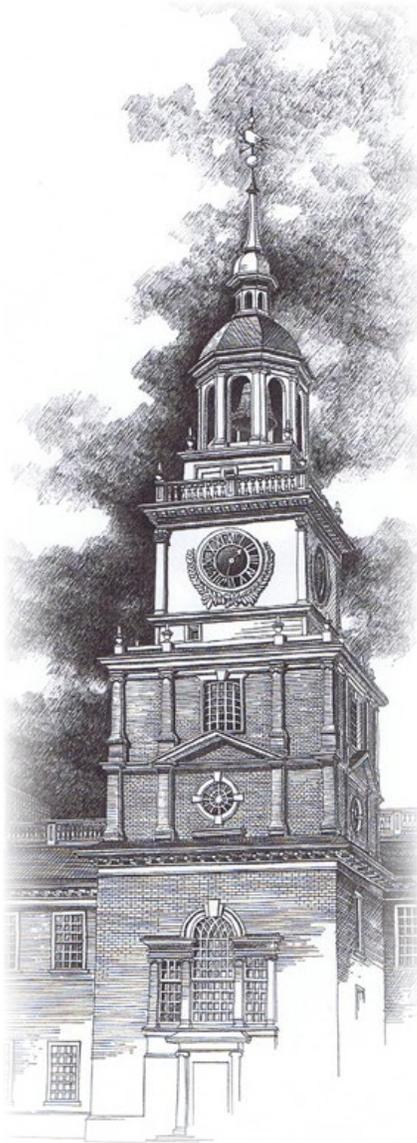
A day trip to Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey, was also discussed to take place in April/May. There is a great restaurant called "Rats," nearby.

Dave Siwa updated us on the upcoming "Motors for Music Car Show" to benefit the music programs of Central Bucks High School South. He is in the process of scheduling the event with Bucks County Parks and Recreation for a Sunday in June.

In the near future the club will hold an organizational meeting to plan auto mechanic clinics to be held this spring. The meeting will be a planning gathering to bounce around ideas as to what members want included in the clinics. We need to determine what each would like to learn by way of mechanical clinics dealing with Austin-Healeys, and decide where and how often clinics will be held.

The plan is to hold these clinics in early spring to coincide with car driving weather. Tentatively, we are looking at tune-ups, brakes, electrical, suspension, as well as any other topics club members can think of. We are looking for a location for the clinics, which will require a two-bay garage with concrete flooring, electric, water, and in a secure setting. If you know of such a place, contact me.

The next Austin-Healey club meeting will be on Monday, February 15, at the Metropolitan. Stay warm and dry.



# Brandywine REGION

The 2016 Events Planning meeting was held on Wednesday, January 13th at Matilda's restaurant in Newark, Delaware. A good number of members attended: Les and Shawn Lewis; Dave Ehret; Pete Roberts; Steve and Kris Garrett; Jim Martin; Jeff and Lisa Lanno; Tom Zalewski; Chuck Ott; Joan and myself.

After dinner and brew, Encounter 2016 events were discussed. The activities look like they are in good shape, and will provide lots of fun for the Encounter attendees. Details concerning the various events will be written up separately in *The Flash*.

We then proceeded to develop the following Events Calendar for 2016 with input from the group. Brandywine Region events are shown, as well as some others held in the general area. More details for each event will be provided through the E-Flash as the event gets closer. It looks like an exciting year!

## BRANDYWINE REGION 2016 EVENTS

- February, Sat. 20th, 1 pm. Pizza at Pete's. Pete Robert's residence, 21 Waterview St., Downingtown, PA. RSVP to Pete by the 13th (610-458-5412).
- March, Sat. 19th, 1 pm. Tech Session at Chuck Ott's residence, 109 Airmont Dr., Middletown, DE. For info call Chuck (302-378-7287).
- April, Sat. 16th. Tour of the Simeon Car Museum. Details TBD.
- May, Sat. 7th. Lewes British Car Show. Contact is Mike Tyler (302-645-7572).
- May, Sat. 14th, 12 noon. Encounter meeting at the Leser's residence, 2 Orioles Nest, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Joan by May 7th (410-398-7308).
- May 20-22nd. Carlisle Import Show. Remember to register with AHSTC if you plan to attend. Contact is Chuck Ott (302-378-7287).
- June 4th. Cars and Motorcycles of England Show at Oakbourne Mansion in Westtown, PA.
- June. AHSTC Board Meeting at Encounter 2016 site. Sheraton hotel, New Castle, DE. Date to be scheduled.
- July, Sat. 16th, 12 noon. Pool Party at the Lewis's residence, 37 Breezeway Dr., Elkton, MD. RSVP to Shawn by July 9th (302-354-1271).
- August 10-13th, ENCOUNTER 2016 in New Castle, DE.
- September, Sat. 10th. Crab Crawl and Feast, the Philip's residence, St. Michaels, MD.
- October, Sat. 8th, 1 pm. Brandywine Region Picnic at the Leser's residence, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Joan by Oct. 1st (410-398-7308).
- November, Thursday 17th, 7 pm. Annual Elections. Stoney's British Pub, Concord Pike (rt. 202), Wilmington, DE.
- December, Sat. 10th, 6 pm. Christmas Party and Gift Exchange at the Lewis's residence, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Shawn by Dec. 3rd (302-354-1271).
- January, Thursday 19th, 7 pm. Events Planning meeting. Matilda's restaurant, rt. 896, Newark, DE.





