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*Main Cover Photo: 1953 International Motorsports Show Program  
Right: Brandywine Region; Early Ad for Austin Healey; Sean Miller*

# What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian

EDITOR'S  
NOTE

**T**his month's cover photo really sums up the 1950's. Automobiles, especially sports cars, were big, as were jet planes and space apparently. Baird Foster found this poster for the 1953 International Motor Sports Auto show, and check out the date-- April 4-12-- just around the time you are receiving this April Flash.

Almost sixty years ago auto designs were so futuristic looking, cars were going to fly and be "self-controlled". When we look at the cars we are driving now they really do not look "all that different", but it is more 'technology' that is futuristic—GPS, ABS, EFI, MDS, ESC, Radar, Self parking etc.

The significance of showing the poster on the cover of the Flash is explained in Baird's "This Month in Healey History" article, and it is a really good reason, and probably one of the many reasons we love to own the cars. I read or heard that Donald got a really bad sun burn on his head driving the 100 from, I thought, New York City to a Miami car show, but perhaps it was the other way around. Can anyone provide the "correct" information?

Just think of driving a Healey 100 from Miami to NYC in April 1953. Was Route 95 even built then or was it Route 1 all the way? Wow, think of all the little and big towns that you would pass through with a car that looked like that, and with an English accent. It must have been a long (what do you think 5 days) but perhaps "fun" ride. Not many "spares" for a 100 in the US at that time I would bet.

I started to receive E-mails with Tech Tips, as it appears everyone has a "tip" and that's great, send them to me regardless of what they are and we will publish them. You never know what "help" another member can use ([steve.jekogian@spcorp.com](mailto:steve.jekogian@spcorp.com)).

Got a cool picture of your car? Send it to me; we are always looking for pictures for the cover and for the Flash.

Also check out the classified section for "the new project car" or for regalia. I just bought the Micro fiber windshirt and it is perfect for a Spring Healey ride to keep you cool, (looking) and comfortable.



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As we prepare for Encounter Philadelphia 2010 in Normandy Farms, Blue Bell Pennsylvania, I have had the opportunity to reach out to various service and parts providers to help support your event. I would like to remind everyone to use those companies which advertise in your newsletter first, when doing so, tell them that you are because of their support for the Club.

The nice weather has arrived, see you on the road!



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# Membershiop

by Rick Brodeur

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## Philadelphia

New Members

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Returning Members

William Cornell

*Wormleysburg, PA*

'67 BJ8

Second notices for annual membership renewal went out around 20 March, so if you haven't sent your renewal in yet, please return your renewal right away so you don't miss out on April's Flash.

For the next 15 months or so I'll be sending out renewal notices to members who renewed for multiple years. If you din't get a renewal form for the March 2010 renewal, it's because you will come up later in the year or next. I'll still be sending out renewals 4-6 weeks before they are due. If you have a question about your membership or renewal date, just contact me.

Our member lists are available to any member just for the asking. Each Region President has a copy that can be distributed, and I will send out a copy to any member who requests one. I prefer to send them out via email, but if that's not available to you just call or email me and I'll send out a paper copy.

My email address for the Club is [membership@austin-healey-stc.org](mailto:membership@austin-healey-stc.org). If you have any questions about your membership please contact me. Contacting me is the quickest way to solve a membership problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page and also on our web site.

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I would like to know if anyone has any good contacts in Maine to have engine work done on my 1960 bugeye sprite. I recently blew an exhaust valve and had the top end of my motor worked on. As I continued to operate it this summer I noticed I was losing power and blowing oil out the exhaust. I am now looking for a new mechanic that will be able to help me out so I may get out and enjoy my car again this summer.

Please respond back to [bdcharp@comcast.net](mailto:bdcharp@comcast.net).

Thank you,

Brian Charpentier

THIS PUBLICATION IS OUTSTANDING. And it got here real fast, and except for creation it was 'cheap' YOU AND THE REST OF THE TEAM HAVE MADE A REALLY GOOD CHANGE FOR THE CLUB. Thanks.

Nigel did an outstanding job, I think it was his work to get the cover the same, with a photo each month, and the magazine improved quite a bit while he was working at it.

Local club publications have a way of getting back at the National ones in time. I think this is now better than the AHCA magazine, much like the Aston Martin USA East club quarterly is better than the UK AMOC official one. It takes dedicated people to do the work, and those of us that only read it appreciate your effort.

Be Well, get the warm air flowing,

Whit Ball

New Graham Robson Book available!

Heads Up! You can pre-order Graham Robson's new book on the Austin-Healey on Amazon at a 33% discount (\$8.73). It's available March 23rd.

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TO STEVE JEKOGIAN

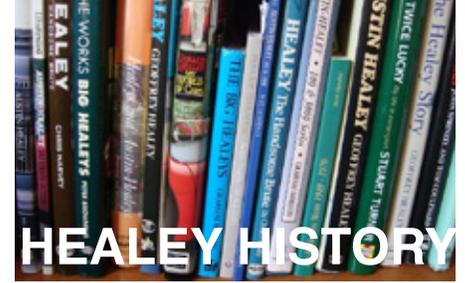
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# This Month in Healey History

**APRIL**

by Baird Foster



## 1949 – Westland Class Winner in Mille Miglia

Tommy Wisdom and Geoff Healey drove a Healey Westland Roadster, GWD 43, to a first place in the Touring Car Class in the famed Italian Mille Miglia. Also entered was a Healey Elliott saloon, driven by Donald Healey and Geoff Price. The Elliott, 192 AC, finished fourth in the same class. This was the final competition event for these works-prepared cars.

