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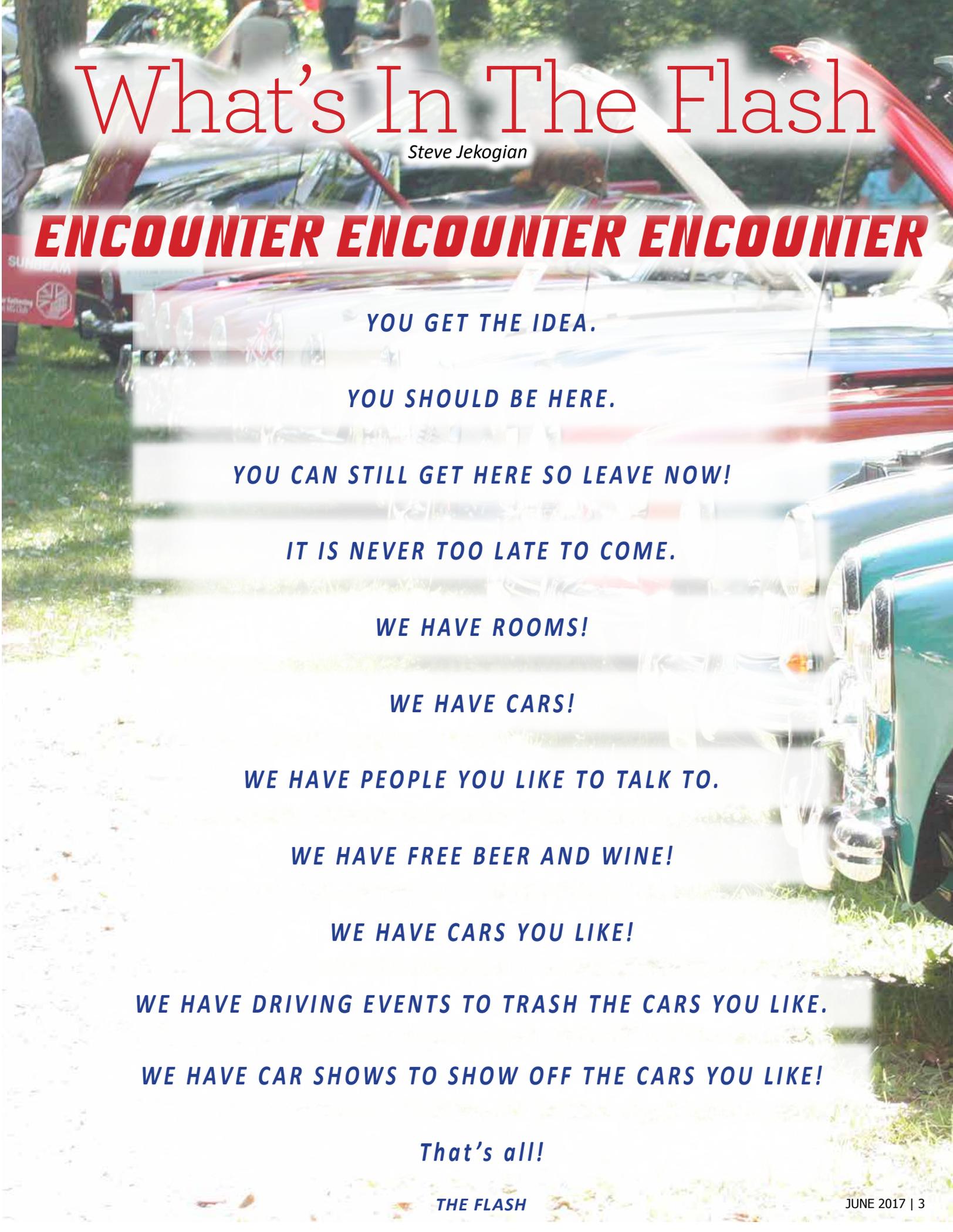
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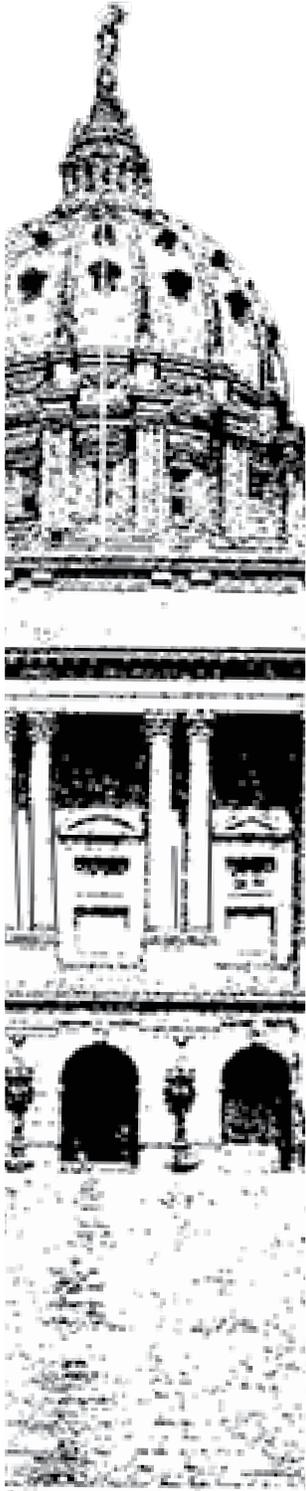
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That's all!

HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett



July brought even higher than normal heat and humidity this summer, with frequent showers and thunderstorms nearly every day. However, the weather gods took pity on us, granting 23 members of the Harrisburg Region a perfect day for our annual picnic. Bright sun, cooling breezes, no humidity, and pleasant temperatures- who could ask for anything more? Well, actually, there was a lot more...

Being an ideal Healey-driving day, five big Healeys, a Bugeye, and a Square-body Sprite made the trek to our small farm in Fishing Creek Valley. We still have the oil spots spread all across our driveway as proof! (If anyone in the club owns a Healey that does not leak, I want to hear from you. Frankly, I think you'd either be lying or your car is probably out of oil.)

First order of business was to hold an antique artillery marksmanship contest featuring Don Hoffer's infamous Civil War cannon. Contestants aimed at the side of our large bank barn from a distance of 100 feet and attempted to hit a 6x3 foot target with a tennis ball. This was harder than you might think, as adding the proper amount of propane, getting a good spark, and calculating distance, velocity, and the correct azimuth are all necessary to fire Don's beast with any degree of accuracy. Priscilla Hooper was the only person who was able to hit the mark and was awarded (appropriately) the "Annie Oakley Sharpshooter Award." She was followed closely by Scott Brockman, who still missed by at least 10 feet, earning the "Wild Bill Hickok Award" Liz Brockman's shot sailed completely over the barn and finally came to rest about 200 yards away, earning her the coveted "Can't Hit the Side of a Barn" award. Congratulations to the winners!



After a hearty picnic lunch, it was discovered that Elvis was indeed “in the house!” The King made a surprise appearance and serenaded us with some of his greatest hits. All the ladies swooned. Even our gray mare came down from the pasture and stood peering over the fence to listen. That Elvis always had a way with the fairer sex. Thanks to Joe and Barb Spear’s friend, Dennis Sabo, for serenading us. Dennis performs his Elvis act for nursing homes in the area, and I bet the folks there love him.

Following the concert, the final order of business was for Bob Preston to update everyone on plans and preparations for Encounter 2018. Bob and Joe are looking for volunteers to handle the numerous activities and events. As the host region in 2018, every one of us needs to step up to help make our Encounter a great success. Be sure to contact Bob or Joe as soon as possible to let them know what you would be able and willing to do.

A Final Exhaust Note



This month’s Exhaust Note comes to us courtesy of Don and Flora Schneider, who recently attended the **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix**. The Schneiders stayed with club members **Tim and Debbie Plesz in Greenberg, PA**. Don says that he was “totally amazed at the huge number of both foreign and American cars at the show.” Among the 300 participants, there were more than 40 Healeys in five different classes. Awards for foreign cars were given on the basis of popular vote of participants. **Gary Feldman** received a nice plaque for **placing first in the 100-6 class**. **The Schneiders placed first in the 3000 Mk I and II class**. **Tim Plesz’s** beautiful BRG Mk I unfortunately did not win an award, but Don reports, “his car received plenty of interest from Healey aficionados.” Harrisburg Region members, **Jon and Edie Arndt**, received a beautiful plaque for their **stunning metallic silver/pewter late-model Jaguar**. Don also notes that Camaro was the featured marque and was given a well-deserved place of honor at the event. Don concluded his report by writing, “This is some event, and one that you should put on your calendar for the future! My sincere thanks to Tim and Debbie for suggesting that we come to this event and for their wonderful hospitality.”



