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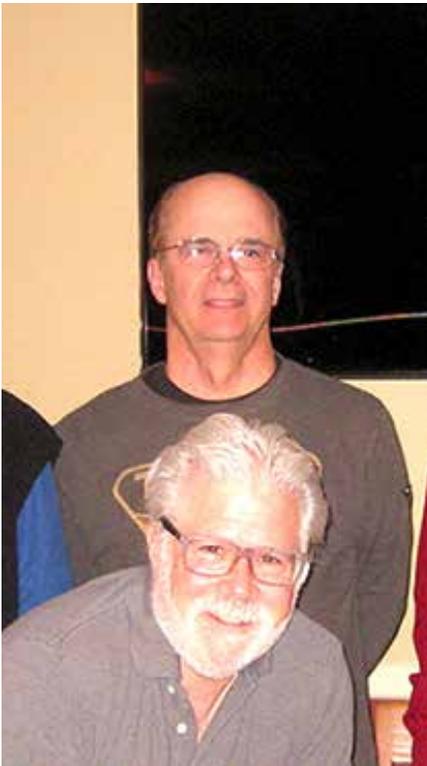


Don Hoffer put on many Encounters and the two most memorable were the ones in Gettysburg. For the FunKhana Don actually built a life size working Cannon sound smoke and all. Even the trophies were cannons handmade by I am sure Don and Don.

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What's In The Flash

Steve Jekogian

The Ultimate “Retrieval”



It is with a heavy heart that I must inform the AHSTC members that Don Hoffer, a longtime member, an original founding AHSTC member and an “all around great guy” has passed away.

Don and Dot Hoffer have been active members since the club started in 1978. In fact I think he was there to help establish the club. Don has held every position in the club, and was a major driver in setting the direction, for AHSTC, the club we all enjoy. He was a key driver of the “First Encounter” in 1978 almost 40 years ago.

While Don was involved in everything club wise, I will remember him for his “retrieval” exploits.

Retrievals were according to Don the “act of going with members to pick up a new car”. Here “Pick up” a car could be a literal definition, as if I remember some of the stories; they were very funny as to what the car was “advertised as” versus “actually was”. At Don Hoffer’s memorial service Don Olson told the story of how he (Don Olson) and Don (Hoffer) went to pick up the car Don Olsen currently owns. Hoffer said “ we are going to a place we have never been to, to buy a car we never saw, from a man we do not know”.

Not only did Don have a lot of stories and Healey adventures, he, as far as I am concerned wrote the most fun to read Harrisburg regional articles. He had a “way” with the English language, and it was just a nice writing style that made his article in the Flash the first one I would read every month.

Don and Dot thank you for all the effort to not only build the club, mentor it along in its infancy, and build it to something so many people have enjoyed for so many years. 🇬🇧

MEMBERSHIP

WE HAVE SOME NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, this may be the last Flash you receive. Renewals were due by the end of March. Please check the form for correctness and return it with your payment. If you can't find your form go to the website membership tab and select 'membership renewal'. You can renew through the website just follow the prompts.

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. 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 our web site.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

As events are announced we are posting them to the website. Click on the 'events' tab to see the calendar.

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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Letter to the Editor

Some e-mail comments about Don Hoffer.

The best writer for the Flash is now asking Donald Healey “Why” he built it that way. (Steve)
 I heard of Don’s passing and may his memory reside in the minds of all of those who had the fortune to have known him. He was a humble and kind man. (Mark)

Don’s articles were the first one I read in the Flash, and I am not a Harrisburg member (?)
 Sad news. Don and John Morrison were the best writers the yellow rag ever had (Dennis)

There are so many stories that Don shared - but my favorite was when he and Don Olsen went to pick up a ‘barn find’ and rented a U-Haul open trailer to pick it up. They got hungry and decided to stop at a fast food joint and did the drive thru forgetting that they had the trailer behind them. Long story short - the trailer got stuck on the island because of the sharp curve and the two of them had to lift it off after holding up the drive thru lane. See if you can find this story in The Flash to check the facts. I remember reading it and laughing so hard as I could almost envision this in my mind. Don had a way with words. (Trish)



Long time friends.





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Congratulations to Don and Dot Hoffer for their beautiful freshly restored Blue BJ 8.



By Mike Bradley

LEHIGH VALLEY



AMELIA ISLAND 2016 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Hi Folks,

Spring is finally here, I think. Several of our members attended the Amelia Island Concours a few weeks ago. Ken and Cindy gave me a nice report on their first experience and it was very positive. Most of the cars are high end though. Gerry Kunkle and Bob Pritchett were present. I know Bob makes this an annual pilgrimage. I saw a lot of pictures from Stuart Field on Facebook, as well. He even had a nice montage of green cars for St Patty's Day. Some really beautiful cars, really beautiful and rare.

Because Ken, Cindy, Gerry & Bob were away, we decided not to have a March meeting. However, there will be one on Monday April 20th at the City View Diner @ 6:30 PM. I will be away in Florida and will miss it, but please attend to help establish some kind of agenda for this year.

Because of my absence in April, this will be my last Flash article. Someone needs to step up to take over this responsibility, since I expect to be moving soon thereafter, God willing.

Anyway, come out and join in the fun. Participation is the key. Remember, this is your club and it is only as good as you make it.

Thanks for all of the good times and laughs. Best of luck to everyone. I hope to see you before I do actually leave, but , if I miss you, God Bless and drive safely.

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Bruce and Inan Phillips

By substitute editor Chuck Ott

BRANDYWINE



The tech session group poses with Les Lewis' 100M.

Well, this time I am writing this Flash report because our newsletter editor, Ernie Leser, was unavailable for the latest activity – a tech session at the Lewis' "Healey Hill" garage. This event was attended by (in random order!) Jeff and Lisa Lanno, Les Lewis, his son Ian and his wife Shawn, Dave Ehret, John Montague, Chuck Ott, and Jim Martin, and Bill O'Brien. The day was nice and sunny but cool, with Chuck Ott driving his Sprite and Jim Martin driving his BJ8 to the event. The subject was "name that part". As usual, Les made a game out of it, pulling 50 random parts from the vast collection in his 30 X 50, 2-story garage and giving the contestants a score sheet where they could record what they thought that the part was. Some of the parts were Healey parts that Les knew what they did, others he was hoping that the contestants could give him a clue. There were some confusers in the mix, like a fuel pump from some american made engine and a water pump from some non-Healey engine with an overhead cam. Les has a collection of about ½ dozen jacks that came in Healeys that he purchased, that he was hoping that some of these could be identified by the group as belonging to a specific model of Healey. It turns out that we couldn't identify any of them as Healey OEM! Others were a surprise to Les, like how he might have acquired



Beer and car parts - it doesn't get any better than this!

a complete top and frame from a 68/69 Sprite/Midget. Nobody really kept score, and there was no specified prize for the winner, but it was fun and it sounded like Chuck Ott and Dave Ehret were close competitors for first place. A delicious spread of snacks and beer were provided, which were consumed as we went through the lists and determined by consensus which contestant had the correct part identification. We then moved on to looking over Les's 100M restoration project, which has been identified on its heritage certificate as being built that way by the factory. A-H 100 expert and Concours judge Dave Ehret went through the details of the car, pointing out the items that were unique to the factory 100-M models. We also checked out Les' BJ8 and Shawn's bug-eye Sprite which were on display for the group. The rest of the Healeys (one of which was sold) stayed under their car covers. It was a great way for a Healey nut to spend a Saturday afternoon.