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# HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett

I am writing this at the height of “The Blizzard of 2016” (a.k.a. “Snowmageddon”). While nearly three feet of snow piles up outside my window, it’s hard to believe that I had the big Healey out only two days ago, thrashing around some back roads before PennDot put the salt down and took away my chief reason for living. My “excuse” for taking the car out was that I needed to run the old gas out of the tank. I only wish that the heater worked as well in the winter as it does in July!

The Harrisburg Region held its first meeting of 2016 at the Hillside Restaurant on Tuesday, January 19th. Despite the brutally cold weather, we had a pretty good turnout.



There was much to discuss, and our erstwhile president, Joe Spear, got right down to work. The first order of business was to begin thinking about Encounter 2018, which Harrisburg Region will be hosting. 2018 may seem like a long way off, but it is important that we secure an appropriate location as soon as possible to lock in the best price and room availability. To that end, Joe turned the floor over to Bob Preston, our esteemed coordinator for Encounter, to discuss possible sites. Bob is stuck with that job for life due to his fantastic work coordinating the 2013 event in Hershey. Anyone who has a suggestion for a feasible Encounter 2018 location is requested to contact Bob or Joe with the information so that members may consider any and all possible options.

As the President stated recently, “The state of the (club) is strong!” It was reported that the A.H.S.T.C. is in excellent financial condition following the highly successful Enclave in Gettysburg. Harrisburg region did particularly well, due to the high percentage of members who participated and volunteered to make it such a memorable event. Our region has also recently received a \$200 “credit” from Moss Motors. Suggestions are needed on how to spend this windfall. Are there any specialty tools, equipment, or regalia the club could use?

In other news, Joe and Barb Spear’s garage is now filled with many boxes of “memorabilia” donated to the Harrisburg Region by Dot Hoffer from founding member, Don’s, many storage buildings. Items range from commemorative mugs and tiny cannons to posters and back issues of the club newsletter, just to name a few. Apparently, Don never threw anything Healey-

related out... ever! Since the Spears would eventually like to have enough room in their garage to actually park their cars, all merchandise must go! Joe made an attempt to sell a few items to raise money for the region at the January meeting but had little success. I'm thinking we ought to schedule a future meeting at the Spears' to go through these "treasures" and try to "keep them in the family." Otherwise, they'll end up being thrown out or given away to strangers, and I'm pretty sure that's not what Don intended when he collected them all those years ago. Any ideas?

Looking ahead, if you are planning to attend the Carlisle Kit and Import Show, please register as soon as possible so that we can qualify for a free tent. Also, if you want the best room rates for Encounter 2016, you should make your motel reservations now, even though the official registration sheet for the event itself has not yet been sent out.

**Our next meeting will be at the Hillside again on Tuesday, February 16th. Hope to see many of you there! In case you misplaced Joe's email containing the 2016 calendar, here it is again:**

- **April 16th (rain date 17th) Spring Tour**
- **May 21st Carlisle Import and Kit Show**
- **June 6th Ladies Night at the Soda Jerk in Hummelstown**
- **July ????**
- **August 10th-13th Encounter**
- **September ????**
- **October 15th (rain date 16th) Fall Tour**
- **November 5th Awards Banquet**
- **December 4th Progressive Dinner**

You will notice that the July and September meetings are followed by question marks. Joe is looking for ideas. For example, a visit to the Morgan dealership has been suggested, as well as a picnic. Are there any local attractions (museums, restoration shops, car shows, etc.) in your area that would make good venues for a fun or educational activity in July or September? Let Joe know!

A parting thought on this cold, snowy day: Remember when we used to drive these cars to work and back in the snow? They went pretty well with a set of chains on the back wheels. Now they lead a pampered existence, malingering in our heated garages snuggled under a nice, soft cover while we await the robin's call, salt-free roads, and warm spring afternoons with the top down. We should all be treated that well in our old age! Stay warm.