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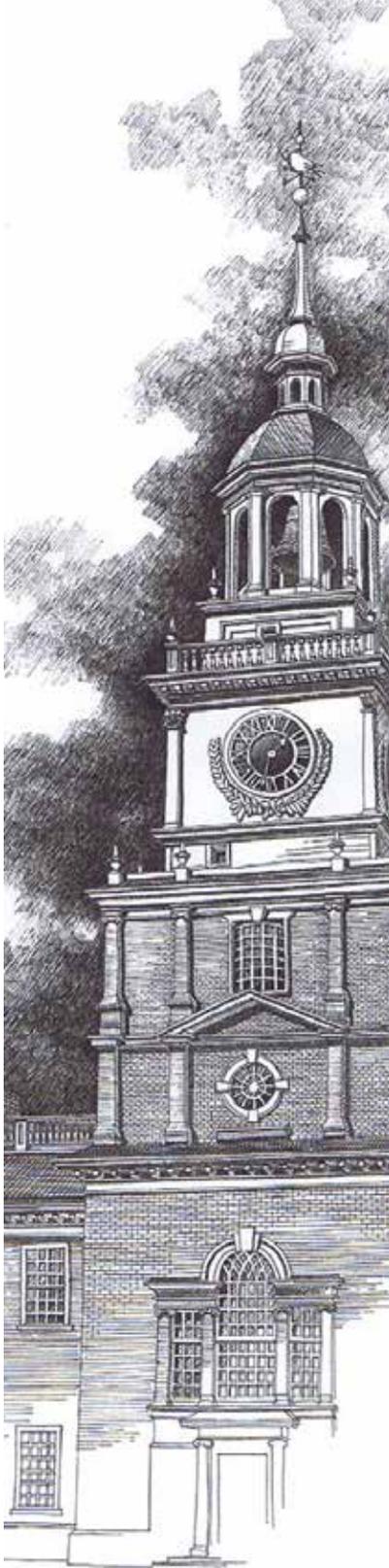
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PHILADELPHIA

REGION



Summer is here for sure, having experienced multiple 90-plus degree days. There has been a procession of cars leaving the city for either Shore towns or the Poconos to escape the hellish temperatures. This is not Healey weather.

We are getting ready for **Encounter in Princeton** from Wednesday, **August 9th through Sunday, August 13th**. We look forward to seeing everyone and having a good time. The Princeton Battlefield tour sounds very interesting, and is something else to look forward to. The tech sessions should be useful, and the awards dinner should be very good.

Concerning tech sessions, I recently received an email from Steve Snyder about his Bugeye woes. It seems that after he got all the parts together and installed, the car ran well for ten minutes, and died. He checked the fuel line and found no fuel coming through from the tank. He decided to drop the tank. He drained it, took it down, removed the gas float sending unit, and found that the Eastwood coating had deteriorated to the point that it was clogging up the fuel line pump and filter.

Be aware that ethanol in gasoline acts as a cleansing agent and will deteriorate paint and other coatings to the point where they will no longer adhere to the metal. Years ago I found that ethanol in gasoline ruined fiberglass fuel tanks by melting the resin and causing potential bombs on boats as they leaked out into the bilges. It seems that no coatings can stand up to the caustic combination. In this case, it's best to buy a new gas tank to replace the old one.

Upcoming events include the Philadelphia Glider picnic on Saturday, July 29th in Hilltown, PA. Also scheduled is the Brits in the Village, Saturday, October 14th, in Lahaska, PA, just south of New Hope. I'm looking into a tour of the Campbell Insurance Car Museum in Doylestown in the fall.

I'm waiting for a call from Middle Bucks Vo-Tech School concerning auto body classes for the fall, and also a series of tech sessions at Paul Wolglom's shop to address various car systems, such as electrical, brakes, cooling, etc.

**Get your Healeys out when the sun shines
and in cooler temperatures!**



Brandywine REGION



Saturday July 15th found the Brandywine group at Les and Shawn Lewis's home for our summer pool party. After severe rain storms on Thursday and Friday, Saturday turned out to be sunny and warm.

Les had prepared fantastic smoked pork, then served it "pulled" and sliced. With either homemade Texas or Carolina type sauces it was delicious. Shawn's special recipe baked beans made the perfect compliment. Other sides and deserts were provided by the attendees. All enjoyed various libations. The pool was of course very refreshing and most were soon in it. Ben Ehret (15 months old) had his own special float and was the center of





attention.