April's event will be held Saturday, the 18th at noon. We will take a tour of the BMC restoration shop in Philadelphia. While we have heard that Knute has retired, he still has a hand in it and the operation of the shop. We understand that the shop will continue as-is, with the day-to-day operation having been taken over by the long-time shop manager. Interested members of other regions are invited to join. Further details will be published in an e-Flash. Lunch will be provided.

Don't forget that Saturday May 2nd is the Lewes British Car Show in Lewes, Delaware. This is always a great kickoff to the car show season. Contact is Mike Tyler (302-645-7572). 

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PHILADELPHIA

APRIL ISSUE OF AHSTC FLASH FOR THE PHILADELPHIA REGION



We have survived a few more storms, and it seems that rising temperatures are on the way—after spring snow/slush expected on the 20th. I saw a few robins on the front lawn, the squirrels have begun their mating dances, and the wood peckers have decided to begin the drum roll on the trees. Thus, spring weather can't be far away.

I have started up the Sprite, but am reluctant to take it out onto the roads as they are still pretty wet and salted. (Also, it might be swallowed by a pot hole.) There are still a few items I need to address before driving season is here, but that will take very little time, and should be completed within a few days.

Our monthly meeting at the Metropolitan was very well attended, with the addition of three guests, Derek Jones, Hal Jones, and Dave Brandt. I guess the warmer temperatures woke up some of our members. We were lucky to have as our guest speaker, Derek Jones. He is an established professional race car driver who began his racing career in go karts and graduated to Formula and vintage sports cars when he was 17.

In a slide show Derek presented a small sample of his involvement in a checkered racing career running various touring-class cars, and rising to SCCA GT2 national competition, and onto vintage Formula One cars, two liter sports race cars, and other Formula cars.

Derek won the 2013 SVRA Vintage National Championship in a 1971 Chevron Formula B car. He said that he likes to drive original cars rather than cars that have been upgraded to new specifications and technology. It appears that Derek's uncommon success is related to his concentration/expertise in testing and tuning chassis, which is so important in race cars predating the aerodynamic (or airfoil) era.

He explained to our club what it takes to be a successful driver. He stressed the need for one to be adaptable to the situation at hand. He did let us know that racing is a full time/part time profession for him as his race week usually begins on a Wednesday, and doesn't end until Sunday. He is the Executive Director of Atelier Art Services in Philadelphia. His excellent presentation was followed by a detailed Q and A session. Also in attendance was Dave Brandt, a racer of Corvettes. We thank all three for attending.

Upcoming events include a visit to British Motors Company, Inc., in Philadelphia on April 20. As most of you know, BMC is a premier AH restoration facility with over 26 years experience in the special skill sets required to restore British cars. Please join us for this unique and informative tour, and RSVP your intention to attend this event so BMC can be prepared for us. www.britishmotorcorp.com/home.html

Our spring 2015 Frozen Water Trade Riding Tour is coming together. We will have two starting points, one in Lansdale, and one in NJ. We will be traversing back roads to the Antique Ice Tool Museum in the West Chester



area, followed by a short ride to Doc Magrogans in West Chester for lunch. The tentative date is Saturday, April 25, so mark your calendars and get the cars ready for a romp.

www.anticqueicetoolmuseum.org and www.docmagrogans.com/westchester/

Also discussed at the meeting was the upcoming Motors for Music Auto Show to be held at The Shops at Valley Square in Warrington, PA, off route 611, just north of 132, Street Road. The show will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and proceeds will benefit the Instrumental Music Programs of Central Bucks High School South. There will be live music, a hospitality tent, and of course, CARS.

Check for details at www.motorsformusicautoshow.org

Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on Saturday, June 6, to be hosted by Marty and Leo Kob, 854 Richards Road, Wayne, PA 19087, adjacent to the Valley Forge National Park on the Valley Forge Casino side.



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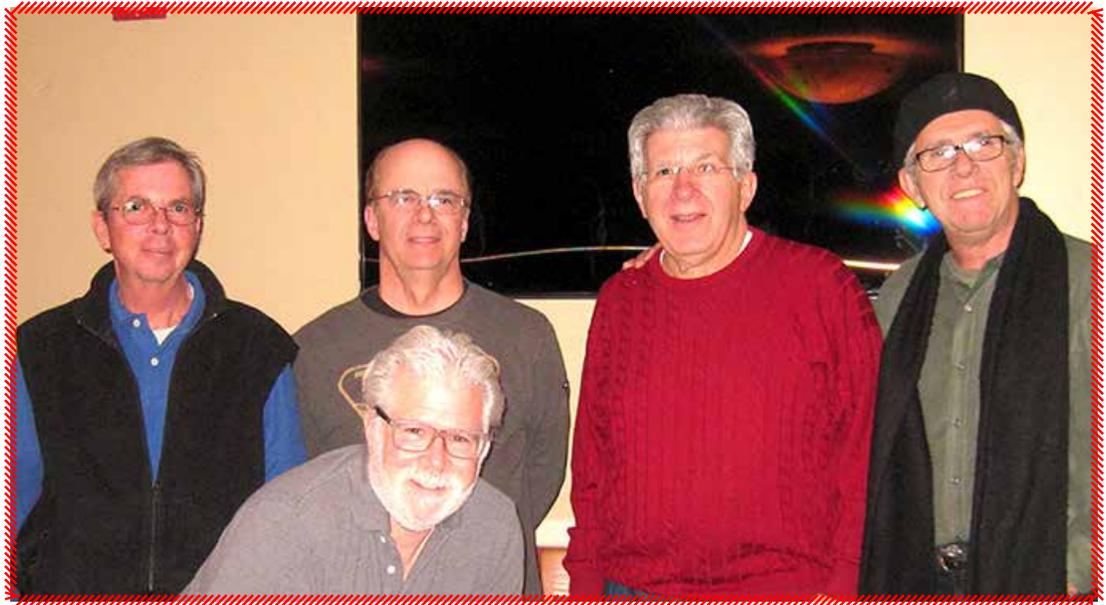
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NORTH JERSEY



Steve Feld, Ian Kessen, Rich Ippoliti, Ralph Scarfogliero, Jim Vollmuth and Larry Gersten

Our region's monthly meeting on March 10 was attended by a mere six members, but given the heavy rain all day and evening, this was not surprising. In addition to me, Ian Kessen, Rich Ippoliti, Ralph Scarfogliero, Jim Vollmuth and a fashionably late, Larry Gersten showed up at the Chimney Rock Inn in Gillette, NJ. Obviously, the temperature, wetness, fog, winter saltiness and common sense kept all of our Healeys in more comfortable surroundings.