## 1950 – Silverstone Competes in Sicily

At the Targa Florio road race in Sicily, Tommy Wisdom and Tony Hume drove a Healey Silverstone to fourth in the Unlimited Sports Class, sixteenth overall of 185 starters and the first British car in the final results.

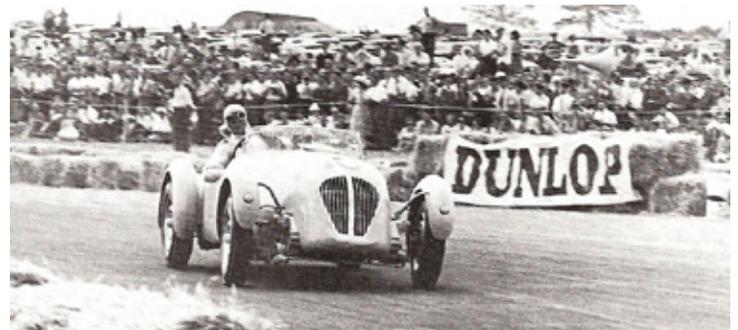
The Silverstone, a stripped-down open two-seat race car, is perhaps the best-known of the Warwick-built cars. Only 105 of this Healey model were built, from early 1949 through September 1950. It was a car created and driven for the pure joy of safe, fast motoring.

## 1953 – The 100 Debuts in Manhattan

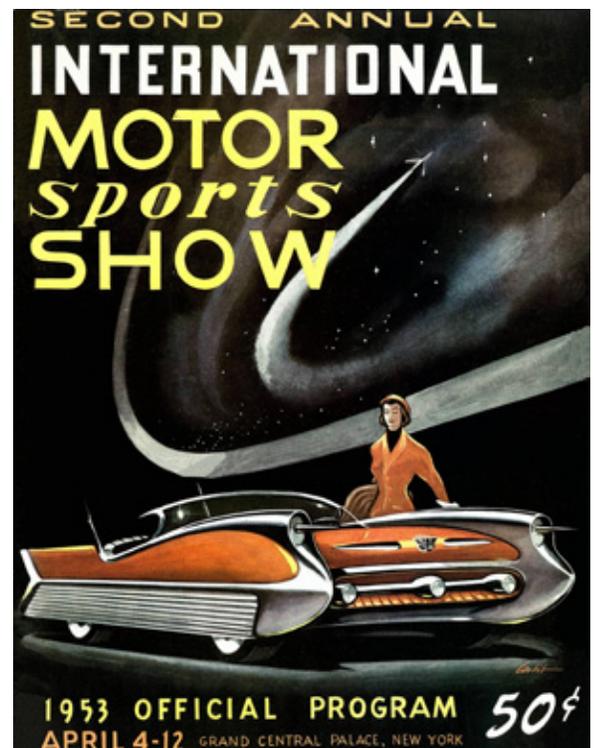
Following a successful United States debut at the World's Fair in Miami, Florida, the new Austin-Healey 100 appeared at the Second Annual International Motorsports Show at the Grand Central Palace in New York City. As in Florida, where the 100 was accorded the "Grand Premium Award," it was a big hit and was named the "International Show Car of 1953."



Three Healeys were entered in the 1949 Mille Miglia. On the left (GWD 43) is the class-winning Westland; on the right (192 AC) is the Elliott, which placed fourth in the same class.



This example of a racing Healey Silverstone, driven by Louis Chiron, made its racing debut at the British Racing Drivers Club Silverstone International event in 1949. It is similar to the car run at Targa Florio in 1950.



The cover of the program book from the International Motorsports Show, 1953.

## *Healey History Cont...*

### **1960 – Sprites Sweep Class in Ireland**

Six Austin-Healey Sprites finished first through sixth in class at the Circuit of Ireland rally. Adrian Boyd and M. Johnson came in first overall as well. Because the Sprite was introduced in the heyday of the “Big” Healey domination of international rallies, it didn’t receive much rally development from Abingdon’s Competition Department. Nearly all of the Sprites’ rally successes were earned by private owners.

### **1996 – Donald M. Healey in IMHOF**

On April 25, Donald Mitchell Healey C.B.E. (1898-1988) was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in Talledega, Alabama. His friend, Carroll Shelby, presented the award to Donald’s son Brian “Bic” Healey.



*Brian “Bic” Healey receives the International Motorsports Hall of Fame Award for his father, Donald Mitchell Healey, at the IMHOF Induction at Talledega, Alabama.*



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*This ad for Austin of England appeared in the 1953 program for the International Motorsports Show in New York City. The centerfold ad noted the “Guaranteed Speed—110 miles per hour!” of the Austin-Healey 100. “Price under \$3,000—including heater and Federal taxes!”*

# Lehigh Valley

by Mike Bradley

LEHIGH VALLEY

Well, here it is the end of March already. That really went fast. We had some very nice Healey weather, especially last weekend. I confess, I was on the bike for several hours on Saturday and not in the Healey, but I will be in it this Saturday when we meet with the Philly Region at the America on Wheels Museum. Ken has graciously offered K & T as the lunch spot afterwards..