In addition to our hosts Les and Shawn, the following enjoyed the festivities: Dave Ehret; Ian Lewis; Ernie, Joan, and Andrew Leser; Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Brian, Emily, and Benjamin Ehret; Diane and Tom Zalewski; Jim Martin. The Healeys in attendance belonged to Dave Ehret, the Lesers, and the Lewis's two recently restored ones in addition to their Jaguar convertible. See included photos.

*Next month is Encounter 2017 in Princeton, N.J. .
Hopefully you have registered as I am sure the event will be lots of fun and excitement.
See you there!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 9-12th. Encounter 2017 in Princeton, N.J.

August, Saturday 26th. Chesapeake City Car Show.

September, Saturday 9th. Crab Crawl and Feast. Tom Zalewski is coordinator.

**September, Saturday 16th. British Car Club of Delaware Show, Delaware City, DE.
Contact Jim Martin for details (610-274-3193).**

September, Sunday 17th. Hagley Car Show, Wilmington, DE.



Long Island REGION



The annual **Beach Run/Sunset Tour** was postponed from July 13th to the 18th.

My experience with a rain date rescheduling is that you lose attendance. Not so this time! We had a large turnout and a perfect afternoon and evening. Susan and I rode with Tony and Kathy DiFrancesca, thank you both. We had 6 Healeys: Lenny Berkowitz brought his BJ7, Mary Ann Sekelsky her BT7, Eric Sussman his tri-carb, Cathy Preston her BJ8, Ira Udasin his 100, and Mike Haran his AN-7. Frank Filangeri was without his E-type. Last year he had a serious oil leak from the rear of the engine. Rear main oil seal so we thought, but it turned out it was a cracked crankshaft. Lucky he stopped driving and began investigating! I always say it is good to have friends and, sure enough, a replacement crankshaft was provided by an old friend in the Jaguar community. In fact, he had six to choose from, and had his machinist decide which one to cut. Reminds me of a time when I needed a front fender



and Frank helped me out. A club is foremost a social thing but also a source of advice, parts and sympathy. Those in attendance who were not already mentioned were Barbara and Bob Maichin, Tedd Krummeck, Steve Tjepkema, and Chris Aries. It was great to see everybody especially Lenny and Chris whom we don't see very often, new member Eric who took his Healey on its first long outing, and Cathy out and about in her car.

I am going to sign up for the Plasma Lab Tour at Princeton as soon as I am done writing this. I have to bone up with one of my old physics textbooks so I'm good and ready! Looking forward to Encounter... I'll give you a full report in the next issue.

Contact Paul to arrange a caravan to Encounter 40.

Paul Parfrey

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It is an easy drive.



June ended on a sweet note for several folks in the North Jersey Region, as a few members gathered at **Taylor's Ice Cream Parlor in Chester, NJ for an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 21st**. As Denise and I had a prior commitment (as in reservations on-board a river boat traveling the Rhone River from Cannes, on the Mediteranian, to Beaune, in the Cote d' Or area of France...lovely trip, thank you very much for asking!), Sarah was kind enough to attend and take a few notes for me. Her write-up, along with a couple of pictures, should follow. Both Denise and I are sorry we missed the Social, but we made sure to have a bowl of ice cream while onboard, and even raised a glass of wine to those who were missing.

We returned in time to join **Steve Feld, Ralph Scarfogliero, Bob Jankowitz, and Sarah Crombie** on a be-lated Spring (re-named "Summer") **Tour from the Bridgewater area to Princeton, NJ** to check out the location of the up-coming Encounter (to be held from August 9th through the 12th at The Westin Princeton, Forrestal Village, in Princeton...in case you haven't yet made your reservations, why the heck not!!) We had four British cars participating: Bob and Steve both with their white over red big Healeys; Ralph in his 100-8 Modified; and the Crombies in their little red Sprite. Ralph was kind enough to drive Sarah to the Westin, while Steve was kind enough to chauffeur Denise back to our point of debarkation. We had met at the Wegman's Plaza on Route 202 South, at the edge of Branchburg and followed Steve as he wound his way down towards the south and west over backroads (and a few little bumps...) for a little over an hour, before reaching our destination. Once there, Steve gave us a quick tour of the hotel, and its amenities. After a stop for lunch at one of the few eateries open on a Sunday (we did the tour on Sunday, July 9th), we followed Steve back. For the most part, anyway. When we got back to Route 206, Ralph peeled off and headed north in search of gas before heading home, while Bob stayed with us a bit farther before continuing west towards New Hope and another adventure.