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# Long Island REGION

The annual Long Island Region post-holiday party was held on January 17th at Orlando's Restaurant in Commack. No one arrived in a Healey, although Chris Korte had actually considered it, but then rejected the idea because of the weather forecast. It was dry that day but cold and damp with wet weather predicted. As we exited the restaurant to head home, we were met by falling snow. It made driving more difficult but, in the end, did not amount to much. Good thing we didn't book the party for the next weekend! The blizzard of January 23rd would have canceled that plan. It is now two days after that storm; I'm taking a break from snow mining to write this.

The food was good, the conversation better, and that made for a great day. We discussed an event in the spring that might include driving as well as eating. I took a tally as to how many attending still had Healeys. The score was 6 no, 7 yes. Just in the last year, we lost 6 Healeys but only one membership. We all like to get together but we are becoming an un-Healey club!

Attending were Tony and Kathy DiFrancesca, Frank Filangeri, Noel Gish, Jody Jandly, Chris Korte, Bob and Barbara Maichin, Mike and Carol Neumar, Cathy Preston, Mary Ann Sekelsky and Tedd Krummeck, Stu Smith and Beate, Bob and Diane Squillari, Steve Tjepkema, Ira Udasin, and Susan and myself. Many thanks to Diane Squillari and Bob Maichin for their photos of the event. You may just be able to make out the fact that the people at table #1 were admiring the panoramic photo from the 2002 Encounter at Princeton, NJ. Thanks to Bob Squillari for bringing that along. The other photos contrast the harsh realities of now with what may lie ahead. 🇬🇧



Table 1 Post-Holiday Party



Table 2 Post-Holiday Party



Digging out - 2 cars buried right ahead.



Something to look forward to.

A very few North Jersey members gathered in the Bridgewater Wegman's parking lot on route 202 south on Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this gathering was to see who would be crazy enough to try to fit in a Polar Run, in sub-freezing weather. Joining me (I was driving my red AN9 Sprite) were Ernie and Marion Marateo (MINI convertible) and John Moore (BJ7). We had a good run, covering just over 30 miles in around 50 minutes; taking in a section of southwestern Somerset and southeastern Hunterdon Counties.

On Saturday, January 9th, 2016, a large contingent of North Jersey club members converged on Larry and Diane Gersten's new home in Morristown, New Jersey for our Region's annual Holiday Party. The past couple of years, due to popular request, the Holiday Party has been scheduled in early January in an attempt to avoid the craziness surrounding the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Around 45 members arrived at the self-titled "Gersten Mansion" in Morristown, New Jersey to partake in the Holiday festivities. Attending members included hosts Larry and Diane Gersten, co-hosts Ian and Sue Kessen, as well as Rich & Barbara Ippoliti, Allen & Ginny Rosenberg, Art & Joan Herkomer, Jay & Dawn Bauman, Steve & Ann Feld, Jim & Corrine Vollmuth, Ralph & Vera Scarfogliero, Bill & Marge Smith, Dennis & Elaine Meehan, John & Helen Moore, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, Tom & Pam Mulligan, Frank & Loretta Dapiran, Mark & Ilene Goodman, Louise Manning, and Gary & Theresa Bauman. Also present were new members Ernie & Marion Marateo, Mitchell & Nancy Tanner, and Bob & Julie Jankowitz. Welcome one and all!

Appetizers and the ensuing socializing lasted a bit longer than expected, which delayed the "spirited" gift stealing, I mean selecting, which started off sedately enough, but within a few rounds turned down right brutal! But, alas! No blood was lost. A couple of the hottest, more popular items included a hand-made set of Healey coasters (I managed to hold them for a very brief moment), which must have changed hands a record number of times (like in the hundreds...), before finally finding a safe haven in Larry's fireplace, and a framed print of DMH's personal Austin-Healey BN1 Coupe, which went home with Ralph and Vera Scarfogliero, after they engineered a swap with John Moore, who went home with a 1/43 scale blue over ivory model of a 3000; Richard Ippoliti scored a 1/18th scale Ertl model that needs just a little restoration work, but has a bit of local history to it. One or two "interesting" items found new homes... You really had to be there... Following the final pick, we all headed out to the kitchen area to have our fill (and then some!) of the variety of dishes set out for consumption (some of us, I don't mind saying, went back for another round!), before tackling the dessert table. Speaking of tackling, a fan or two of the Pittsburgh Steelers did all in their (okay, her) powers to stem the bleeding during the final few seconds of the Steelers' last-minute collapse. All in all, a great evening with a bunch of great people... We even talked cars for a few minutes! 