It's difficult to come up with article ideas at this time of year. You know some of our plans through the E-Flashes I send out, but I will list them again at the end of this page.

Baird Foster has a very nice article in the Austin Healey Club's magazine this month about the Healey /Driver's parade at the Canadian F1 Gran Prix in 2000. I have been to that race every year (except the cancelled 2009 Race) since 2002 and every year they have the Healeys parade the Drivers around the track as part of the pre-race ceremony. This is rather unique to the Canadian race. I've been fortunate to have attended two races in Monza, one in Spa and one in Monte Carlo and the drivers are usually just put on a flat bed and taken around the track. The first time I saw the Healeys, I was thrilled. They had gathered behind my stands prior to the ceremony and I had the opportunity to meet and speak with several Quebec AHCA members. In addition, they have the cars line up on Peale Street (I think) on Friday night to display the cars. Very nice. In 2000, Baird was afforded the opportunity of driving, rookie, Jenson Button around the track. He must have been especially happy that Jenson won last year's championship. This is a GREAT event. Montreal really puts on the dog for this event. The city is beautiful, the weather is usually cooperative, the restaurants superb and the track venue on the Island is terrific. It's well worth the seven hour drive. You should try it sometime.

As for future events, they are as follows, so far:

- April 19th-regular meeting @ the Top Diner in Bethlehem @ 7 PM
- May 17th- A tour (really) to a friend of Ken's in Schnecksville to view his old race cars
- June 21st-Our annual Ice Cream run to Heislars-Bob Weaver usually leads us on a nice Lehigh County Covered Bridge Tour first.
- July 19th-The annual Summer picnic @ the Kunkle's.

In addition, we are trying to put together another Covered Bridge Tour in Berks County. Bob Snyder suggested we offer Saturday morning runs for a few hours. This way we can enjoy our cars and still get our "chores" finished. I will e-mail everyone when these begin.

As always, suggestions are strongly requested. Remember to sign up for Encounter asap. Let me know if you have any Healey related items that you wish to donate to this year's Encounter Charity auction.

And a reminder, we will be submitting the names of everyone who attends the next three monthly meetings and we will be drawing one name at the July picnic/meeting. The winner gets cash for one night's hotel accommodations at Encounter. You need to participate to win, so come on out.

See you there in April.

Despite the weather, or perhaps because of it, seventeen members attended our monthly meeting at Mariano’s Tavern in Lansdale in March. Unfortunately, our ‘poison-pen’, Al Tocci could not make it since the Tocci abode was still suffering from loss of power caused by the terrible storm. President John Heffron offered to buy the first beer for the member arriving in a Healey but he didn’t plan on the nor’easter when he made the offer during the previous month’s meeting. Those suffering from cabin fever included: Paul and Trish Woglom, John and Jennifer Payne, Jason and Holly Urban, John Heffron, John Davies, Mark Weinberg, Steve Kirlin, Leo Kob, Dick Stover, Walt White, Alan Kramer, Nick Ludovic, and Bob Carnahan.

We spoke of our Region’s upcoming events:

The first trip of the season will have occurred by the time you read this. The Philadelphia Region is going to visit the America on Wheels Museum (<http://www.americaonwheels.org/>) located in Allentown on Saturday, March twenty-seventh. Philadelphia members will be joined by the Lehigh Valley members and both will enjoy a lunch hosted by Ken and Cindy Beck at their shop, K&T Vintage Sports Cars (<http://www.ktvintagecars.com/>).

Our first driving event will be our spring dust-off tour on April 10th. Our group will meet at Mark and Pam Weinberg’s ‘The Menagerie’ on Burnt House Hill Road in Doylestown. Check the Region’s web site and future e-flash’s for updates and actual meeting times. I’m also fairly certain that Mark and Dick (Stover) will be planning a stop for lunch; if so, you will need to inform them so a count can be given to the restaurant.

If you are planning to attend Carlisle Import/Kit Replicar Nationals, May 21st through 23rd, please place The Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club on your registration form as this allows the Club a free tent during the event. It will also allow you a staging area for seeing the show!

Our Annual picnic date has also been set for June 13th, 2:00 PM at John and Jennifer Payne’s home in Lansdale. Again additional information will be distributed via an e-flash from John Heffron.

All of these events can be checked on the Club’s web site: (<http://www.austinhealestc.org/Regions/philadelphia/events.php>)

Visit it often so you can stay informed of each region’s upcoming events so you can participate!

Believe it or not, we didn’t lose a single attendee during dinner once we shifted from discussing events to Encounter (too embarrassed to leave; more like in the middle of eating their meal). The Philadelphia Region

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## Philadelphia Cont...

has decided to make T-shirts for this year's Encounter. Remember if funds from the region are used then the profits from sales remain with the Region; on the flip side, if Corporate funds are used the shirts and money stay with Corporate. Fifty registrations at the time of this article, contracts completed for our buses and Simeone Foundation Tour are complete. Thursday night's Wine and Cheese Reception will include a presentation by Mr. Gordon Whitby. His presentation as well as the Charity Auction which follows will be open to surrounding Classic Car Clubs in order to help generate as much income for this year's benefactor, The Make-A-Wish Foundation. Other Clubs will be asked to pay fifteen dollars per person to help cover our costs. Given Mr. Whitby's background, his talks should be very attractive to the MG and Triumph owners.

