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"A BUGEYE'S VIEW OF ICE FLOES
ON THE SUSQUEHANNA"
BY FRED BENNETT

What's In The Flash

Steve Jekogian

In the January issue I asked a question to the members. Do you remember what it was? Did you think about it? Did you answer me?

Guess not all of you read it, so now you are looking back in your e-mails to find the e-mail from Rick Brodeur dated around January 13th, so you can read it again, or for the first time.

Hint, hint, check out this month's "Letters To The Editor" for a Hint. And then send me your answer.

Joe Spears sent this real interesting video link. Enjoy

In 1961, a young man takes a tour of the Jaguar factory in Coventry. He sees how the cars are built and gets a ride in a brand new XK-E. The video also features the Jaguar Mk 2 which was in its third year of production at this point, having been introduced in 1959.

Look how many people are working in the factory and how labor intensive it is. (also, dirty, polluted, dark unsafe etc.) I was in the BMW plant in Germany and there were very few people working there. Almost as many visitors as workers.



<https://justbritish.com/votw-jaguar-factory-tour-1961/>



HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett



This brutal winter weather seems unwilling to let up any time soon. Sonya and I haven't had any of the LBCs out since the 3rd of January. I'm suffering from serious Healey withdrawal. A recent snowstorm also forced our Esteemed Exulted High Mystical Pooh-bah, Joe Spear, to postpone our January meeting until the 23rd. Since the submission deadline for Flash articles is the 25th, that leaves yours truly with nothing to actually write about this issue. (Do I hear cheering in the background?)



"A Bugeye's View of Ice Floes on the Susquehanna"

Fortunately, Joe has once again come to my rescue. Last fall he sent me copies of the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club's first newsletter, along with the minutes of the first official meeting. The original members met on Sunday, August 15th 1976. The first newsletter is dated September of that year.

In 1976 you might recall that there were no catalogues from which you could order cheap, Chinese-made parts with next-day delivery. There were also few mechanics who were willing to work on these cars. (I actually had a mechanic threaten to throw a 9/16th box wrench at my head if I ever brought my square-body Sprite back to his garage- and this guy was a friend of mine!) I can well recall, in that same year, trying to purchase a '67 rather "well-loved" Big Healey that was priced at \$650 (Yes, it ran and was inspected!). I failed to close the deal because I only had \$475 in my "car-kitty." Instead, I sold my very tired \$150 '63 Sprite and settled for a '65 MG Midget (\$250). Yet, the dream of owning that Big Healey never died.

I've been holding on to these little time capsules, waiting for a slow news month to re-release them to an adoring public. I think you will enjoy the fact that the club's founders did not take themselves too seriously. Indeed, they fully embraced the impracticality and the near-insanity of trying to keep a rag-tag collection of finicky old British roadsters on the road. One other thing that sort of jumped out when I read the original minutes was that the club originally thought of making itself exclusively a "Big Healey" organization. I'm glad they eventually came to their senses and let us "Sprite People" in. For some of us, I suspect the plucky little Sprite has been the "gateway" Healey that eventually got us "hooked" on its bigger, badder sibling.

INTRODUCTION

FELLOW AUSTIN HEALEY LOVERS, WE NOW JOIN TOGETHER IN OUR SUFFERING AND TRIUMPHS, AS OWNERS AND FANS OF THE OFT CURSED AND OCCASIONALLY PRAISED SPORTSCARS ENGLAND HAD ONCE WILLINGLY PROVIDED AFFLUENT AMERICANS, (THOSE WHO CHOSE ELITENESS OVER CONVENIENCE). AND SO, WE SHALL "CARRY-ON".

MINUTES

AT OUR MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, WE BEGAN TO CONSOLIDATE OUR PLANS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR CLUB.

FROM THE NINE PEOPLE PRESENT, SIX MEN AND THREE OF THEIR WIVES, WE CHOSE JOHN MORRISON AS OUR PRESIDENT AND MYSELF, BARBARA BOYD, AS SECRETARY/TREASURER. THE OTHER OFFICERS WERE DECIDED TO BE UNNECESSARY AT THIS POINT IN OUR DEVELOPMENT. WE CHOSE TO ELECT OFFICERS AS OUR REQUIREMENTS LATER DEMAND.