**O**n Saturday, December 19, 2015, a couple of fellow Northern Jersey club members joined me on an impromptu outing that I call a "Polar Run". Requirements of this run are rather simple: Temperatures need to be below 32 degrees. That's basically it. The additional challenge is to drive topless (the car; I'm not quite THAT crazy!) and with the windows down. Heater doesn't matter; put it on full blast, I don't care. I don't button my Sprite up for the winter (too much trouble, and I'm sure I will forget to do something, or un-do something in the spring), so I would rather take Red out for a spin every three or four weeks to keep the fluids...well, fluid...and not let her get too comfortable in the cold garage. And, since the soft top is hanging on the wall of the garage, and the windows are a bit of a pain, I keep them down; when we go out, we go topless. If I'm going to freeze, I challenge my compatriots to share the pain and freeze with me. Whether they do or not is up to them; I'm just grateful for the company.

This year, it just so happened that over the weekend of December 19/20, overnight temps were predicted to drop into the upper 20s, so it counted. Joining me on this run were Ernie and Marion Marateo (MINI convertible), and John Moore (BJ7). I had my 3' X 5' British flag sticking up through my cockpit (with the wind, it was flapping rather loudly!) as a rallying point. We had a few "civilians" stop by to see what we were doing, and let me tell you; it was down-right cold standing out there in that parking lot!

This run was scheduled to start from the Wegman's parking lot on Route 202 southbound in Bridgewater, leaving at 10:00 a.m. To make it worthwhile, I plotted a course covering just over 30 miles that I expected to take about 50 minutes. To be fair, we waited a few more minutes, and rolled out at around 10:07; any longer and we probably would've frozen in place! The run was rather uneventful; we headed off towards Three Bridges, then down to Amwell, before heading back up to Raritan Borough. To be honest, I found that once under way, I was warmer than I was standing around in the parking lot. The wind chill from driving seemed to curl away from me and got lost in the slip stream. We wrapped it up at the QuickChek in Raritan at 1st Ave. and Somerset Street just before 11:00 a.m. I really want to thank these brave souls for keeping Red and me company on our outing! If it weren't for them, I probably would have called it a day early and crawled back into bed!



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By Bob Snyder

# Lehigh Valley

It has been quiet in the Lehigh Valley region over the past month. Thankfully the 32" snow that walloped us is nicely melting! Spring cannot come soon enough. Some of us who belong to a couple other British Car Clubs in the Lehigh Valley, the Keystone Region MG Car Club and the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley, enjoyed a very nice holiday dinner at the BarnHouse Village restaurant on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Best that I can tell, the members from AHSTC – Lehigh Valley that attended were Gerry and Ella Jane Kunkle, Ken and Cindy Beck and Bob and Sue Snyder. Kim and Chas de Bourbon were also in attendance as Kim is the Ghost Newsletter Editor for the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley, Secretary of the Keystone Region MG Club and also the webmaster for both of the aforementioned Clubs! Chas assists in webmaster duties and Paparazzo activities for both Clubs. Chas also produces, along with our Flash Editor, Steve Jekogian, this excellent Flash publication that you are reading! I apologize if I missed mentioning anyone else from AHSTC that attended the holiday party ... it was a nice night with great friends and food. A highlight of the evening is the video that Chas de Bourbon creates of the past year's activities, within which he also intermixes great period advertising and other material. Truly well done and well appreciated by all!

Another highlight is the gift exchange that has a twist as gifts can be chosen from the table where those who want to participate in the exchange place them, or they can be 'stolen' from other participants who have already selected and opened a gift. It is a fun time and around 35 plus members participate in this annual gift exchange tradition.

Ken Beck had done some work for a client on a 1953 Sciata 300 BC Barchetta by Bertone and the client asked Ken to also prepare and make the arrangements to sell the car at the upcoming RM Auction at Amelia Island on March 12, 2006. It will be interesting to see how well this car does as it is the 38th of only 40 Bertone-bodied examples of this car. The car is in largely original condition and has been in the same ownership for the past 60 years! The pre-sale estimate is between \$250,000 and \$300,000, so head down to Amelia Island and get ready to raise your paddles raise for this great car!

The Clubs next meeting will be on Monday, March 21st for event planning. Please check your email a week or so before that date where we will provide the exact time and location for this important meeting. This is YOUR Club and it will be great for you to attend this meeting so we can hear what you are interested in. Don't worry about having to run or coordinate an event, just stop by and let us know what you are thinking or would like to do!

We are looking forward to getting together to discuss the upcoming driving season. We know you are all looking forward to getting some fresh air and sunshine while driving your Healeys!



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# OXFORD MODELS FROM AUSTRALIA

Article and images provided by Don Schneider



A few months ago, in March of 2015, my wife, Denise, and I took a trip down to Australia. We were booked on a tour for almost the entire month of March, leaving New Jersey on the 5th, and arriving in Cairns (after clearing Customs in Brisbane) on the 7th. It was one heck of a trip. The only major disappointment, in my humble opinion, is the fact that, on a tour, you are limited as to where you can stop, and for how long. Needless to say, we couldn't spend any where near as much time in some of the places that we would have liked to. We returned, after much too short of a stay, on March 31st.