The evening's discussions included Enclave 2015, of course. As a reminder that you should pay attention to elsewhere in The Flash, now is a good time to send in your registration form and make hotel reservations. It will take more than 2-3 of us from north Jersey to fulfill our responsibilities to manage the popular car show on Wednesday, July 22.

The rest of the meeting revolved around this season's car shows and club tours. The first show is on April 12 in Allenhurst organized by the Positive Earth Driver's Club. The next British show is the annual BritFest on May 2. Events of possible interest to north Jersey members are on the AHSTC website under "Events" in the North Jersey section of the website.

By Steve Feld

Our first club event is a combination meeting, tune-up, tech session and mini-tour on April 25. We will hold this event again this year at my home in Morristown and have coffee, OJ and non-low cal, non-organic, non-carbo free, good old fashioned pastries available. Help will be on hand to troubleshoot any Healey "character traits" and we'll have an informal talk on LED light conversions. We'll also talk about possible tour venues (with or without an overnight stays) and conclude the get-together with a to the Long Valley Brew Pub for lunch. This event has something to see, hear, or eat for everyone and should not be missed!

We have set Saturday, May 16 as the date for our spring tour. The starting point will be in Mendham or Chester, NJ and involve about 70-80 miles of western Jersey's



scenic roads and towns. Exact details will follow to all members in a later email. Our Almost Summer Tour tentatively will occur on Saturday, June 20. The itinerary for this tour is under discussion and input will be sought, and hopefully, given, at our April 25 meeting.

This past Sunday, March 15, saw my Healey make its 2015 inaugural run to a Cars & Croissants gathering. A friend of mine in his new Corvette C-7 parked beside me with a Ferrari on the other side. Curiously, but in line with past experience, the Healey got more

looks than the cars on either side. The reasons can be debated but to me the uniqueness of the Healey (only one while several other Ferraris and new Vettes showed up) underlies some of the greater curiosity. More likely though is the relative simple, i.e., low tech, nature of the Healey that at least many car folks associate with simpler times and with cars that they or others they knew once owned. Of course, the timeless good lines of a Healey don't hurt. Several North Jersey AHSTC members attend these C&C gatherings and have experienced the same reaction by other attendees even when a dozen or more \$200,000 and up exotics can be seen. Long live the classic British sports car! 



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LONG ISLAND



Don Hoffer, one of AHSTC's founding fathers and long-time scribe for Harrisburg, passed away on March 19th. Don was famous for his funkhanas at Encounter: the Battle of Gettysburg when we were in Gettysburg, the Olympics in 2008, and a day at the races in 2013. He gave us so many hours of fun! He will be missed.

The Two Grandpas is kind of like The Three Tenors but different. Mike Haran and I wanted to travel to New Cumberland, PA to attend Don's funeral. Mike needed to arrange for baby-sitting for his granddaughter and pet-sitting for his dachshunds and horses. I needed a ride. Our first plan involved going and coming in one day, 10 hours or more driving for Mike and 8 hours riding for me. Staying overnight was better. Once Mike arrived at my house, he and I walked over to my daughter's house so I could let Susan know I was leaving. When she opened the door, my 2 and 1/2 year old granddaughter was standing in the doorway. "TWO grandpas!" she exclaimed. The two grandpas then made their way to the funeral home without the aid of GPS or directions from Google. It took awhile once in New Cumberland but we made it. (Later, we also found our way to our hotel in sort of the same way.) At the funeral, it was interesting to hear Don's children and relations speak about him. Don Olsen also reminisced. It was good to see so many Healey people there. Remember the club is about people as much as cars, maybe more so. 🇬🇧

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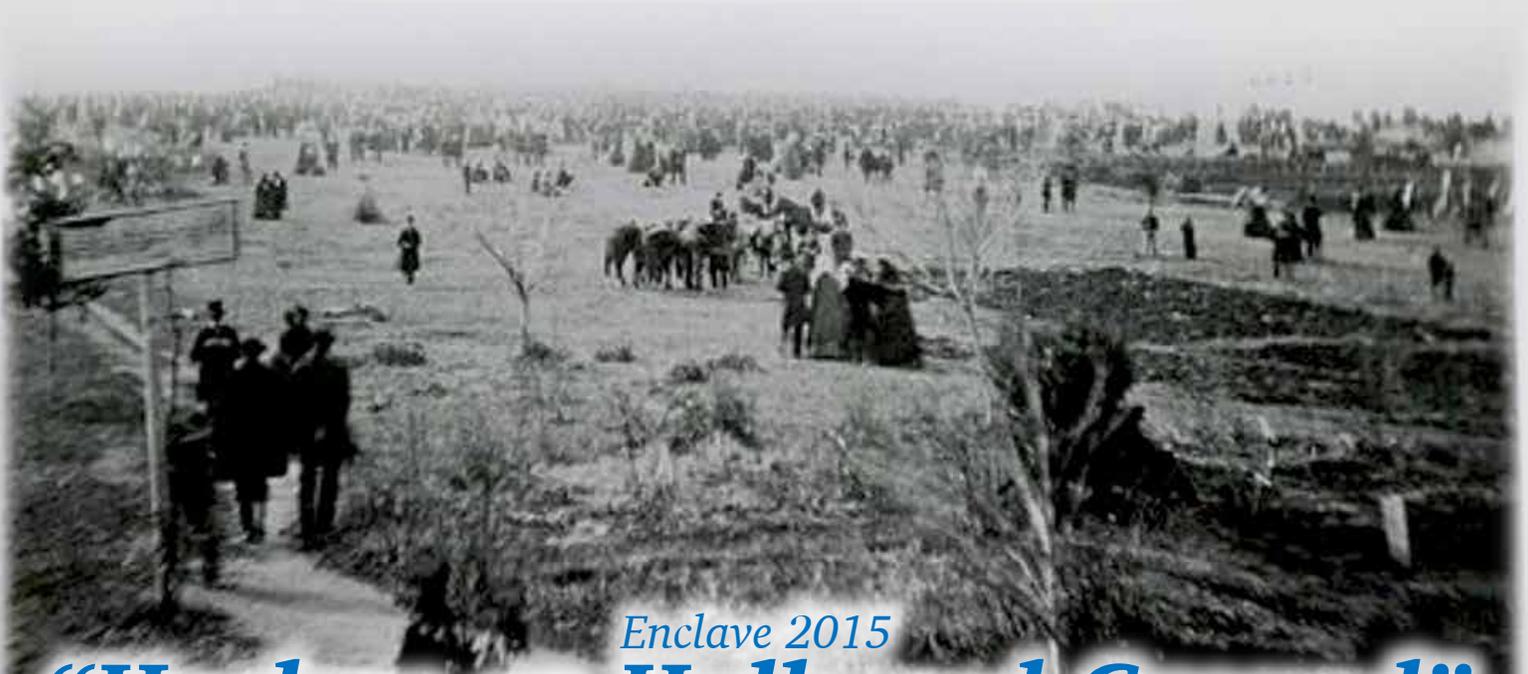
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HARRISBURG