THREE DECISIONS WERE MADE WHILE WE CONSUMED "ICED TEA" AND OTHER REFRESHMENT. THE FIRST AND MOST CONTROVERSIAL, BEING THE DECISION TO INCLUDE OWNERS OF AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITES. AFTER ARGUING THE SEPARATISM OF "ELITE" VS. "TOTALLY ELITE", WE SETTLED WITH "ELITE", INCLUDING OWNERS OF SPRITES, EVEN IF IT IS THEIR "ONLY" AUSTIN HEALEY.

OUR NEXT TASK WAS FINDING A BAPTISM FOR OUR INFANT CLUB. OUR CHOICE FOR CHRISTENING WITH SIMPLICITY, BECAME...

" THE AUSTIN HEALEY SPORTS & TOURING CLUB "

~~WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE TO OUR FUTURE ADVANTAGE, NOT TO FORCE A SIZE LIMIT ON MEMBERSHIP BY ADDING,~~
" OF PENNSYLVANIA".

THE THIRD FINAL DECISION WAS TO BE A TIME FOR OUR NEXT MEETING. WE FOUND THAT WE COULD BEST AVOID CONFLICTING CLUB MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY RE-GROUPING EACH THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THIS WILL MEAN THAT OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1976. JOHN AND SUE MORRISON HAVE OFFERED THEIR HOME FOR THIS EVENT. DIRECTIONS AND MEETING-TIME REMINDERS WILL BE SENT ONE WEEK BEFORE THAT DATE.

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AUSTIN-HEALEY SPORTS AND TOURING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Healey Owners, Enthusiasts and Others of Doubtful Mental Capacity:

LAST MEETING:

Due to my sluggardness in sending out the last Newsletter and the subsequent underwhelming attendance, our last meeting consisted of bench-racing, mutual reinforcement and much conversation around those sacred topics of;

"Yes, we are the ELITE owners of that fine classic automobile."

AND

"No, there never will be produced a motorcar as It's PEER."

AND

"Yes, it's more fun to drive with the top down so's you can't hear those rattles, groans, creaks and clunks."

AND

"Yes, it would be nice if the thing ran more than 30% of the time."

We also changed a fuel pump in the rain which may even still be working.

The net result of the last meeting proved to be two conclusions:

1. No Healey Owner that we know of is playing with a full deck.
2. Beer tastes bad when diluted by rainwater.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next, and hopefully more productive, meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30, at DANTE'S Restaurant (upstairs) in the

Cedarcliff Mall.

JOHN MORRISON 737-5786

HARRISBURG REGION AHSTC • EVENTS SCHEDULE • 2018

- Jan 16th Hillside Café – planning for 2018, Encounter '18, Polar Run
- Feb 20th Hillside Café
- 1/27-29th 2/24-25 or 3/10-11 Polar Run – Fred and Sonya Bennett – Rally masters
- March 20th Hillside Café
- April 17th Hillside Café
- April 28/29th Spring Tour
- May 19th Carlisle Car Show
- June 19th – Soda Jerk – Ladies Night
- July 22/23 or 28/29 Summer picnic at Fred and Sonya's
- August 21st - Hillside Café
- September 19th – 23 Encounter - '18 Lancaster
- October Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th – Tour de Brockmans
- November 3th - Awards Banquet
- December 8th or 15th - Progressive Dinner

A Final Exhaust Note

One August eve in '76,
 They met, a most eclectic mix,
 The founding members of our club,
 To down some brews and eat some subs.
 A small "support group," some might say,
 For Anglophiles who'd lost their way,
 They gathered out of shared respect
 For a marque that suffered from neglect.
 While doubters scoffed and thought them mad,
 They knew those Healeys weren't that bad.
 With bailing wire and Bondo, too,
 The cars soon ran as good as new!

Okay, they leaked, I'll give you that.
 With Lucas wiring, they often sat.
 The doors did sag- exhausts dropped off,
 And when it rained, the motors coughed.
 I must admit, they burned some oil,
 The brake lines dripped, the coolant boiled.
 They leaked in cold and wind and snow,
 Which came up through rust holes below.
 But those brave souls just soldiered on,
 Because their fellowship was strong.
 And from this most determined few,
 Emerged the club we belong to.

Thanks!



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PHILADELPHIA

REGION

Zzzzzz. The car is asleep for another two months or so, dreaming of spring. My only activity is rehabbing a townhouse we own to get it ready to sell.

There will be a tech session on Saturday, February 3, at Terry McNelis' house to get his BJ8 running so the car will be ready for driving season.