Several members got together on **Tuesday evening, July 11th**, around the Green in downtown Morristown for an event called the "**Cops 'N' Rodders**", an informal "meet 'n' greet" sponsored by the Morristown Police Department. According to Steve Feld, six Healeys lined up together: **Steve Jekogian, Larry Gersten, Steve Feld, John Moore, Ian & Sue Kessen, and Frank Dapiran**. The members attending had a great evening, weather-wise, and otherwise, while enjoying each other's company, and taking in the sights. I missed this event, as well, as Sarah and I flew down to Texas to attend the **AHCA's annual Conclave, this year held in Waco, from July 9th through the 14th**. Sarah and I had a very good time in Waco; sure, it was hot (hovering around 100 degrees every day...) but it was hot in this area, too. And besides, we had spent the decade of the '90s living in Texas, so what the heck is one little week? The folks putting on Conclave Waco did a great job of scheduling most of the out-door activities in the mornings, while having movies and tech sessions in the air conditioning. You learn to adapt. Waco is a quaint little town, with a lot happening (think Baylor; Texas Rangers' Hall of Fame; numerous museums; lovely parks; and a river runs through it).

Next up for the Region (it will be history as you read this, as it happens tonight, July 25th), is another Ice Cream Social, this time at the Denville Dairy in downtown Denville, NJ. Okay, so we just got back from the Denville Dairy. Larry Gersten (AN5) and Steve Feld (BT7) joined Denise, Sarah, and me for a quick sundae and a bit of socializing while we all dodged the raindrops that were part of the "intermittent showers" that were forecast to have dissipated earlier in the afternoon.

A quick note of "Happy Birthday!" to Ralph, and a "Happy 10th Anniversary!" to Ralph and Vera.
Well done, guys, and thanks!

ENCOUNTER: (8/9 – 14/17)

Following this is our Big Event: ENCOUNTER 40, in Princeton, NJ. If this is taking you by surprise, Where The Heck Have You Been??? You should be there by now!! This is taking place from August 9th through the 14th, with a post-Encounter Tour (for those wanting to participate) to a Classic/British Car Show in nearby New Hope, PA.

SUMMER PICNIC: (8/26/17)

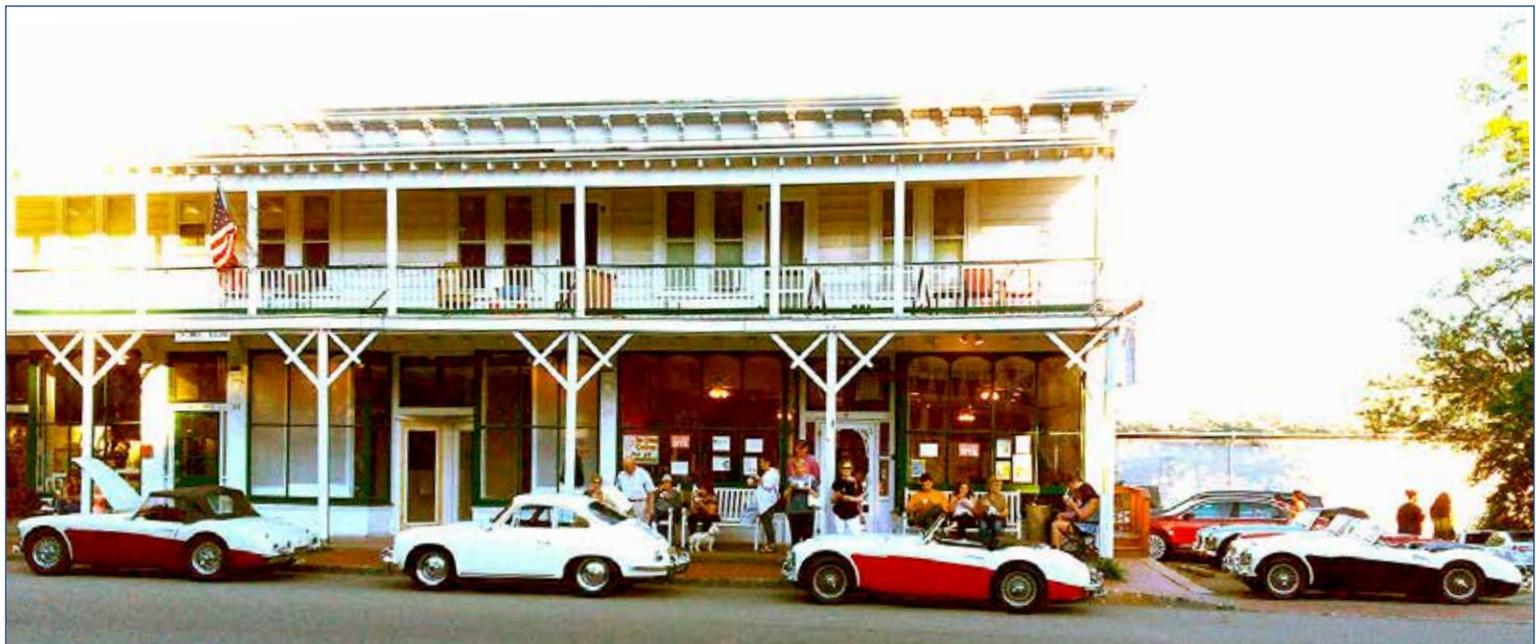
Andy & Martha Smith will be hosting a North Jersey Regional Post-Encounter Pool Party/Picnic at their home in Chester, NJ on Saturday, August 26th. Look for further details in an upcoming e-Flash. Mark your calendars, and don't forget to R.S.V.P. to the Smiths. *I hope to see you ALL in Princeton...*