Be that as it may, while we were in the lovely city of Melbourne, we happened to have a few hours of "down time"; time to ourselves to roam the streets and explore. Around the corner, and just down the street from our hotel, I had spotted a hobby shop. We found our way there and ventured inside to browse. While the shop catered mostly to the model railroading community, they also carried radio controlled (RC) supplies and items. While browsing, I mentioned to one of the salesmen that I was particularly interested in Healey and Austin-Healey scale models.

He directed us to a back corner where we discovered a blue over ivory Austin-Healey 3000, made by Oxford, in 1/76th scale. A little more poking revealed that there were five of these cars scattered around the display case. Needless to say, I bought all five; and for good measure, I bought a black MGA (same manufacturer; same scale), and was rewarded with a discount of \$1.00 off each. After a little more searching, Denise found the section where they kept their Wiking scale models. Lo and behold! I spotted a Wiking 1/87th scale model in ivory over black that I couldn't recall if I had in my collection. They actually had two of these, but after a quick look at my wife, I thought it best to leave one behind, for someone else to find. After leaving Melbourne, I suffered

**ARTICLE** | *Oxford Models from Australia* from “didn’t buy it remorse”. Oh well. I guess that means we’ll have to plan another trip “down under” in the not-too-distant future to see if it is still there.

The numbers on the Oxford models (they also make a red over black BJ8 in the same scale) are:

Code: 76AH3001 (Blue over Ivory); Code: 76AH3002 (Colorado Red over Black), at \$9.95 ea.

Their website is: [www.oxforddiecast.co.uk](http://www.oxforddiecast.co.uk)

The numbers on the Wiking model are: 0816-09 (Austin-Healey 3000) in 1/87th scale. It listed for \$25.95. Prices are in Australian \$.

Their website is: [www.wiking.de](http://www.wiking.de)

After arriving back stateside, I checked out both websites, as well as the one for the hobby store ([www.hearnshobbies.com](http://www.hearnshobbies.com)). On the Oxford (UK) website, I noticed that they also had, in stock, three different Healey Tickford models in 1/43rd scale. The codes for these models are:

Code: HT 001 (Healey Tickford Maroon – Monte Carlo 1953);

Code: HT 002 (Healey Tickford Black);

Code: HT 003 (Healey Tickford Pale Blue).

The 1/43rd scale Tickfords listed at \$22.95 for the Pale Blue, and \$21.95 each for the other two. The only gripe I’ve got that makes me hesitant to place another order through this website, was the cost for “postage and packing.” It cost over 30 pounds for my order of approximately 95 pounds (UK). Over 30% for shipping is quite too much, in my opinion. I only mention this so that others may be aware of the postage rate. Otherwise, I like the variety, and am glad to have found a few Tickfords to add to my collection. Now the hunt is on for some Nash-Healeys... 



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# ENCOUNTER 2016 – WEDNESDAY

Rick Brodeur



**F**or those who want an early start to Encounter, the Encounter 2016 team has arranged a special activity. You may recall that this was originally scheduled to be a crab-dinner cruise on the Christina River in Wilmington. Unfortunately the Riverboat business is up for sale and we needed more of a sure thing. So on Wednesday night, August 10, per Brandywine region tradition, a “dinner on the train” event has been arranged on the historic Wilmington & Western Railroad. Buses leave from the hotel at 5pm for the short ride to the Greenbank road station, from which the train departs. Sign up soon, because capacity is limited to the first 80 persons who register for Encounter and request the dinner train event.

The W&W was chartered in 1867 to provide local rail service to the Port of Wilmington, and opened for freight and passenger service in 1872. In 1877 it changed hands and became the Delaware Western Railroad, which was highly profitable moving Kaolin Clay, vulcanized fiber materials, snuff, iron and coal to and from the many mills that lined the route. In the 1880s, the line was purchased by the Baltimore & Philadelphia Railroad (B&P), a subsidiary of the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O). The line became known as the “Landenberg Branch” by the B&O and was, for a time, its most profitable branch line. In the mid-1960s, Historic Red Clay Valley Inc. was formed and began leasing the tracks from the B&O on weekends beginning in 1966, operating steam-powered tourist trains between Greenbank Station and Mt. Cuba. In the mid-1970s, the line’s new owner, The Chessie System, filed for abandonment of the Landenberg Branch. With the line due to be demolished, fundraising began, and by August of 1982, the remaining 10.2 miles of the Landenberg Branch were once again in use as the Wilmington & Western Railroad.