We are also planning three or four tech sessions, including, 'How to Drive a Stick'. Paul Woglom has volunteered to be our ace-driving instructor along with his son Michael, so, as long as you have a valid driver's license you will be eligible to participate!

We will have to remember to invite everyone to our September/October tech session, 'replacing the clutch in an Austin-Healey Sprite'!



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The Whip Tavern was the scene of our “Brandywine Social” on Saturday, March 27th. This British tavern is located in West Marlborough Pennsylvania in beautiful horse country. Certainly off the beaten path, but well worth the drive. The tavern décor was truly inviting and the food was excellent. The Whip also has an extensive offering of British and Irish beers.

Region members attending were Pete Roberts and Dee Caffery; Dave, Ann, Bryan, and Katie Ehret; Jim and Paula Bewley; Kris and Steve Garrett; John and Lynda Koch; Nigel, Denise, Jonathan, Gabrielle, Dylan, and Haley Smart; Joan and myself. President Chuck Ott was absent, being engaged in moving daughter Tracy to her new apartment. Healeys present were the Ehret’s blue BJ8 and the Bewley’s red 100-4.

Jim Bewley’s restoration of Paula’s Bugeye Sprite is nearing completion. Based on the photos he showed the group, the car will be a show winner. John Cook’s modified Healey will be ready for Encounter or sooner as soon as its Delaware registration is completed. Not much doing with our own car, although we did manage a short trip on one of the recent sunny days. Its annual maintenance will follow much needed yard work. Thankfully no problems were encountered on our outing.

Saturday, April 17th we will meet at the New Jersey Motor Sports Park in Millville. Following a tour of the track, we will visit a potential hotel. We will be discussing plans for Encounter 2011, so come prepared with your suggestions. See the E-Flash for when and where to meet as we get closer to the date.

May’s events are taken up with various car shows. May 1st is the annual British Car Show in Lewes, Delaware. May 22nd is the Carlisle Import Show.



*The Brandywine group around Jim & Paula Bewley’s red 100-4*



*The group at Whip Tavern enjoying lunch & car talk*

# Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

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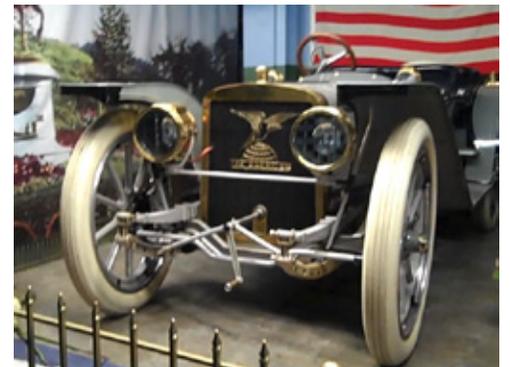
Anticipation... that's where I'm at. It's March 25th and I haven't driven my Healey since November and this column is still looking ahead as it was last month. The ENYMGA Gymkhana is coming as are several dust-off events. The MGLIC British Are Coming show on June 13th now has a venue and that would be the grounds of Skills Unlimited, Inc. in Oakdale. There will be food this year as the organization has a cafeteria and it will be open.

Speaking of the Gymkhana that is held at Brooklyn's historic Floyd Bennett Field, included in this issue is a photo of the Spirit of Freedom C-54, a sister to the C-54s which participated in the post WWII Berlin Airlift. The Spirit of Freedom winters in the Historic Airplane Restoration Project hangar at Floyd Bennett and then takes its Berlin Airlift exhibit around the air show circuit. A visit to the hangar follows every Gymkhana. It is always a treat to see the latest developments there. I'm looking forward to viewing the progress on the Lockheed Vega replica project. The Vega was flown by Wiley Post and Amelia Earhart (solo across the Atlantic), among others.



*C-54 Spirit of Freedom at HARP Hangar, Floyd Bennett Field*

Jim Elliott has provided photos from his recent visit to the Simeone Museum. The museum should be one of the high points of this year's Encounter. The museum actually drives their collection. Their Cunningham and Jaguar D type will come to life this weekend. I will, unfortunately, be working on my Healey.



*1909 American Underslung at Simeone Museum*

Tonight I viewed an episode of BBC's Top Gear where the three presenters were given the task of buying a classic car at an auction and then driving it in a rally in Majorca. Jeremy Clarkson purchased a 1969 Austin Healey Sprite, not realizing that someone of his height would have a difficult time fitting in that car. The car performed relatively well except for the loss of the clutch in the middle of the event. The rally culminated with a special stage consisting of laps around a racetrack. It was really neat to see the Sprite able to pass a certain Mustang on the inside of every corner. The laps were supposed to be a consistency test but Clarkson was incapable of letting the Mustang pass him without a response. His reward was one of the highest tallies of penalty points ever awarded in this particular rally. Watching this started me thinking about the upcoming Encounter rally.