The Atlantic City Antique Car Show will be held February 9, 10, and 11, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. If you go, at least you will be able to see cars.

We plan to have a few tech sessions toward the end of February and beginning of March, and once driving season is here, we will hold a Cars and Coffee at Pour Richard's Coffee House in Devon. We are still looking into various tours to take, and if you have any interesting places or routes, please let me know. Each event ends with a delicious lunch.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 19, at the Metropolitan restaurant, at 7 p.m., where we will have a surprise guest.

Think spring!



By Ernie Leser Brandywine

The 2018 Events Planning Meeting was held on January 18th at Mad Mac's restaurant. The following members attended: Les and Shawn Lewis, Jeff and Lisa Lanno, Chuck Ott, Jim Martin, Dave Ehret, Pete Roberts, Buzz Marshall, Mike Jennings, Roger Bono, and Ernie and Joan Leser.

After all had eaten and discussed possible events in general, the following tentative schedule was developed. More detailed information about each event will be provided through the e-flash as the event gets closer. The new year promises to be another good one for our region!

BRANDYWINE REGION 2018 EVENTS

February, Sat. 24th, 11 am. Tour of the Simeone Car Museum. "Best of Britain" show. Chuck Ott is coordinator.

March, Sat. 17th, 1pm. "Pizza at Pete's".

Pete Roberts residence, 21 Waterview St., Downingtown, PA. RSVP to Pete by the 10th (610-458-5412).

April, Sat. 28th, 2 pm. Tour and Picnic. Mike Jennings and Buzz Marshall are coordinators.

May, Sat. 5th. Lewes British Car Show. Contact is Mike Tyler (302-645-7572).

May, Sat. 19th. Carlisle Import Show.

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

June, Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th. Tour to Luray, Virginia. Kris Garrett is coordinator.

July, Wednesday 4th, 4 pm. Independence Day Pool Party at the Lewis's residence, 37 Breezeway Dr., Elkton, MD. RSVP to Shawn by June 27th (302-354-1271).

August, Sat. 25th. Crab Crawl and Feast. The Philip's residence, St. Michaels, MD. Dave Ehret is coordinator.

September, 19th to 22nd. ENCOUNTER 2018 in Lancaster, PA.

October, Sat. 6th, 1pm. Brandywine Region Picnic. The Leser residence, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Joan by Sept 29th (410-398-7308).

November, Thursday 15th, 7pm. Annual Elections. Stoney's British Pub, Concord Pike (rt. 202), Wilmington, DE.

December, Sat. 8th, 6pm. Christmas Party. The Lanno residence, 1499 Bethel Rd., Garnet Valley, PA. RSVP to Lisa by Dec. 1st (610-496-5742).

January, Thursday 17th, 7pm. Events Planning. Mad Mac's restaurant, rt. 896, Newark, DE.



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Long Island REGION



Party panorama

The Long Island Region's Post-Holiday Party was held on January 7th at Orlando's Restaurant in Commack. In contrast to last year's low turnout due to weather and illness, we had a good number of Healeyites in attendance, losing only one who had planned to come to a bad cold. As has been the case for many years, the Long Island Region subsidized half the cost per person, using dues money rebated back to us. Those in attendance included Kathy and Tony DiFrancesca, Frank Filangeri, Noel Gish, Gregg Kalmar, Bob and Barbara Maichin, Cathy Preston, Mary Ann Sekelsky and Tedd Krummeck, Bob and Diane Squillari, Steve Tjepkema, and Susan and myself. It was great to meet new member, Gregg Kalmar, face to face, as we had previously only corresponded by email and phone about a headlight problem and battery polarity. New members should keep in mind that the Region has decades of experience in all things Healey only a phone call or email away.

Your club president and newsletter editor is known as Mr. Grumpy around home but even I had a good time. How could I not, with good food, good conversation and good friends?

Thanks to Bob Maichin and Noel Gish for the photos. It seems I had my finger over the flash in the pictures I took!



Healey talk



And more Healey talk



Paul gets the Bill!



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Beasley and Woodley, the look-alike boys



Babs at sunset.