The train consists of two dining cars and one parlor car, pulled by Engine No. 114, which was built in 1940 by the Electro-Motive Corporation (EMC) of General Motors for the Lehigh Valley Railroad (LV). After many years on the LV, it was sold to the Maryland Port Authority and worked as a dock switcher for a number of years in Pocomoke City, Md. In 1974, No. 114 was moved to the Ocean City Western Railroad in Ocean City, Md., where it worked briefly in tourist service, until the railroad closed in the late 1970s. In 1993, after an extensive restoration, it began its new service in the Red Clay Valley.

Passengers will board the train at 5:30 for the two hour tour from Greenbank Road station to Ashland and back. Appetizers and beverages will be served prior to the 6:00 departure from the station. Passengers will be seated in one of the two dining cars for the trip, during which the train will stop at the Mount Cuba station. At that time passengers will proceed to the parlor car, where a sumptuous buffet dinner including chicken, roast beef, stuffed shells, two vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert await them. After bringing their dinner back to their tables, the tour will continue while the passengers dine.

**Buses will return the passengers to the Sheraton hotel, arriving around 9:00 pm.**

Like the overnight indoor parking, the train tour can only be reserved by registering for Encounter 2016 and selecting this event. Once the 80 person capacity is reached, no more seats will be sold, and refunds of those closed out of the event will be provided at Encounter. Get your registrations in early so you don’t get closed out!

[Click here to see a YouTube short movie.](#)

## EVENTS | ENCOUNTER UPDATE

The Sheraton Wilmington South hotel is the setting for the Brandywine region's **Encounter 2015, which will be held August 10-13, 2016**. This hotel was completely renovated 3 years ago and is a fantastic venue. The huge lobby is being taken up by our group, with Hospitality, Regalia, Registration and tech sessions in close proximity to each other. The Brandywine group has many events planned in the area.



**Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, 365 Airport Road, New Castle, Delaware, 19720**

**Phone: (302) 328-6200 for reservations. <http://www.sheratonwilmingtonsouth.com>**

Mention "Austin Healey Encounter" to get the special rate of \$119 plus taxes.

Deadline for the room block hold: 10 July 16

• **GET THIS – ALL OF THE ROOMS ARE THE SAME PRICE!**

That's right, just \$119 per night for any of the rooms or suites. They are first-come, first served basis.



# MEMBERS CORNER

By Rick Brodeur

We have two new members this month

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Mitchell & Nancy Tanner

Tuxedo Park, NY

Brandywine

Raymond & Rosemary Thomas

Buchanan, VA

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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, and 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 problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page of the Flash and also on the web site.

## WEBSITE INFORMATION

Renewals are due in March. Renewal notices will be mailed out in mid-February for those memberships expiring on March 31st. If you think you will renew this March and don't get a renewal notice in the mail by the end of February, please contact me.

As events are announced we are posting them to the website. We'll soon be posting the events calendar for 2016

If you haven't signed up to the website you should so you can get access to member-only content. When you sign up on the website as a member I'll get an email. Within a day or two I'll verify you're a member and authorize access to the member only area which includes past Flash newsletters.

When you log in to the site you will be at your 'Profile' page. Here you can add information about yourself, change password, etc.

From there you go to the website by clicking on 'The Austin Healey Sports & Touring C...' in the grey bar at the top of the page.





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in New Castle Delaware  
August 10-13, 2016

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**About you:**

Is this your first Encounter? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you need Flea Market Space? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you need Regalia Store Space? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you need space to park a trailer? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you staying at Sheraton? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_  
 When will you arrive?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 8/10 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 8/11  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday 8/12 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 8/13

**Notes:**

\*All Flea Market Vendors must register for Encounter.  
 \*\* Indoor overnight parking – One fee for all nights of event.  
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 Note there will be limited time periods for lot entry / exit.

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**WED 8/10 Scenic Dinner Train Ride**

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 \_\_\_\_\_  
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# SECOND SEMESTER AUTO BODY SHOP

Article and images provided by By John Heffron

The second semester of the Austin Healey Auto Body Course has been completed and a new session is about to begin for the spring. The second season was all about applying the basics learned from the first semester to real car situations. There were three separate projects to concentrate on.

Ray Donovan needed a front end for his Bugeye. Nick Ferrant had an old Bugeye hardtop in very bad shape, and I wanted to evaluate and possibly paint the new '61 BT7 I purchased in August.

Ray is working with three Bugeye front bonnets, none of which is in great condition, but hopefully, by combining the best parts of each, he can put together a very good front end. His first task was to determine which fronts were to be the donors. Once that was decided he went about determining what needed to be done to achieve those ends. He was able to cut out part of the hinge mechanism from a donor that would replace the bent parts needed. Using a hammer and chisel, he was able to separate the hinge area welds from the body. He then cut with an air gun the actual part needed for the hinge. He overcut to be sure he had enough to work with. Once it was cleaned and the recipient bonnet hinge was cut out, he welded in the new pieces. As homework, he built a jig to replicate the way the bonnet fits onto the body out of plywood so that he would have the correct curves.