*Austin Healey 100 at Simeone Museum*

***A pop quiz: What do the 1909 American Underslung and an Austin Healey 100 have in common?***

**Y**our scribe has traveled afar these past two months and after 6,700 miles plus, I've determined two things. Healeys are scarcer than hen's teeth and L A is a lot farther away than you can possibly imagine. The effort to avoid winter was a good call as I missed all the snow, but escaping the cold was another matter (27 degrees along the Gulf Coast wasn't real cozy). You can encounter some interesting obstacles along the way – how about a 300 pound dead calf in the center of your lane on Interstate 10 or slowing to a crawl one night on a dirt road leading to an RV Park to nudge your way through wandering cattle clogging the roadway. I used to think the interstate signage around Baltimore and Washington to be the worst I'd ever seen – I didn't go far enough. Ask any RV veteran, the farther West you go the worse it gets. While I was being enlightened with the above fun facts my neighborhood and probably yours was buried in snow to depths folks haven't seen for awhile. This distraction did not dissuade our able leadership from filling the shoes of the lost scribe as he was doing his "California or Bust" thing. Joe, conjuring up all things medieval in February and references to the Wizard of Oz movie in March, kept our readers informed and entertained.

I received news several days before the March meeting that I was the "guest speaker" (good grief – had I been away that long?) and I was to speak about the origins of the club.

I'll admit I just had another birthday and Dot and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary on our trip but why the memory quiz. After some thought it came to me, - this must be the dreaded 'old guy Alzheimer test'!

Well I don't know if I passed, but with some help from Joanne Sweeney and Del Border we got through it and a lot of attendees got to relate how they were first introduced to Austin –Healeys.



CCW from right - Bill Cornell, Del Border, Dave & Sandy Rishell, Barb & Joe Spear, Donna Sherk, Don Hoffer



Charlie Baldwin's Tricarb, Shawn Miller also drove his BN4

## Harrisburg Region Cont...

Joe had started the meeting (with 19 attending) and opened with one of his repertoire of jokes – now I would repeat it, but we got a rule around here – if you want to hear the jokes you have to come to the meetings! He then reviewed the schedule, passed out a sign-up sheet to man Carlisle, threw in another joke to warm up the crowd for my talk and afterwards gave everyone a chance to reminence. Then we did the 50/50. Sweeney, Rishell and somebody I forgot (maybe they weren't too far off with that test) were the winners. Two nice posters provided by Rishell were then drawn for, from the



*Don Hoffer discussing the good old days of AHSTC*

same 50 /50 entries and the scribe got both.

Since this was our 'one day early' celebration of St. Patrick's Day the second annual wearing of the green contest ended with Shawn Miller on top – you should have seen the hat, but the green underwear probably put him over the top!

Two meetings are scheduled before the Carlisle meet in May, (don't forget to register), then comes our Spring Tour of the North Lebanon Co. June 12th. You practitioners of procrastination still coming out of hibernation with sloth like speed still have plenty of time to prep your Healey for the season, but not if you wait until the night before the event- the Gremlins just love that!



*Voted Best Leprechaun - Shawn Miller*



*CW from top - Don & Dot Hoffer; Jack Sanders, Donna & Fred Sherk, Joe & Barb Spears, Sandy Rishell.*



*Finalists Jack & Renie Sanders*



*L to R - Dot Hoffer, Jack & Renie Sanders, Donna & Fred Sherk*

Not a lot has happened in the North Jersey (or even Central Jersey) Region since the last time I picked up a pen to update the masses. I have not heard how Frank Valente's brake servo rebuild went on his BJ8; I expect to hear about it this weekend (3/27/10) at our next club function. This is scheduled for around noon on Saturday, March 27th at Art and Joan Herkomers' home in Oakland, NJ, where the subject will be a Tech Session on trying to breathe some life back into Art's BJ8. I have a novel idea: why don't I report on that endeavor and its positive results next month? Oops! Did I just stick my neck out again? I'm going to have to watch that stuff; it is a sure-fired way of getting oneself into lots of trouble!

My daughter, Sarah, and I have been out roaming the local roads in the Sprite lately, as the weather has been very pleasant during the middle part of March. Absolutely ideal for going topless (I'm talking about the car, here, guys)! As for me, I just unbutton a couple of buttons. Some times I wear a hat; other times I don't. Gotta keep folks guessing. As neither the fuel gauge nor the speedometer work, I sort of have to guess on my range in this thing, and how long it's been since my last pitstop. Kind of hard to remember after a couple of months or so. I think it was around the middle of November; but how many miles ago? We stopped off to gas up a few days ago; she took five gallons. We drove around a little more, then parked her in the garage. Come Monday morning, the garage smelled a lot like gas. It looks like I have a leak in the gas tank. Another little item to add to the growing list of "items that need attention". The quick fix was to take the Sprite out on another run to burn off the extra fuel. As expensive as this liquid gold is, I consoled myself with another wonderful jaunt in the Sprite on a day just made for top-down motor-ing. Does anyone have a spare bonnet prop rod for a Mark IV Sprite?

Keep tuned to Richard Ippoliti's e-Flashes for the latest; I hope to see some of you folks at a few of the more local events this year. On my personal list this summer will be:

Spring Tour in April *	British Car Week May 29th through June 6th
Bonnie Brae June 5th	Red Mill Car Show June 6th
Encounter in August	FallFest at Duke Island Park on Sept. 11th
Fall Tour in October	The North Jersey Holiday Party in December.

The Sprite will make a showing at two or three events, while I plan to attend a few others in BJ9 Style. Maybe I'll even open the moon-roof on the Highlander, so I can "feel the heat" of going topless. And since when did they start calling it a "moon-roof" instead of a "sun-roof"?