North Jersey

By George Crombie

Timing is everything. Well almost. Or it could be. Whatever. Just as I sat down to write this, the phone rang. I got distracted. This was last week, on the 16th of January. Two days later, I made every attempt to give it another shot. I didn't get very far. Saturday was a pretty decent day; temps in the low 50s, light wind, and plenty of sunshine. Sarah and I took the Sprite out for a little spin. The goal was to get my mind into thinking about Spring: tours, a rally or two, a tech session or three, and the annual list of British Car shows around the area. It worked; well, sort of. The Sprite started up with very little coaxing, as I had last started it only a couple of weeks ago and let her warm up in the driveway, as there was way too much salt and "winter debris" on the roadways. The plan was to drive the route that we had done for the Polar Run back in December. I dumped about a gallon or so of gas from the lawnmower can into the tank (I bet I know where you think this is going...) before starting off. Five miles into the run, and I still hadn't seen the fuel gauge budge. The tank only holds 7 gallons; I would have been content if the needle had even touched the "E" line. But, alas; no. There aren't many gas stations on the first part of the run. "Change of plans," I told Sarah. "We're going up through Whitehouse Station, hitting Route 22, and heading for home. If we make it."

"What's wrong with just stopping off and getting some gas?" She asked. Well, Red tends to stink up the garage if she has too much gas. Even as I said it, I knew how obvious that comment was.

We got a bit of a chuckle over that. By the time we made it home (with gas to spare, I might add...), the brakes were a bit touchy; like





the peddle went to the floor, but there was some resistance. Enough to stop the car, at any rate. I think I may have popped a wheel cylinder, but that's another story. It'll soon be warm enough to have a look.

Now, it's the 22nd of January, and I'm pretty much caught up with the more pressing chores. I also have the "let's get out there, and drive topless!" Spring Fever. My New Year's Resolution for this year is to have my article written and sent off to Steve Jekogian by the deadline of the 25th of each month, so he doesn't have to wait on me. I've compromised and given myself an extra day to send along any pictures.



So, let's have at it, already!

North Jersey's 2017 Holiday Party was held on Saturday night, January 6th, starting at 6:00 PM. The location was at Pavesi Ristorante, 50 South Street, in Morristown, NJ. We were housed in our own room, in the basement, where the maximum occupancy was a cozy 38 live bodies. We maxed it out. The local outside temperature was about 6* F. It would have definitely qualified for a Polar Run; but, alas; no one (to my knowledge) drove British. The following members attended: Steve & Ann Feld, Richard & Barbara Ippoliti, Gary & Theresa Baumann, Bob & Julie Jankowitz, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, Bob & Pat Swanson, Dennis & Elaine Meehan, Jay & Dawn Baumann, Mark & Ilene Goodman, Tom & Pam Mulligan, Allen & Ginny Rosenberg, Ernie & Marion Marateo, Ian & Sue Kessen, Bill & Meg Kaltnecker, Bill & Marge Smith, Larry & Diane Gersten, Rudy & Barb Hyzer, and George, Denise, & Sarah Crombie.

A few gifts changed hands quite regularly early on, until something "more desirable" would show up, then the new item would belong to someone for just a few moments, before it, too, got swiped and re-swiped! (Larry ended up possessing a dash-cam at least 7





different times, before finally going home with it.) A couple of cut-away drawings of a Healey were stolen a few times each, and a terrific hand-made wooden dash must have been owned by at least a third of the people present, before going home with... Was it Ernie? There were quite a few other, shall we say "interesting" and "unique" items up for grabs. We even witnessed a "Boxing" match of sorts. The participants (both female) shall remain nameless; however, their husbands (both named Steve, by the way) favored the hands-off approach and left them on their own to work it out, as they compared tactics of an open front versus a closed front. There may be a picture or two surfacing. Quite a riot!

Next on the agenda for the Region will be the Monthly Club Meeting on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM at Charlie Brown's in Chatham (522 Southern Boulevard), where we will be trying to set up a calendar of events for the year, discussing the Red Mill British Car Show, and addressing the up-coming 60th birthday of the lovely little Sprite (in all its guises).

This will be followed by the March Monthly Club Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th, also at Charlie Brown's, starting at 7:00 PM. This meeting will feature a guest presenter, Steve Dibdin, who will enlighten us on some of the capabilities of 3-D Printing. As 3-D printing is becoming more and more popular, and the 3-D printers are getting more and more affordable, this should be a very informative session. Please try to let Steve Feld know if you plan to attend, so he can alert the restaurant on how many to expect.

If you received (and read!) the e-Flash that Steve Feld sent out on January 17th, it is full of information on what you may want to know. I usually go back and read it a couple of times, and again as I try to put my article together. You don't think I can put all this stuff together on my own, do you? Not a chance! I plagiarize the heck out of whatever I can to feed the masses!