(front to back): Dave Hooper, Pam Frazier, Dave Rishell, Joe and Barb Spear, Donna and Fred Sherk
Right (front to back): Priscilla Hooper, Liz and Del Border, Fred and Sonya Bennett, Bob and Luann Fritz, David Hutchinson
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Enclave 2015

“Healeys on Hallowed Ground”

Thursday, July 23rd Highlights

Thursday will be an action packed full day of heated competition, laughs, and entertainment for young and old.

The John Gibbon Gymkhana, & Elon Farnsworth Funkhana

Give your Healey a chance to prove its mettle as a true war horse amongst the ramparts of orange cones, requiring precise maneuvers in the John Gibbon Gymkhana at Battlefield Harley Davidson. With classes for both, men and women, plus stock or modified, Sprites and Big Healeys, there will be an opportunity to win a coveted trophy for all drivers. In its aftermath, join in the fun at the Farnsworth Funkhana where you can show the troops how it's done in your regiment.



Concours Competition

The Concours Judging, sponsored by Pollock Auto Restorations, will be judged according to the Austin Healey Concours Registry Guidelines by qualified judges who are members of national Austin Healey Clubs. Members assist owners in restoring their cars to original factory standards, and encourage the restoration and maintenance of original cars. The Registry is an independent body belonging to no single Club. We already have over ten cars confirmed for the Concours Competition with both Sprites and Big Healeys, including the very first production Austin Healey.

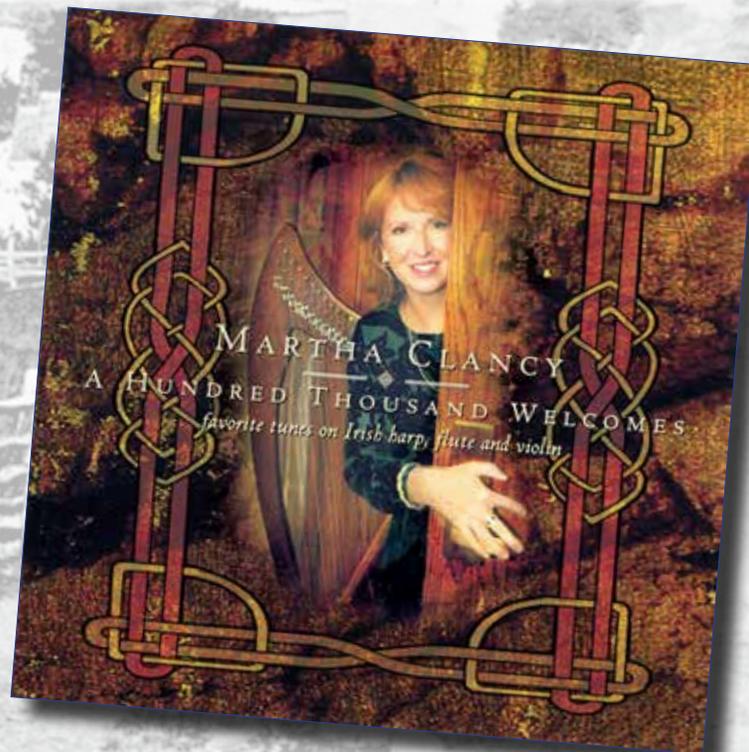
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 - To encourage the continuing improvement of cars through a published and supported system of inspection, recognition and awards
 - To establish and maintain consistent and widely accepted guidelines for condition and originality to assist in restoring cars and determining the quality of restorations



Mrs. Grant's Ladies Event

After the fierce fighting is over, our ladies are afforded a more genteel activity: 1860's fashion show highlighted by Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant. Ladies are encouraged to don some period appropriate fashion accessories, such as a hat, pearls, or a parasol.



Harpist Martha Clancy (aka Marty Kob) will solo.

She is the only harper (American or European) to win the All-Irish and Scottish-American harp competitions in the same year. Refreshments served include assorted scones w/ fruit spread, coffee cake, fresh fruit & berries, coffee and tea.



Tech Sessions

While the women are enjoying their Thursday afternoon, the men will have a chance to embellish their Healey knowledge with our final two tech sessions of the week. The first is featuring Ken Beck of K&T Vintage Sports Cars discussing how to eliminate on the dreaded “scuttle shake” on your Big Healey. The second tech session will be announced shortly.