\* I'll be starting it off this year with a drive (in Toyota comfort) to Fredericksburg, Texas for Texas Healey Roundup #30 over the April 16-18 weekend.

Until next time, check your updates...

## Blind Ambition

*from the Automotive Hall of Fame Newsletter*

FEATURE

Ralph Teetor (1890 – 1982) was one of the auto industry’s most inventive and productive engineering geniuses, most notable for inventing the “Speedostat,” known today as Cruise Control. Oh, and by the way, he was totally blind from the age of five.

Ralph R. Teetor’s remarkable and enviable engineering and management career culminated with the presidency of the Perfect Circle Corporation as well as the presidency of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He held over 30 patents and was responsible for a wide variety of inventions or enhancements, from things as complicated as a select-gear system for an automotive transmission to things as simple as a fishing rod handle.

His most notable invention, however, was the cruise control device -- originally called the “Speedostat”-- which he first sold to Chrysler Corporation in 1958.

Teetor was also a talented craftsman, able to bring his ideas to life by fabricating precision parts himself in his own workshop – all without sight. Teetor once remarked that the greatest invention in his lifetime was the electric razor, for then he considered himself one hundred percent self-reliant.

“I am not handicapped, because I have never considered myself so,” Teetor once said. “If anyone in the world has had more fun out of life than I have had, I should like to meet him. I am sure no one has enjoyed living more than I.”

Ralph R. Teetor, one of the motor vehicle industry’s most remarkable engineers, was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 1988.



*Ralph Teetor, right, explains the workings of his “Speedostat” to Bill Prosser, who succeeded Teetor as president of Perfect Circle Corporation.*

*Source: Perfect Circle publicity photo.  
Photographer unknown.*

*Photograph courtesy of Marjorie Teetor Meyer. From the archives of the Automotive Hall of Fame.*

### **Is your clutch disk stuck to your flywheel after a long storage? Does your car remain in gear even with the clutch pedal pushed in?**

First check to make sure your slave cylinder is pushing 1/2" to 3/4". If so then your clutch disk may be stuck.

A. Try turning the ignition with the clutch pedal pushed in, the car in gear and the e-brake off. The car will roll a bit, so be careful! If it doesn't let loose then go right to plan D. With a helper (in my case my wife) and plenty of run off room, jack the rear end of the car under the rear end just off the ground and with the e-brake off. Start the car in fourth gear and rev it up to about 2500 RPM's. Very important: push in the clutch pedal and give the signal to your helper to release the jack FULLY. Maybe a good idea to practice prior, so that the jack clears the underneath of the car as it moves forward. Either the clutch will let loose or it will stall the car. If it stalls the car, then most likely you will have to separate the engine and gearbox to free it.

*Shawn Miller*

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## Car Video of the Month

by Submitted by Ray Lynch

VIDEO

### Top Gear Hill Climb Challenge

It's oldies vs youngsters in the hill climb challenge. Watch how the pimped out super charged modified speed racers fare out against the classic Austin Healey roadster in this free video from BBC Worldwide.

*Found and submitted by Ray Lynch*



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# 2010 Valve Cover Races

by Leo Kob

ENCOUNTER 2010

The AHSTC has been running valve cover races at Encounters since 2005. John Davies is the father of this heralded competition. The original rules were derived from those established in England by the Druids while taking breaks building their stone henges all over the hinterland. John constructed the regulation ramp with highly-automated starting gate.

Due to the popularity and creativity generated over the past few years (particularly by our younger participants), the 2010 competition will be expanded. Our goal remains to involve the club's junior participants and encourage family projects in the construction of a valve cover racer (VCR).

Two years ago, Jim Cox volunteered to serve as Chief Judge and will do so again for Encounter 2010's Philadelphia Region. Jim suggested, and the Committee as endorsed, the creation of two classes, each having Senior and Junior Divisions.

Competition under the original rules will be known as the **Regulation Class**. Here is a quick summary of those rules:

1. The VCR can be any length but the width must fit on the official AHSTC 14 inch wheel track;
2. The car must be constructed from a BMC valve cover and have 4 wheels;
3. Any style of wheel, bearing or lubrication is allowed. Wheel diameter is limited to 6 inches;
4. All motive force must be provided by gravity;
5. Wheel base is not to exceed 24 inches;
6. A part of the front wheels must cross the finish line ahead of the body;
7. No electrical or magnetic devices allowed on the VCR;
8. There is no construction material, weight or height limit on VCRs;

The new **Open Class** offers more latitude in creativity and construction: Cars that do not qualify for Regulation Class will compete here. Modifications that would put your VC racer in this class include:

1. Any VCRs with other than 4 wheels;
2. Any VCRs with wheels larger than 6 inches;
3. Any VCR longer than 24 inches but still able to rest properly at the starting line;
4. Any VCR with a body extending beyond the front wheels;
5. Any VCR deemed in the opinion of the Chief Judge to offer an unfair advantage against the participants in the Regulation Class;