Ice Cream Social

By Sarah A. Crombie

A somewhat “impromptu” Ice Cream Social was held at Taylor’s Ice Cream Parlor in Chester on Wednesday June 21st. Denise and I “jumped ship” – (and ON TO a ship!) – the week before the event, having planned a 10-day river cruise along the Rhone River in France. I passed the info onto Sarah, who said she “might be able to make it.” (I think she was still trying to plan her parties and figure out what she’d do with the house all to herself for 10 whole days!) She ended up being able to attend and took notes in my stead. There were fourteen members in total who made it out: Jim and Corrine Vollmuth; Bob and Julie Jankowitz; Rich Ippoliti; Steve and Ann Feld; Larry and Diane Gersten (with their two little pups!); Ian and Sue Kessen; Sarah Crombie; and Rudy and Barabra Hyzer. Those in attendance had the pleasure to meet Rudy’s wife, Barbara, and we’re so happy that she was able to get out of work early enough to join us! The rain in Chester earlier in the day cleared out just in time for six were Healeys to make it, along with Jim and Corrine Vollmuth in their Porche 356, and Sarah in her Hyundai. (She was not too inclined to make her way along uncharted roads in Little Red without benefit of a “rescue person” around! So little faith in the little car! See if Little Red will take her out! Ahh, sibling rivalry!) All in all, it sounds like a very pleasant evening, with some free “music” provided by the wailing fire trucks passing by, giving rides from the town’s fair. 🇬🇧