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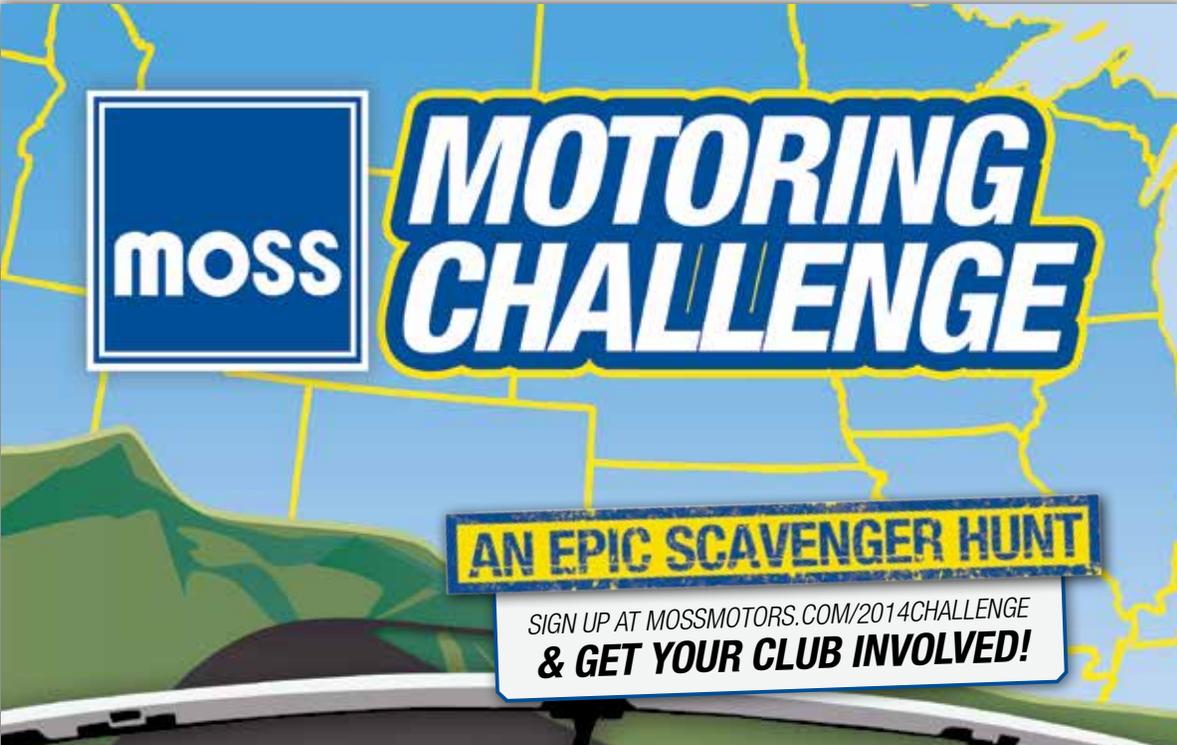
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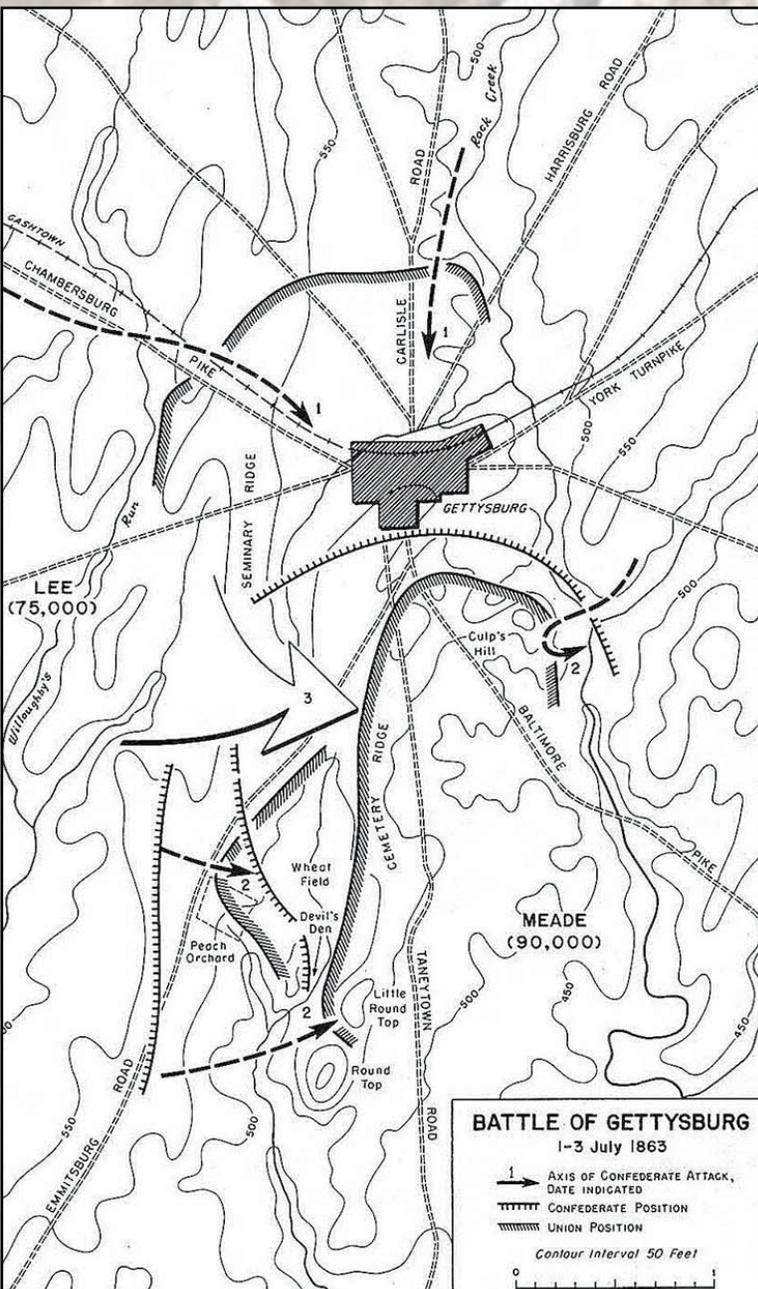
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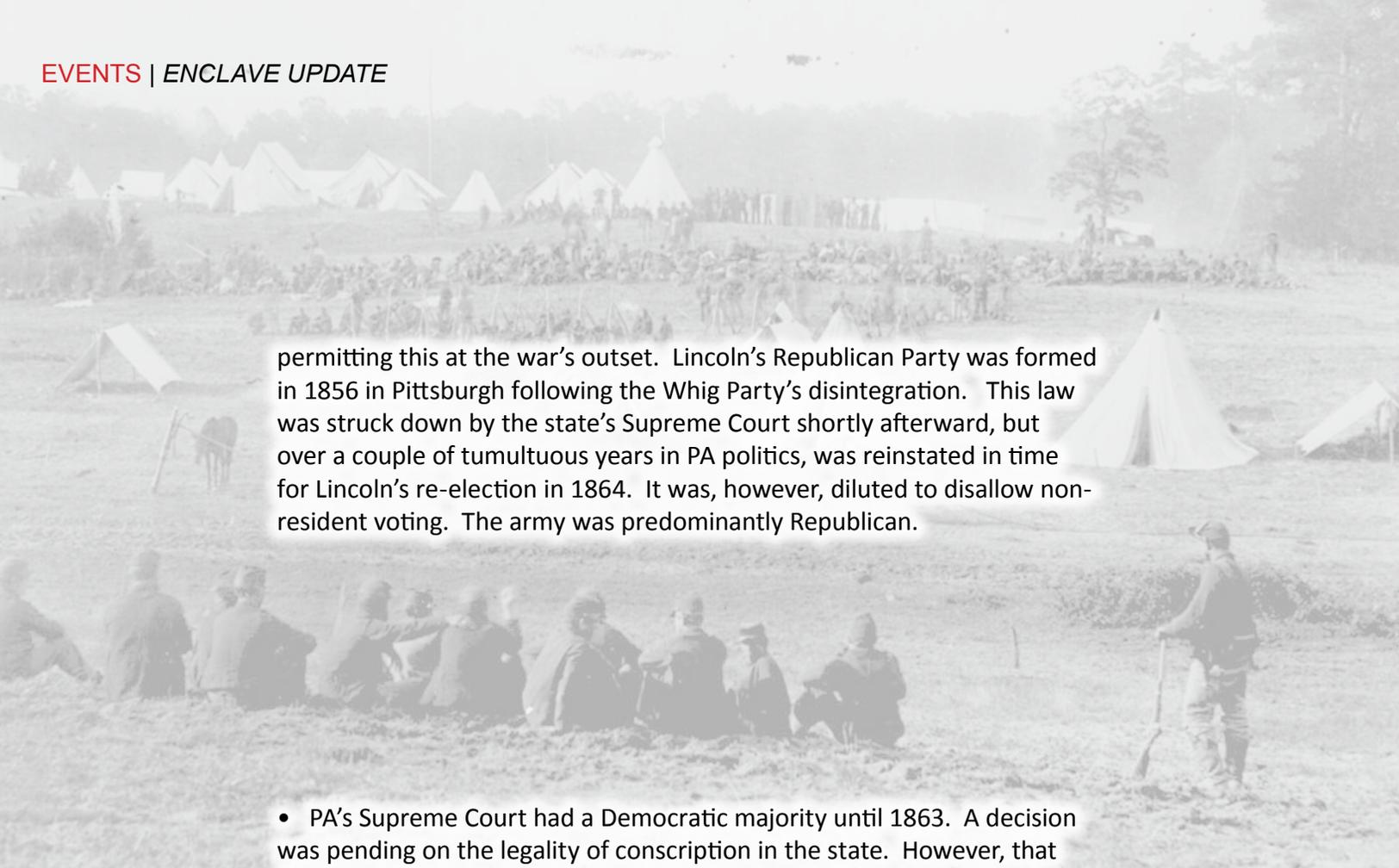
Blue & Gray Awards Banquet