When not working on the hinge area Ray was sanding the fenders to see what they were like, and found much body filler, so he decided they would be cut out and replaced. Another donor contributed these parts. He was able to cut them off with a plasma cutter, another tool he was able to learn to master. They will be welded in place at a later time.

quickly. He switched to Aircraft Paint Remover to remove it, using a razor blade scraper. It took quite a few nights for Nick and John Heffron to get the offensive paint off the top, but eventually they removed it all. Now it was time for skim coating the top with body putty to even it out. Much time was used to get the top right and smooth. Finally it was ready for paint. One final sanding and then primer on the fiberglass. He followed up with a variation of Old English White paint and left it in the paint booth to dry overnight. The next day he returned to pick it up before the high school day started. Now he proudly has a gorgeous hardtop on his Bugeye.

As for my '61 BT7, it had last been painted by the previous owner in 1971, and the paint had faded and had a few imperfections. I decided to sand the entire car and prep it for a repaint. I sanded one side of the car in the classroom and then took the car home to my own garage where I

Now to Nick's hardtop. When first seen it appeared that someone in the past had painted it with a roller and some sort of thick paint to replicate the vinyl tops of the '60 and '70s. At first Nick tried using sandpaper to remove the paint but found it clogged the paper too



completed the sanding over the new few weeks. I was pleasantly surprised to find no body filler had been used on the car and all parts were intact. Once it was ready for painting I taped off all areas except what was necessary to drive it to the body shop paint booth.

The night I chose to take it in for painting was clear but the temperature had dropped to about 40 degrees and the winds blew about 30 miles per hour. The top was off as I had removed all the snap buttons prior to painting. So off I went on a 20 minute ride. I had a ski hat, gloves, and heavy jacket on but they did not keep me warm on the ride up. I pulled into the garage paint booth and we proceeded to tape up the rest of the car.

I had obtained three quarts of paint from the local auto body paint store who had matched the color with their camera. It turned out the color was a GM color—Summit Silver. I deferred to Bill, the class instructor, and previously an auto body shop owner, to actually spray the paint as I wanted as good a paint job as possible. The next morning I picked up the car from the school and drove it home, to be parked in the garage until spring 2016 arrives.



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Inspecting his work.



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# Letter to the Editor

I wanted to comment on the Flash. Great quality, timely, and I enjoyed the article on the early history of the club. I have attached a photo that you might consider for future use in the Flash. A little bit about the photo. Several years ago I found a book at a flea market entitled, *Sports Cars in Action* by John R. Bond, 1954. At the time Bond was publisher of "Road and Track" magazine. What attracted me to the book was the Austin Healey 100 on the dust jacket cover. The book was inscribed on the inside leaf: "Merry Xmas to Tom, Xmas 1954, from Mother." It is a great book on the sports cars of the early 1950's. Tucked inside the book was the attached 8x10 photo.

- I have studied this photo over the years and this is what I can surmise.

1. It was taken in early spring or late fall.
2. It is in the northeast-the Jaguar has a NJ license plate, 1954.
3. It is the start of a rally stage or hill climb.
4. The flagman is wearing an SCCS armband.

The patch above the armband is not totally readable the words Sports Car Club can be made out. another word beginning with "S".

5. The sign on the tree says something like Berhaus or Barhams Inn. The inn is a Dutch Colonial design.

6. The cars lined up are Jag XK120, AH100 (early car, low front wheel arch on fender, early side curtain design, chrome wires?), VW, VW (split window), unknown, unknown (old style wings like a TC, Morgan, Jag SS).

Car on right early 50's Ford.



Maybe someone out there knows the location, Club, or other details.

Another great book on this era of sports cars, also with a Healey on the cover is Tom Cahill's *The Modern Sports Car*, Prentice Hall, 1954. Cahill was the automotive tester for "Mechanix Illustrated".

Regards, —Fred Sherk

From —Larry Griswald;

Yes, that is an early or mid-1950's NJ license plate, black base with orange letter and numerals.

To confirm the year, you would have to be able to read the two numerals on the small, light colored piece at the bottom center of the plate.

In those days, when you renewed you received the small metal piece with two numerals (52, 53, 54 etc) and a tab on each end, and you removed the piece for the previous year and replaced it with the new one. I don't think that system lasted more than another year or two beyond 1954.