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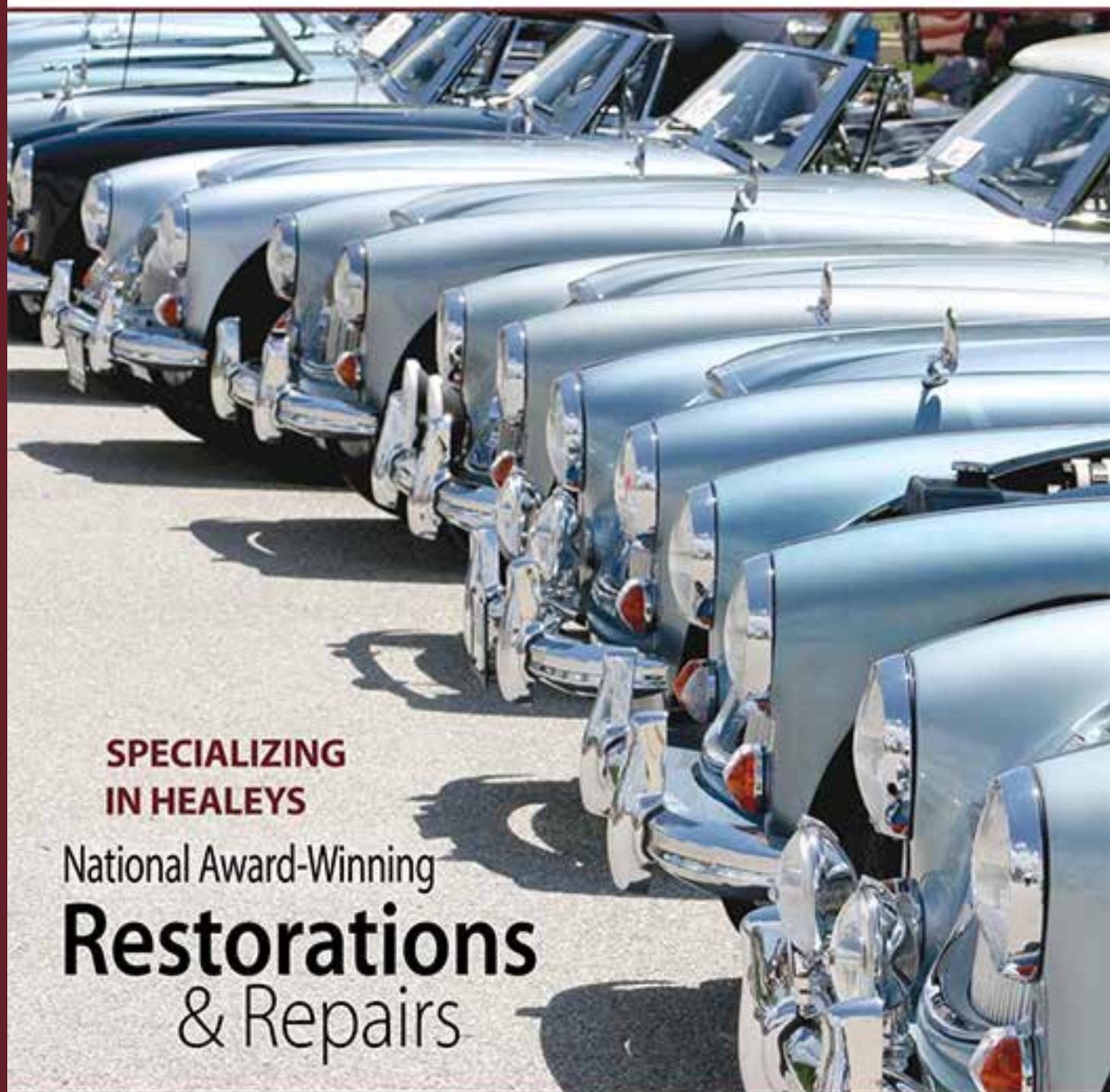




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Article provided by Steve Jekogian



How do you get it up?

That is a question guys are always thinking about on a warm summer night and so does the girl in the front seat beside you. It's bound to happen as we and the cars get older, and things wear down. Someday it will be flat, and hopefully not when you are going at full speed.

That's right at some point you are going to have a flat tire and will have to jack up the car to change it. Do you have the tool (s) that can get it up? Ever see the original jack, what a contraption! Great color so you can find it in the trunk, but exactly how does it work? Did you ever see one work? I have one for show only and it does not look like it would fit under the frame if I did have a flat. The AAA guys jack probably will not fit under the frame and I bet he would have to jack up the whole car to get the tire off.

What's a Healey owner to do? Do you even have a jack in the trunk? What kind is it? Does it work, do you think?

I recently wanted to buy a jack for my car and had a real dilemma. All the car part stores and Wal-Mart had only hydraulic jacks and the smallest one had a minimum height of 7 inches! Considering the Healey frame is only four inches off the ground when the tires are full of air, seven inches seems problematic. I wanted to buy a scissor jack, popular in the 1970 with the long crank handle but could not find one. What to do?

Well I looked in the trunk of my Chrysler and there was a scissor jack that lowered to about 2 inches and had a short handle. Great, but where to get one. I went to an auto junk yard and explained what I wanted and for \$20.00 I had my pick. Look for a small one that will fit in the original space, which is the left side of the trunk under the mat in the hole between the fenders well and the bumper bracket. Actually the original jack was held to the bumper bracket with a "Jack strap" (Moss sells them for \$35.00). If your new jack will not fit in that space, then another good area is under the spare tire wrapped in a towel (so it will not clang around) with the crank held down by the tire, which should be held down by the tire belt (also a Moss item).

What else should be in the trunk well of course a knock off hammer, I have a can of flat tire inflator, (can't hurt) and a fire extinguisher. What do you carry in your Trunk? That is a future article of Healey spares for the road. E-mail me what you carry as spares and what you think you should be carrying.



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