The Blue & Gray Awards Banquet, sponsored by Ragtops & Roadsters, the culmination of Enclave 2015 week, recognizes those who excelled (or were just plain lucky!). In addition, we'll celebrate our week together. Gerry Coker is our dinner speaker, sponsored by K&T Vintage Sports Cars. The dinner menu includes a choice of Sautéed Breast of Chicken Piccata with Creamy Yukon Mashed Potatoes and a Seasonal Fresh Vegetable Medley, or Sautéed Herb Crusted Filet of Salmon with Lemon Dill Beurre Blanc and Savory Rice and Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, or Braised Pork Shank served with Bacon Mashed Potatoes, Carmelized Carrot and Cauliflower with Pan Juice. Following dinner, the Awards presentation includes all of the Speed Events, Popular Car Show, including Best of Show, Concours, and those special annual awards presented by each club.

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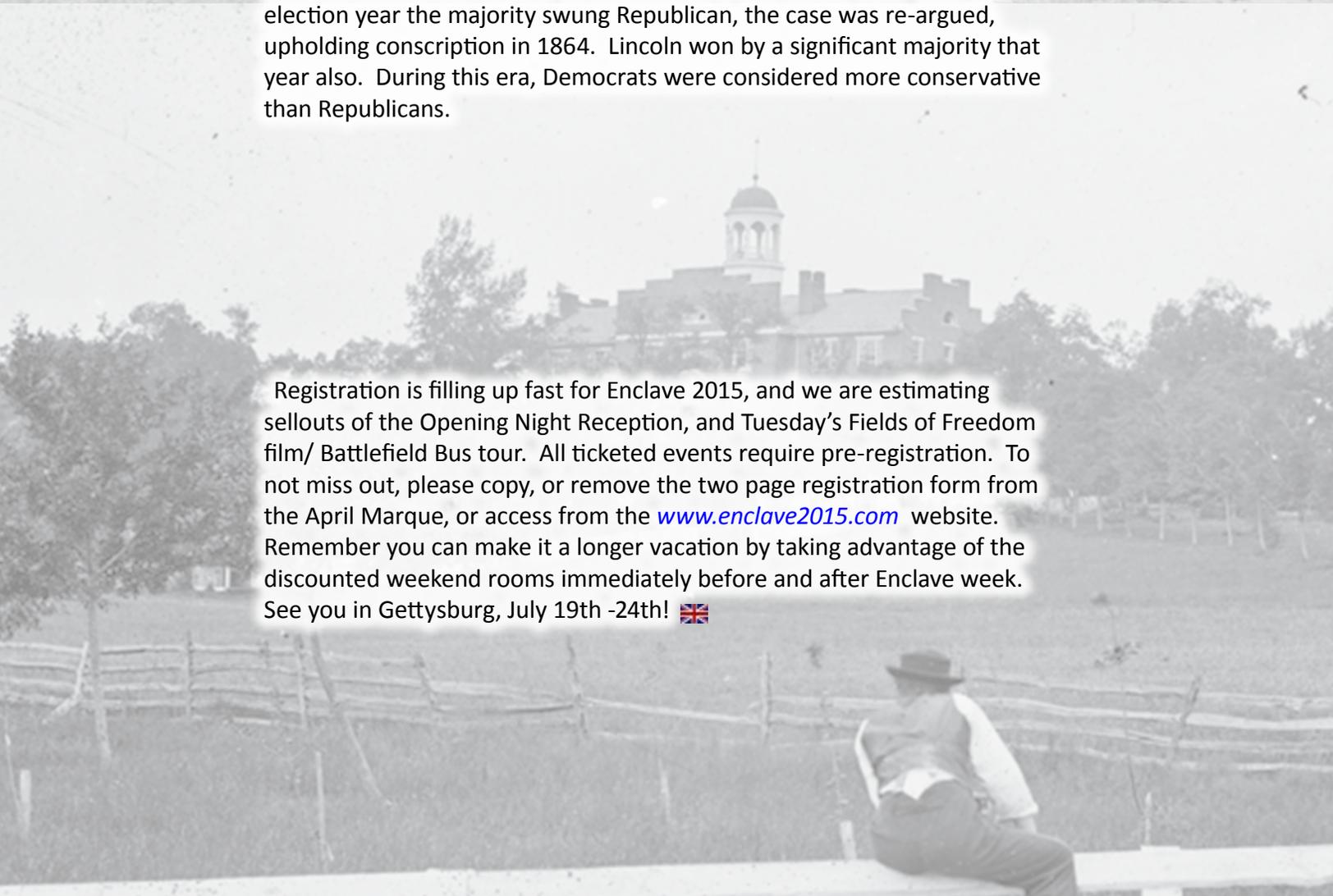
- Southeastern Pennsylvania experienced three notable invasions:
 - J.E.B. Stuart's raid in 1862
 - The battle of Gettysburg in summer 1863
 - The burning of Chambersburg in 1864
- In all three, area buildings and farms and livestock were plundered, and Chambersburg's center was burned to the ground. Surprisingly, the town of Gettysburg spared major conflagration, and only one citizen was fatally shot. Now infamous, the Jenny Wade house is a well-attended tourist attraction.
- Pennsylvania contributed more than 10% of the war's 3 million soldiers. Over 33,000 were lost. Following the national average, far more died from non-combat casualties.
- At the war's beginning, Pennsylvania's governor was reluctant to accept African-American troops. In contrast, Massachusetts launched a quest to recruit blacks from other states (including PA) to fill out their storied 54th & 55th regiments.
- Lincoln's narrow victory to his first term of the presidency was partially accomplished through Pennsylvania's controversial law permitting soldiers (both resident and non-resident) to vote. It was the only state