So, until next time; whether I see you on the road or off, I'll be doing it topless. And having fun.

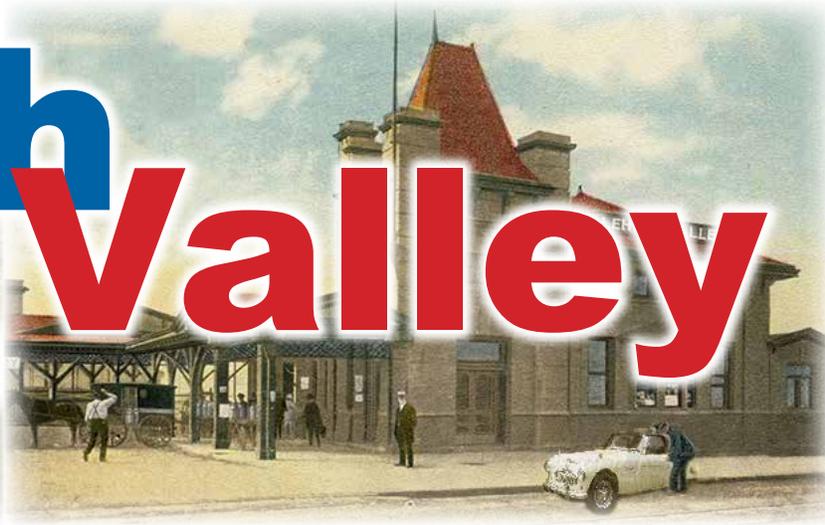
FEBRUARY 6TH: Monthly Club Meeting at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ 7:00 PM

Setting up a Calendar of Events for 2018

MARCH 13TH: Monthly Club Meeting at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ 7:00 PM 3-D Printing



Lehigh Valley



Linda Sauvigne, a Lehigh Valley Region member who lives in Shawnee-on-Delaware, in responding to our holiday party, indicated they could not make the party this year but would make the gathering in the future.

As a follow up to her email I determined Linda has quite the story regarding the ownership of her Austin-Healey 3000 Mark II Four Seater, H-BT7-L16193.

It began in 1980 at the celebration of Linda and Pete's tenth wedding anniversary at an exclusive restaurant near Roanoke, Virginia. There in the parking lot she saw a beautiful Austin Healey. When Pete handed the keys to Linda it was only then she realized the car was for her. To this day she has no clue as to what they ate and remembers very little about the event other than that the big Healey in the parking lot was hers.

It was driven some years more than others as the Sauvigne's moved from town to town always looking for a garage to house the car now named "Baby". When Pete retired five years ago the Sauvigne's moved to Shawnee-on Delaware.

Upon joining the Austin Healey Club of America they received The Healey Marque Magazine in September 2014 which, low and behold, Jim Clark had written an article and mentioned his first Healey. Linda concluded that this was her car. She checked the club roster and found his contact information and e-mailed him. He was excited to hear from her and to know the Sauvigne's still had "his" car (now called Baby).

Jim's information about the car is as follows. He confirms the car is a German export model and has a signal light that is amber and a running light that is white built into the front shroud. He also recalls that he wrecked the front end at one point. He also states that on the fire wall the weight is given in kilograms as was required in Germany.

Jim also conveyed to Linda that he actually took Donald Healey for a ride in the car in 1978 at the New Market, Virginia

The AH 300 Mark II arrives at K&T Vintage Sports Cars.



Linda Sauvigne' in the AH 300 Mark II

Conclave. Jim further stated that that there a lot of questions about how people thought the car had been altered. He said DMH came out to inspect the car and settled any dispute.

Donald stated it was a German Export and to his recollection there were only 28 of them made in 1961. Sure enough the destination, according to the Heritage Certificate obtained in 2014, was Arthur Bruggeman and Company, Dusseldorf, Germany.

After three moves and two grown children they decided to have “Baby” restored. They found a person who had a passion for older cars and he was interested in the project which he indicated would take 6 months since it would be the only car on which he would be working. Welllllllll after a year of seeing little progress it was time to make a move to a different restorer. Linda found K&T Vintage Sports Cars and after a visit and conversations they decided “Baby” would need to be taken from the New Jersey restorer. Pete and Linda bought an enclosed trailer and loaded the car, transmissions, engine, wheels and boxes of parts into the trailer and moved “Baby” to K&T Vintage Sports. Now, the fellows at K&T have answered all of their questions, kept them updated on the progress and put up with them visiting about every



week. And, now they are even able to have the interior restored in tan. The restoration should be completed in the spring. Then you will see Linda proudly driving Baby around the back roads of the Delaware Valley. And, Congratulations to Pete, what a great Anniversary present you gave Linda!!