### General Competition Rules

1. In order to classify each VCR, a "Tech Inspection" will be held beginning 1 hour prior to the race. In true Gymkhana fashion, inspection stickers will be affixed prior to cuing up. Driver's names will be collected and driver classification assigned at that time;
2. In order to assist the Chief Judge and other personnel, name tags will be provided to the drivers which must be worn during the competition;
3. VCRs can continue to be shared among drivers of both Divisions within the same Class with appropriate notice to the Chief Judge for ease record keeping;
4. The double-elimination system will continue to be used for each Class/Division;
5. The results of the registration, classification and heat winners will be recorded on official forms to create a permanent record and reduce any clerical errors on the part of the organizers;
6. One award for each age division will be presented in both the Regulation and Open classes for a total of four awards;
7. Junior Division drivers will be under 12 years of age, Senior Division includes 12 years and older. Men and women are in the same class in both divisions for this competition;
8. The VCR must fit on the starting area of the AHSTC track (with the present hinged extension) in order to qualify to run;
9. VCRs must run through the finish line within the marked course for a valid run;
10. Creative design, decoration and personalization is encouraged!
11. The Chief Judge will review the conduct and results of the overall event annually and suggest any needed changes as appropriate for the next Encounter. Suggestions are always encouraged. The Chief Judge will be available to address any concerns. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be considered final.

If you need a valve cover, contact Leo Kob: [leo.kob@villanova.edu](mailto:leo.kob@villanova.edu). Price is \$15.00 which will be donated to *Make-A-Wish Foundation*.



## Encounter at Normandy Farm

ENCOUNTER 2010

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Encounter's Room Block is limited, so don't be disappointed! Our special rate is \$124.00/night which includes full breakfast Thursday and Friday mornings, continental on Saturday. There may be a few cottage suites available, however they are not discounted- ask the reservationist for availability & rates.

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\*Jim C stories will be included in upcoming Flashes  
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Friday, the group will be running two autocrosses, one with gimmicks the other flat-out, both for fun, both for trophies! Friday evening will be Normandy Farm's famous BBQ dinner.

Saturday, our Popular Car Show and Awards Banquet. *So, please join us, "Savor the Flavor" and "Savor your new and old friends".*



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 Guests' Names / Children's Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
 Region/Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
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 3. Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Check the events in which you will participate:

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 Photo/Model/Craft \_\_\_\_\_ Wine & Cheese/Charity Auction \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Complete registration form
2. Make check payable to “AHSTC-ENCOUNTER 2010”
3. Mail to: Encounter Registration  
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 1691 Meadow Glen Dr  
 Lansdale, PA 19446-4740  
 215-361-7555 PM or jjpayne3@verizon.net

**Registration Fee includes:**

- One show car, 2 adults, and children under 21 for all events (Additional adults on a single registration are extra)
- Free access to our hospitality room for the weekend
- Registration gift
- Free flea market space with registration\*\*\*\*
- Registration packet includes dash plaque, assorted goodies, and local information

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\*\*\*\*All Flea Market Vendors must register for Encounter  
 ++ Plus taxes and fees - Includes free Full Breakfast Thursday & Friday and free Continental Breakfast Saturday for participants staying at Normandy Farm.

[www.austin-healey-stc.org](http://www.austin-healey-stc.org)

- Is this your first Encounter? **Y / N**  
 Will you need Flea Market Space? **Y / N**  
 Will you need Regalia Store Space? **Y / N**  
 Will you need space to park a trailer? **Y / N**  
 Are you staying at Normandy Farm? **Y / N**  
 When will you arrive? Wed 8/11, Thurs 8/12, Fri 8/13, Sat 8/14

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 Extra Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 WED 8/11 SIMEONE MUSEUM TOUR & DINNER  
 Adults & Children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$49 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 FRIDAY 8/13 PICNIC  
 Adults & Children 10 & Over \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children 9 & Under \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 SATURDAY 8/14 AWARDS BANQUET  
 ALL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please indicate Dinner Choice  
 Strip Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pizza Party—Children 4 to 10 yrs old \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concours Judging Fee @ \$70 per car \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chinese Auction Tickets 7@ \$5 pre-purchase only \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Remitted (US) \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASSIFIEDS

## Classifieds & Calendar

### Of Interest/For Sale

#### **1967 AUSTIN HEALEY 3000, BJ8 MK III**

Ivory w/ black interior. Ground up restoration in 96. It's been kept in a heater garage and driven about 300 mi./ yr. since. Some upgrades made, and all work and maintenance performed by Kenny Beck at K & T Vintage Sports Cars.

The car is in pristine condition. A must see. Please call for additional info.

*Dann Smith*

*Lehigh Valley Region AHSTC*

*(610) 799-3240 HM*

*(610) 433-5607 WK*

*djsmith@kussbrothers.com*

#### **3000 BRAKE ROTORS**

Sorting through some stuff in the shop. I've got a pair of brake rotors for big Healey (except phase 2 BJ8) that are new (some light surface rust) that were used for mockup only. If you know of anyone that can use them, \$50 for the pair.

Contact Alan Tucker *actucker@copper.net*

#### **BT7 TRICARB**

Rusty / nonexistent outriggers, frame rails, floors, etc., but is all there. Except for what rusted away and fell off. It does not run. \$8,000 or best offer. Located in central NJ near shore. S/N of car: HBT7L16056. Built in 1962, but titled as 1961. Contact Ed at 937-515-7935.

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## Classifieds & Calendar Cont...