permitting this at the war's outset. Lincoln's Republican Party was formed in 1856 in Pittsburgh following the Whig Party's disintegration. This law was struck down by the state's Supreme Court shortly afterward, but over a couple of tumultuous years in PA politics, was reinstated in time for Lincoln's re-election in 1864. It was, however, diluted to disallow non-resident voting. The army was predominantly Republican.

- PA's Supreme Court had a Democratic majority until 1863. A decision was pending on the legality of conscription in the state. However, that election year the majority swung Republican, the case was re-argued, upholding conscription in 1864. Lincoln won by a significant majority that year also. During this era, Democrats were considered more conservative than Republicans.



Registration is filling up fast for Enclave 2015, and we are estimating sellouts of the Opening Night Reception, and Tuesday's Fields of Freedom film/ Battlefield Bus tour. All ticketed events require pre-registration. To not miss out, please copy, or remove the two page registration form from the April Marque, or access from the www.enclave2015.com website. Remember you can make it a longer vacation by taking advantage of the discounted weekend rooms immediately before and after Enclave week. See you in Gettysburg, July 19th -24th! 🇬🇧

HEALEY CONCOURSE 2015

SUNDAY EVENING: The Generals Lee & Grant Opening Night Welcome Reception

The Opening Night Welcome Reception will be held at the new [Gettysburg National Park Museum and Visitors Center](#) which features the Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War and the "Battle of Gettysburg" Cyclorama. Attendees will have exclusive access to this unique venue to kick off our week of "Healeys on Hallowed Ground".

The museum showcases an extensive collection of artifacts and archival materials and provides visitors with a perspective of the Civil War through the words of its participants, including Presidents Lincoln and Davis, Generals Meade and Lee, soldiers, correspondents and civilians. Through a variety of exhibits, interactive displays, films, and a host of research resources, you'll be provided a Civil War experience unlike any other. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

MONDAY: The James Longstreet Battlefield Rally and Winfield Hancock Winery Tour

Join us on Monday morning for a fun and scenic ride through the beautiful, rolling Central Pennsylvania countryside including the historic battlefield. You'll be challenged to answer questions that will be both educational and entertaining for seasoned veterans and novice conscripts alike. Be on the constant lookout for clues while navigating down Jeb Stuart's cavalry route or Joshua Chamberlain's 20th Maine Regiment's lane to the Little Round Top. After fighting through the rally route, join your comrades in arms tasting wines and cheeses at a beautiful local winery while trading stories about missed turns, that frisky ground hog that we all swerved to miss (or hit), and the advantages or disadvantages of Pertronix, Abarth, silicone brake fluid, and NOS windscreen wiper blades. For those of you who are not rallying, come join the rally participants at the Adams County Winery for a tasting and tour.

TUESDAY: The Fields of Freedom Film and Jeb Stuart Guided Battlefield Bus Tour

The film provides a 30-minute introduction to the Battle of Gettysburg's climactic action told from the perspective of the soldiers who fought the battle. [Fields of Freedom](#) provides the perfect preamble to a guided bus tour of the battlefield. The two hour tour will be led by licensed National Military Park Guides who will provide detailed insights into the varying challenges faced by both armies' leaders and their courageous troops. You'll have ample time afterward to further explore specific sites of personal interest in your Healey over the Hallowed Ground.

TUESDAY EVENING: Picket's Charge VCR, John Buford BBQ & George Meade Charity Auction

Fierce fighting recommences at the hotel with the afternoon Valve Cover Races. Friend and Foe will then reunite at the BBQ where the likes of Old Pete and Curly would be envious of the chow and fix'ns. After the hearty meal, celebrate with the victors of the Rally and VCR events at the awards presentation. We'll then start the popular live Charity Auction featuring famed auctioneer Alex Tricarb. Enjoy post dinner repast, refreshments and laughs while bidding to win some incredible Healey memorabilia, car parts and other treasures while contributing to a very worthy cause.

WEDNESDAY: The George Custer Car Show & Jubal Early Go-Kart & Miniature Golf Competition Social

The cars will be go on display today, bright and shiny in all their glory. Who will be awarded their hard earned Medals of Honor? With cars coming from near and far, feast your eyes on a field of dreams. After the show, you can show your true colors in a hot rod go-kart competition or miniature golf tournament. Gourmet ice cream will be served.

THURSDAY : The John Gibbon Gymkhana, Elon Farnsworth Funkhana & Mrs. Grant's Ladies Event

A day of heated competition, laughs and entertainment. Give your Healey a chance to prove its mettle as a true war horse amongst the ramparts of orange cones, requiring precise maneuvers in the Gibbon Gymkhana. Join in the fun at the Farnsworth Funkhana where you can show the troops how it's done in your regiment. After the fierce fighting is over and prior to our ending ceremonies in the evening, the ladies are invited to participate in the more genteel activity of exploring period fashion from top to bottom. Come and have fun while we discover the layers necessary to dress like a lady in 1860. Assorted scones w/ fruit spread, coffee cake, assorted fresh fruit & berries, coffee and tea will be served.