Another story Linda shares – She is driving the Healey in nowhere south West Virginia when the car dies in the parking lot of a little store. Two toothless tobacco chewing fellas say “Hey little lady yo need some help?” Linda smiles and says “no” and hopes they can’t tell she was afraid if them. She goes in the store and buys one of those cool pops that are in a plastic tube and are liquid till you freeze them. Linda pops out the back seat and puts the frozen pop on the fuel filter. There had been a problem when the car got hot it would cause a vacuum and as soon as it cooled down it would be fine. Linda was hoping that was the issue here. Those two guys were laughing and pointing and Linda was praying that this would work. It only took a few minutes and she didn’t bother putting the seat back in place. She just got in and turned the key and smiled and waved as she pulled out.

Be sure to ask Linda about the time she and Pete had to buy bubble gum and chew as much as they could and use it to patch the hole in the oil pan until they could get home.



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2. Car/Chassis Number	H-BT7-L/16193
3. Engine Number	29E-RU-H/2698
4. Body Number	16224
5. Specification	LHD, Export
6. Colour	
a) exterior	Ivory White
b) trim	Black
c) hood (top)	Black
7. Date of Build	13 - 15 November 1961
8. Date of Despatch	21 November 1961
9. Destination (Dealer)	Arthur Bruggeman and Company, Dusseldorf, Germany
10. Other Numbers (where recorded)	Key number FP.725, Gearbox number 505, Steering lock number 52423A, Rear axle number 15005
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LOVE OF A BIG HEALEY

Article by Linda Sauvigne'

Hey Gerry, I don't know where to begin with this request. I will give you a general story and you can use what you want. I always loved the Big Healeys. One of the first things my husband knew about me was my love of those cars. Flash forward our 10th anniversary going out to dinner and in the parking lot is a British Racing Green Austin Healey 3000. I gently rubbed my hand over the fender and said beautiful, Pete (my husband), says Happy Anniversary. This went on through 3 or 4 Happy Anniversary's, until he handed me the keys and started to take the top down! Needless to say I was maybe for the first time speechless. Then here we are three moves and 2 grown kids later living in a small village in Pennsylvania, just over the border from Jersey and we decide to have "baby" as she has come to be known, restored. We get a line on someone who has a passion for older cars and we go to check him out. He has very interested and we decide to do it. So he tells us 6 months as this is the only car he will be working on. We check in every few weeks and some progress has been made. Then after a year we are seeing little progress and start looking for someone else to do the job. We find K&T Restorations. We talk and visit and finally take the car from the first guy. We buy an enclosed trailer to do the job. Then I help Pete load the transmission in the trailer, the rear, the engine, tires and many boxes of parts! It's been a year and a half and baby is looking much better. Through it all the guys at K & T have answered all our questions, kept us updated on progress and put up with us visiting about every week! It's getting close now and looking like early Spring! There have been plenty of road blocks along the way. The first guy had the interior done, it had to be black he said, cause the tan we wanted was not available. Turns out the tan color was available from a different company. Not only that we paid for the job to be done in black but it was not a good job with wrinkles in the seats. So its sent out for redoing and there is a hold up there due to a back log of jobs. So that's the story. From that anniversary till now it's been 37 years. Lots of fun stories, like living in nowhere south west Virginia when the car dies in the parking lot of a little store. Two toothless tobacco chewing fellas say "hey little lady you need some help?" I smile and say no and hope they can't tell I am afraid of them! I go into the store and buy one of those cool pops, that are in a plastic tube and are liquid till you freeze them. I pop out the back seat and put the frozen pop on the fuel filter. There was a problem when the car got hot it would cause a vacuum and as soon as it cooled down it would be fine. So I was hoping that was the issue here. Those two guys were laughing and pointing and I was praying that this would work. It only took a few minutes and I didn't bother putting the seat back on just got in and turned the key and smiled and waved as I pulled out. I am thinking those two still tell the story how this women fixed her can with a cool pop!!! Then the time we had to buy bubble gum and chew as much as we could and use it to patch the hole in the oil pan till we could get home! Anyway let me know if you need any other info. My car is a 1962 Austin Healey, BT7, tricarb. It is a German export so it has little differences like an extra light in the front . We do have the Heritage Report. He second is a quick drive when it looked like a go cart. Under the hood before and after. I have a million pictures but though these kind of said it all.