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### Wanted

#### **1960MK BODY**

I lost an 1960MK I In a dispute by the guy who was doing the restoration work and his land lord.  
I have some of the parts from the original car, as well as a Mark II parts car.  
At the very least I need an interior body tub or full body, in order to cobble together a working vehicle.  
If you can refer me to anyone who can help I would appreciate it.

James Donahue [dejames57@gmail.com](mailto:dejames57@gmail.com)

### Regalia

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## APRIL

10-11

### **VSCCA Pocono 2010**

Pocono Raceway  
Pocono, PA  
[www.vscca.org](http://www.vscca.org)

16-18

### **SCCA Doubles Nationals**

Alton, VA (VIR)  
[www.virclub.com](http://www.virclub.com)

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### **Spring Brits on the Delaware**

Kintnersville, PA  
[www.mgdriversclub.com](http://www.mgdriversclub.com)

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### **Philly AHSTC Spring Dust-Off**

Bucks County, PA

21-25

### **Spring Carlisle Car Cruise-In**

Carlisle, PA  
[www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

23-25

### **Microcars in the Mountains**

Stowe, VT  
[www.mgdriversclub.com](http://www.mgdriversclub.com)

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### **DVT vs. MG Spring Rally**

[www.delvaltrs.org](http://www.delvaltrs.org)

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### **Brits on the Green**

Alexandria, VA  
[capitaltriumphregistry.com](http://capitaltriumphregistry.com)

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### **Dover Days Car Show**

Dover, DE  
[www.mgcarclubdc.com](http://www.mgcarclubdc.com)

30-5/2

### **Rhinebeck Car Show**

Rhinebeck, NY  
[rhinebeckcarshow.com](http://rhinebeckcarshow.com)

30-5/2

### **NE Thunderbold Rally**

Millville, NJ  
[northeastrallyclub.com](http://northeastrallyclub.com)

## MAY

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### **Britfest 2010**

Succasunna, NJ  
[www.mgccnj.org](http://www.mgccnj.org)

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### **The British are Coming!**

Lewes, DE  
[www.leweschamber.com](http://www.leweschamber.com)

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### **Artistry in Motion Vintage Grand Tour & Show**

Lancaster, PA  
[www.mgdriversclub.com](http://www.mgdriversclub.com)

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### **British & European Car Show**

Williamsburg, VA  
[www.wmbgbrit.com](http://www.wmbgbrit.com)

5-9

### **Gathering of Faithful GOF 87**

Oneonta, NY  
[www.nemgtr.org](http://www.nemgtr.org)

6-9

### **18th Annual Boardwalk National Car Show**

Wildwood, NJ  
[www.thundermoto.com](http://www.thundermoto.com)

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### **Cecil Kimber Run**

Milford, PA  
[www.mgdriversclub.com](http://www.mgdriversclub.com)

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### **Millburn Classic Car Show**

Millburn, NJ  
[www.downtownmillburn.org](http://www.downtownmillburn.org)

16-21

### **New England 1000**

Woodstock, VT  
[www.vintagerallies.com](http://www.vintagerallies.com)

21-23

### **Import/Kit Replicar Nationals**

Carlisle, PA  
[www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

22-23

### **Concours de' Elegance**

Newport, RI  
[www.newportconcours.org](http://www.newportconcours.org)

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### **Concours @ Sunset Lane Park**

York, PA  
[www.jcna.com](http://www.jcna.com)

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### **Chester County Car Show**

Kimberton, PA  
[valleyforgemustang.org](http://valleyforgemustang.org)

29-6/6

### **British Car Week**

[www.britishcarweek.org](http://www.britishcarweek.org)

# JUNE

3-5

## **AACA Eastern Spring Meet**

Canandaigua, NY  
[www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org)

4-5

## **Lime Rock w/ Jaguar Club**

Lime Rock Park  
Lakeville, CT  
[www.vsvcca.org](http://www.vsvcca.org)

4-6

## **Heacock Classic SVRA Gold Cup Historic Races**

Alton, VA (VIR)  
[www.virclub.com](http://www.virclub.com)

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## **Cars of England**

Oakbourne Mansion  
Westtown, PA  
[www.delvaltrs.org](http://www.delvaltrs.org)

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## **SWSCC Meeting of the Marques**

Hershey, PA  
[www.swscc.org](http://www.swscc.org)

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## **Ragtops & Roadsters Open House**

Perkasie, PA  
[www.ragtops.com](http://www.ragtops.com)

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## **2010 Orphan Car Tour**

Mt. Airy, MD - Hanover, PA  
[www.orphancartour.org](http://www.orphancartour.org)

5-6

## **Concours d'Elegance**

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## Spin on Oil Filter

by Tom Mulligan

**W**hat started out as a simple project to make changing the oil in a Healey simpler, as always, turns out to be harder and more complicated than expected. Tom Mulligan sent in this piece about his recent adventure. (editor)

To the right are two photos of the Moss Spin on oil filter installed on my late BJ8 Austin Healey.

After checking the alignment carefully I have determined that the part will function properly as all the oil passages line up correctly.

However, you can see that modifications are necessary to clear the block for the Moss unit.

Interestingly, I was replacing an older spin-on adaptor that came with the car and was marked "Smitty". You can see that a prior owner had to notch the block a bit to fit that adaptor. The Moss part required further clearance which I decided to accomplish by beveling the adaptor rather than further modification to the block.

Thanks

Tom



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