# HERE IS ONE FOR THE AHSTC

Article and images provided by Richard Ippoliti – North Jersey AHSTC

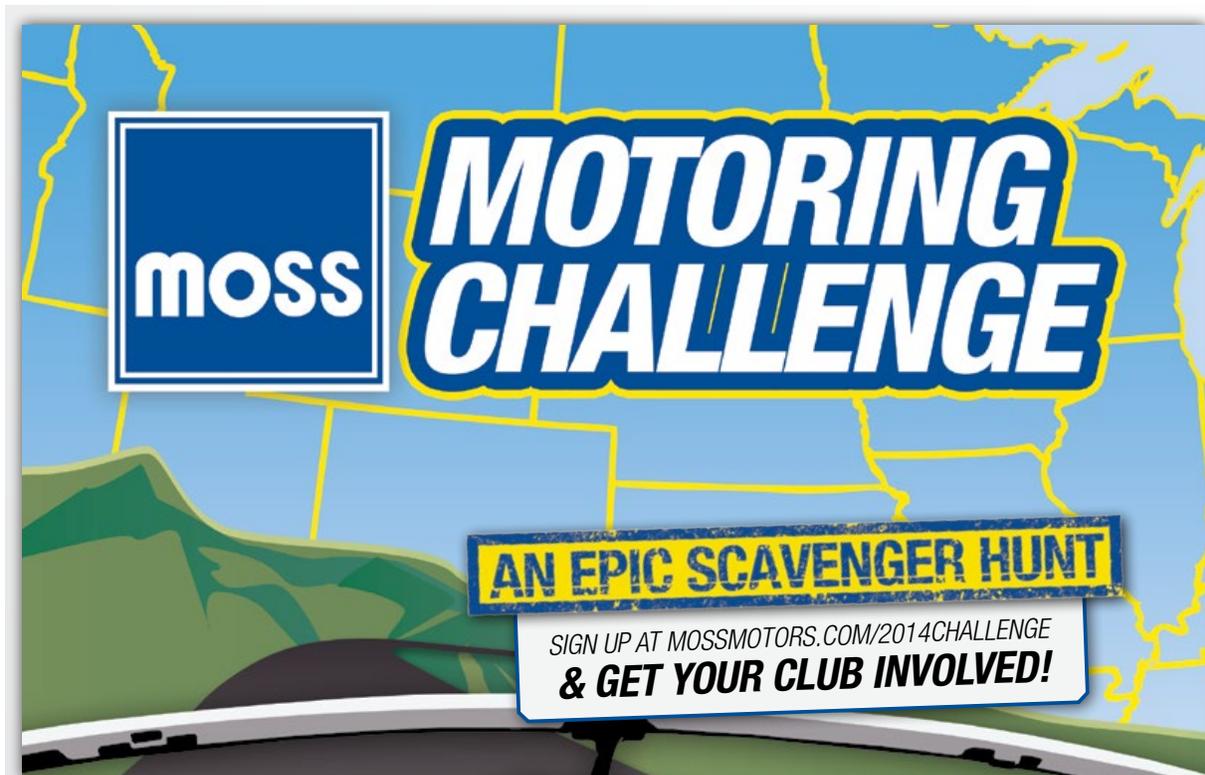
**H**ere is one for the AHSTC technical Brain trust to solve.

Late last year coming home from the North Jersey Fall Tour, I began experiencing a soft brake pedal; softer than normal that required a few pumps to get a good brake. Barbara and I arrived home safely and the next day I began my odyssey of locating the source of my problem.

I jacked the Healey up and pulled the drums off the rear wheels. Found a leaking wheel cylinder and replaced cylinders on both wheels. Also found one wheel cylinder was frozen and not applying pressure to one half of the brake shoes. Fixed this and started bleeding the brakes more times than I want to remember. No improvement in the pedal (going almost to the floor and coming up with a few pumps). Moved to the front wheels. Rebuilt all wheel cylinders with no change in pedal pressure; only to find that rebuilding is not the way to go. They leaked. Purchased and installed new wheel cylinders and still no change after bleeding multiple times. Thank goodness for my wife who has the patience of a Saint. Last stop was the master cylinder. When applying and holding brake pressure, the brake pedal continued to depress ever so slowly; an indication of a bad master cylinder? By the way, you are probably asking “did you check for leaks?” Yes I did and no there were none. Another note; all brake shoes were snugged up to the drum before bleeding took place.

I cannot describe the frustration at this point. I took to the internet to research my particular problem to find I was not alone. There were many ways to correct the problem all of which I tried. The one solution I continually read was to depress the brake pedal all the way, hold it in place with a board and leave it overnight like this. What did I have to lose? Seemed simple enough. I tried it and the next day removed the brace and stepped on the pedal and to my amazement, I had a hard pedal that only moved about 2 inches. Took the Healey out and drove it around and it stayed firm.

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