FAREWELL DOTTIE

By Joe Spear



I have some bad news. Dottie Hoffer passed away yesterday. She would have been 80 in August.

Dot was a retired Medicare Fraud Investigator with Highmark/PA; attended WVU School of Nursing, Morgantown WV and enjoyed going to the movies, a member of the club, playing pinochle and spending time with family and friends. She has asked that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

Dot or Dottie was a woman among woman. To know her even a little was to love her. We met Dot at the first Encounter we attended in Philadelphia Region and she reached out to us and made us feel welcome and part of the club. It was blistering hot, we didn't know to bring umbrella's and folding chairs for gymkhana and Funkhanna and she offered Barb an umbrella and folding chair. That was the start of a long friendship. Remember her laugh and witty comments? She will be missed.

For more about Dot visit the obituary section of the Harrisburg Patriot News.

Parthemore Funeral Home, 1303 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, is handling the arrangements on Friday February 2, 2018. The viewing is from 10:00 to 11:00 followed by the service and a luncheon.

Letter to the Editor

Steve,

You ask a great question in the recent Flash - "why do we keep them"?

As I have added other cars to my garage, I have asked myself the same question, and my car friends ask me why I don't sell the Healey. I've owned it for 21 years. I have had fun tastefully modifying the car for safety and reliability. I have taken it to countless shows, tours and cruise nights. I know every nut and bolt. It has given me great joy and owes me nothing. I have 2 other non-Healey vintage cars that I have yet to get to know and enjoy as much as the Healey. So, why do I keep it?

Well, for many of us I think the answer lies not entirely with the car but also with the Healey culture. I tell my friends that I originally joined the Healey clubs because I own the car, and now I own the car so I can enjoy the clubs, especially the AHSTC. Those of us who have owned our cars for a long time have reached a tipping point where the car is part of our lives beyond the mere driving experience. It represents friendships, social events, lending a hand and advocating for the hobby, in addition to a great driving experience. That's why I keep it.

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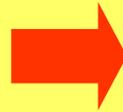
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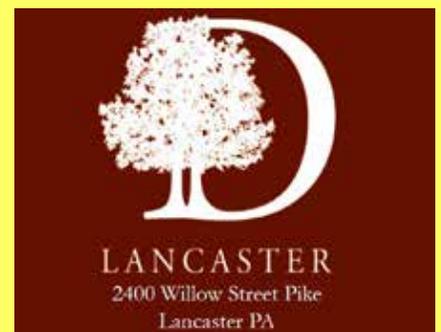


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The Harrisburg Region is refining some of the details and events and we look forward to having the official registration form very shortly. The move to September offers some great opportunities to change up some of our traditional ENCOUNTER event schedule, while being able to take advantage of the local flavor in one of the top tourist destinations in the region.

Our plan is to start welcoming you to the venue on Wednesday. Our plans for the Wednesday evening event are still percolating but if it works out, will offer a unique slice of United States and Lancaster history in a vivid, period setting.

On **Thursday**, our move to September allows us to conduct the traditional Rally in the afternoon as opposed to first thing in the morning. And the roads and scenery of the surrounding countryside offer an excellent setting for a challenging and fun Rally. Our traditional wine and cheese welcome reception, will cap off the first full day of ENCOUNTER. And, another proud tradition, the ENCOUNTER Charity Auction will take place during the welcome reception.

Friday will offer something for just about everyone! In the morning we are working on offering the opportunity for a bus to downtown Lancaster for visiting historic Central Market, possibly a downtown walking tour, showcasing many of the historic sites that make up the center of the oldest inland city in the United States. And grab lunch at one of the many restaurants in downtown before heading back to the hotel early afternoon. For those so inclined, our traditional Gymkhana will take place in the afternoon this year. Gymkhana will be run at the cycle training lot at Lancaster Harley Davidson, just a two-minute drive from the hotel. Another new event will be an ENCOUNTER golf tournament at the lovely nine-hole course on the property so bring your clubs and join in on Friday afternoon. We will even be awarding trophies for this event!