THURSDAY NIGHT: The Blue & Gray Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will provide an end-of-week opportunity to recognize those who excelled (or were just plain lucky!). In addition, we'll celebrate our week together and be entertained by a presentation from our Special Guest. The dinner menu includes a selection of chicken, fish, or pork. (Cash Bar).

FRIDAY: Check out

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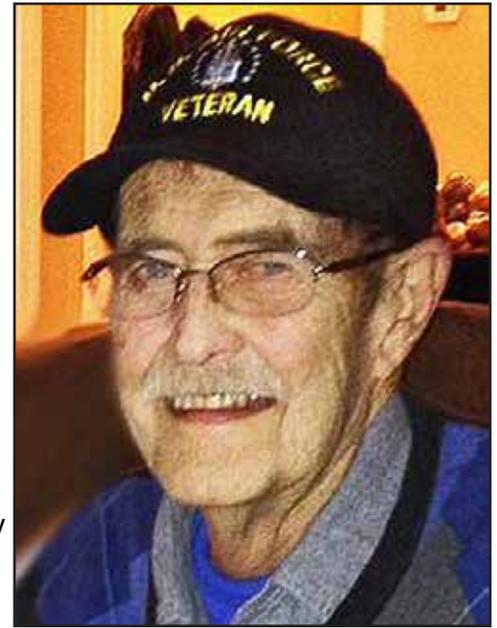
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Don Hoffer

Memories of a Good Friend



Many family members, friends, and AHSTC members showed up in New Cumberland, PA on March 23, 2015 to say our last farewells to Don Hoffer who passed away in his home on Tuesday March 17th , just two days shy of his 78th birthday.

He was a retired supervisor for the PA Rural Electric Association, Harrisburg, PA. He and Dot and their children spent many years during the mid-seventies and early eighties in Indonesia when Don was a draftsman and field engineer with the Charles T. Main Company. Those skills served him well in designing and laying out courses for our Funhkanas. Dave and Priscilla Hooper recalled when Don was young and ready for any challenge and took pole vaulting seriously. The event was the Funkhana in 1979. Don raced to his Healey, jumped in without opening the door and stuck his leg through the steering wheel. He found out how hard it is to start and drive a Healey from that cumbersome position. After a few words using the Queen's English, Don extricated himself and continued the race to the amusement of dozen of onlookers.

Don was a U.S. Air Force veteran during the Korean War, a graduate of Camp Hill High School and played soccer for Duke University. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, Dixieland and Bluegrass music, working on his Healeys, wood carving and maintaining their rental propertities.

Additionally, he was a lifetime member of the Mechanicsburg Gun Club and Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club where he served for over thirty-five years as the Flash Scribe – the best. When we went to the electronic Flash, Don loved to tell me the story of how the Flash was put together in the “good old days.” “We’d get together, write the “da_n thing, crank it through the mimeograph machine smelling of purple ink and drinking a case of beer. I’d take them home with me, address them and put them in the mail the next day.”

There are many more things Don has done in his lifetime as he had a desire for learning and found pleasure in understanding how things worked given his detailed orientated nature. Another passion included reading and

military history; he was blessed with an uncanny recall and perspective that was always engaging. He was willing to serve his community and country. He served as a member of the West Shore Fire Police for seven years willing to assist at any time day and night. Don held highly the beliefs and values of being an American citizen and firmly believed that freedom came with a responsibility. If you knew Don you knew he as a collector of many things and never hesitated to expand on a point with a well told story.

Don was born in Philadelphia to the late Louis and Marian (Penkethman) Hoffer. As a result, he was an avid Phillies and Eagles fan.

He and Dot were married for more than fifty-five years. They had three children, Kim Swartley and husband Bryan, Sherry Baumgartner and her husband Bryan and Glenn Hoffer and his wife Debra. They had four grandchildren, Jessie Swartley, Bryan and Matthew Baumgartner and Eric Hoffer.

Here are some comments from members of the Harrisburg Region of AHSTC who knew Don well:

Don Olsen wrote, "Don was my best friend and he always said that nothing important ever happened without both of us there. He had a hard go of it the past few years and now he is a peace."

Shawn Miller wrote, "The Miller family is tremendously saddened by the passing of Don Hoffer. Our hearts hurt for Dot, his family and the entire Austin Healey community. Don was a talented write, story teller and the ultimate Austin Healey enthusiast. I can't tell you how many times I read his contributions to the Flash and called B.S. on a word or phrase he used only to goggle it and find out he was spot on and always without fail. His contributions to the AHSTC are immeasurable. In the rare instance that Don missed an event or function, it wasn't the same. Now that he is gone it will never be the same. We lost a good one."

Steve Jekogian wrote, "The best writer for the Flash is now asking Donald Healey, "Why" he built it this way?"

Mark Goodman wrote, "May his memory reside in the minds of all those who had the good fortune to have know him. He was a humble and kind man."

Ray Donovan wrote, "I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Dot, the Hoffer family and to the members of the Harrisburg Region.

I will always remember him fondly for the good days we had together. My family and I will never forget the Funkhana-cannon and the trophy's he made for Encounter and I always looked forward to greeting him at Encounter. He will be missed and I will sorely miss him and the articles he wrote for the Flash." 

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FOR SALE: AH literature for sale, best offer....

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100-6 BMC Service Parts List

AH 3000, Mks I and II BMC Driver's Handbook

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Sam Shaub sfsyorkpa@hotmail.com

Harrisburg Region Member Bob Fritz knows of a 1974 Jensen Healey for sale.

Contact him at Lbfritz@centurylink.net if you are interested.

WANTED:

Bell housing for 100 Nigel Smart drsmart2@aol.com 610 692-1665

Bug Eye Seats wanted. I am currently in search of seats for a 1960 AH Bugeye Sprite. The restoration is almost complete and the car is road worthy. Unfortunately I have nothing at all related to the seats, which had been destroyed prior to my ownership. My search for seats has gone on much too long and I would love to drive my bugeye! I would really like to purchase seats that are in excellent condition if possible but any seats at all would be considered. Contact Ken Whisler at cell (610) 883-1996 or kenneth.whisler@verizon.net.

Last month I wrote about restoring my 62 needing a **bell housing**. A member came through and I was able to get it and we are proceeding.

I need;

1. Front Seat Frames
2. Rear Seat pans
3. Steering Wheel

If anyone can help me out, I would appreciate it.

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