Friday evening will feature our traditional evening meal dinner event, but with a twist this year. The menu will be Lancaster County PA Dutch buffet, sure to give you a real taste of the local cuisine. And, yes, that includes Shoo Fly Pie! Following dinner, the official Commissioner of Valve Cover, Jim Cox will convene the 2018 edition of this popular competition. You have plenty of time, so get working now on building a valve cover racer and plan on participating. It's fun every year!

Saturday will feature the familiar schedule of events such as the Funkhana and Popular Car Show and voting. ENCOUNTER will culminate with the awards banquet in the beautiful Palm Court, the crown jewel of the Double Tree facility.

Our room block is now open for reservations. The phone number for the Double Tree is 717-464-2711. We have secured a great room rate of \$119 (not including taxes). Mention the "Austin Healey Event" to get the ENCOUNTER rate. Or right click on the booking hyperlink to book online.

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If you have any questions about your membership please contact me. Contacting me is the quickest way to solve a membership problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page of the Flash and on the web site.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

You can now find Encounter summaries (from the Flash) in the “Events – Past Encounters” menu available to everyone.

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 the current and past Flash newsletters.

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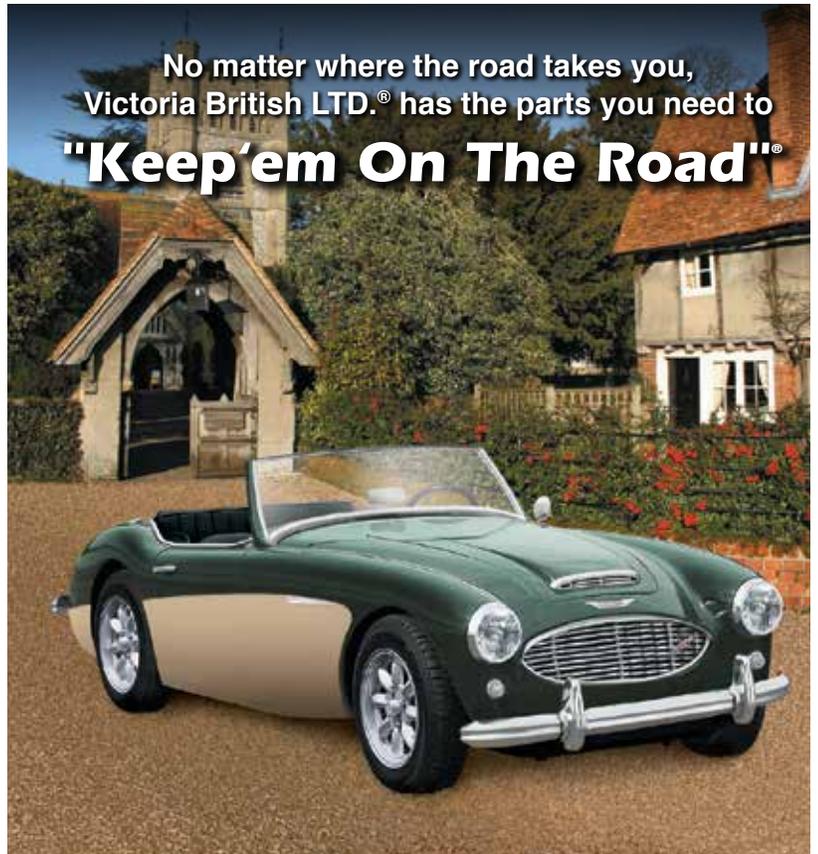
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We will be focusing on several things this coming year, first is to increase our membership. I'd like to see each region add between two to four new members this year, please help in getting the word out while attending various shows this spring. See your Regional President for business cards and picture post-cards for handing out during tours and shows.

Second, we will be working on our web site. We want to add many more tech articles and with Leo Kob and Rick Brodeur working together I expect to see the addition of many more articles, about twenty years worth! We will also be working to make the web site more attractive to members and hope you will check back regularly.

The last and most important item is Encounter 2018 hosted by our Harrisburg Region. This year we have moved away from our normal August dates so that we can hopefully enjoy some better fall driving weather. Harrisburg will roll out the red carpets in Lancaster PA from September 19th through the 22nd. Please help us have a successful fall Encounter so we can contemplate staying with some fall dates in the future. We are hoping that this will open up some previously unavailable destinations because the summer vacation season precluded reserving certain hotels and resorts.

A good friend quoted; "it was the cars that brought us together in the beginning but it is the people who bring us back". I look forward to seeing my Austin-Healey friends at the Double Tree in Lancaster this September. 



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