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ON THE COVER

Priscilla Hooper's Bugeye that has been with her and Dave for years. Read the story in this issue.

What's In The Flash

Steve Jekogian

People do read my “What’s In The Flash” article! The evidence is in and clear. Last month I started another contest which is the oldest photo of you and your car.

I thought I would be flooded with old Black & white photos, early color brownie, Polaroid, and instamatic prints scanned into JEPGs. I did receive photos and articles and I hope to receive more and more.

I would love to see a photo from each of you! It is pretty easy to do right? Open the shoe box of old pictures and look for a car shot. For some of you who recently purchased a car that could be “your oldest picture”, and that is OK.

I love the stories about why you wanted the Healey, when you got it, and how you feel now.

Thanks for sending them in and keep them coming.

What do you have?

What’s in the picture?

Is it in B&W?

Who is in it with you? What year?

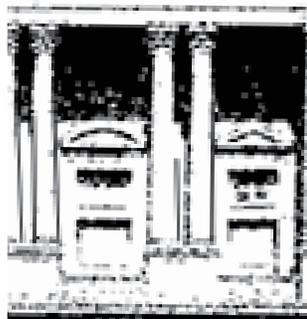
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HARRISBURG

REGION

By Fred Bennett photos by Joe Spear and Dave Hooper



October was a busy month for the Harrisburg Region, with the Hershey Fall Meet the first weekend and our annual Fall Tour on Saturday the 14th. Fortunately, the weather was nearly ideal for both events.

Hershey Fall Meet

Joe Spear reports, "The weather was absolutely perfect Friday and Saturday, and the crowds showed up in record number to enjoy the show!

"Del Border ran his big Healey on Friday morning at the exhibition part of the show in the Hershey stadium. Its mellow roar and airplane-scented exhaust fumes lingered in the stadium long after he shut it down. Our own Fred Sherk and his buddy, Joe, did the announcing. They expertly regaled the large crowd with the history behind each race car along with its won/lost record.

"On Saturday there were 14 Healeys on the show field, 8 of them owned by members from our Region. Fred and Donna Sherk, Jim and Linda Cox, and Del and Liz Border won preservation awards. The rest of us already have enough 2nd and 3rd place trophies, so we had big 'DNJ' (Do not judge.) plaques on our windshields. The stalwarts of the Philly Region, Ray Donovan and John Hefron, graced the audience with their presence, as did another familiar face at the Hershey show, Gerry Kunkle."

Joe doesn't mention it in his report, but I bet the bratwurst was pretty darn good, too!

Fall Tour & Pumpkin Roll

Sonya and I were in North Carolina for a wedding during the Fall Tour weekend. From what I hear, the Brockmans put another great drive together through the Cumberland County countryside. The following report on the traditional Pumpkin Roll (a.k.a. Pumpkin Demolition Derby) comes to you courtesy of Dave Hooper:

"It was a good time, as usual, with many laughs and a good ride! Another big day 'on the hill' at the Brockmans'. The results were; 1st Place- Scott Brockman (17 quality pts.); 2nd Place- Liz Brockman (7 quality pts.); Runner-up- Priscilla Hooper (4 ½ pts.); 2nd Runner-up- Dave Hooper (4 pts.); 3rd Runner-up- Don Schneider (2 pts.). The "Distance Award" went to Priscilla Hooper, a past winner held in high regard."

Save the date: The annual Progressive Dinner is slated for December 2nd and will be hosted by the Sherks, Brewers, and Spears. Joe will email details and sign-up information.

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My Favorite Healey

Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Priscilla and Dave Hooper also knows that their love for and stewardship of their plucky little Sprite goes back many years. The following saga and accompanying photos provide some insight into that special relationship:

SPRITE INSIGHT FROM THE OWNERS

How small is the car?

It's 137 inches long, 60.5 inches wide. Two small cars of this size can often be maneuvered to fit in a one-car garage!

Is the car suited to today's driving?

The 4-cylinder engine of 948 c.c. (58 cubic inches) is great for zipping around locally, and comfortable at 55-60 m.p.h. on the highway. On interstates with 65 m.p.h. limits, the Sprite can barely keep pace for long. Kept to its comfort level, the Sprite is "extremely fun to drive," Dave reports. All of the Bugeye Sprites had manual gear-shifts.

How about luggage space?

Rear storage is reached behind the seat, not from a trunk lid. It contains the spare tire, along with a tool kit, soft top and tonneau. One can further fit two medium-sized suitcases in the rear. In addition, the luggage rack on the trunk gives extra capacity. Great for pushing or a two person jump start.

Are the cars reliable?

Like most cars made during Britain's experiment with socialism, Bugeyes have bugs. It's a bit less reliable than a Jaguar, Dave reports. Lucas electrics are trouble-prone, but the Hooper's restored their car with a better wiring harness. Many replacement parts, but not all, are available; be careful of quality.

A Final Exhaust Note

A Winter Solstice Challenge

*Though frost is on the pumpkin,
Causing all the leaves to drop,
The Healey's heater's pumpin',
So we still won't need the top!*

*Oh sure, the eggnog's tempting,
And a warming fire burns,
But we'd rather be downshifting
Through our favorite hairpin turns!*

*In coat and hoodie, gloves and hat
We might look quite insane,
But listening to the tailpipe's "blat,"
We'll feel alive again!*

*We cannot stop both time and tide.
Why live vicariously?
So, ride along or step aside-
We're taking out the Healey!*



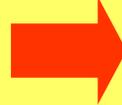
"Healey Row at the Hershey Show-What's that Porsche doin' in there?"



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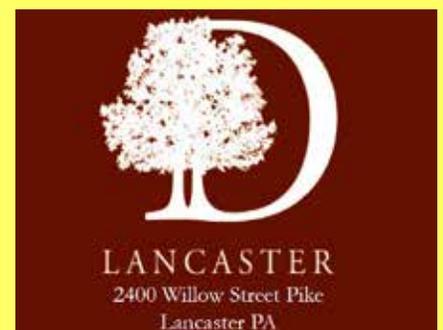


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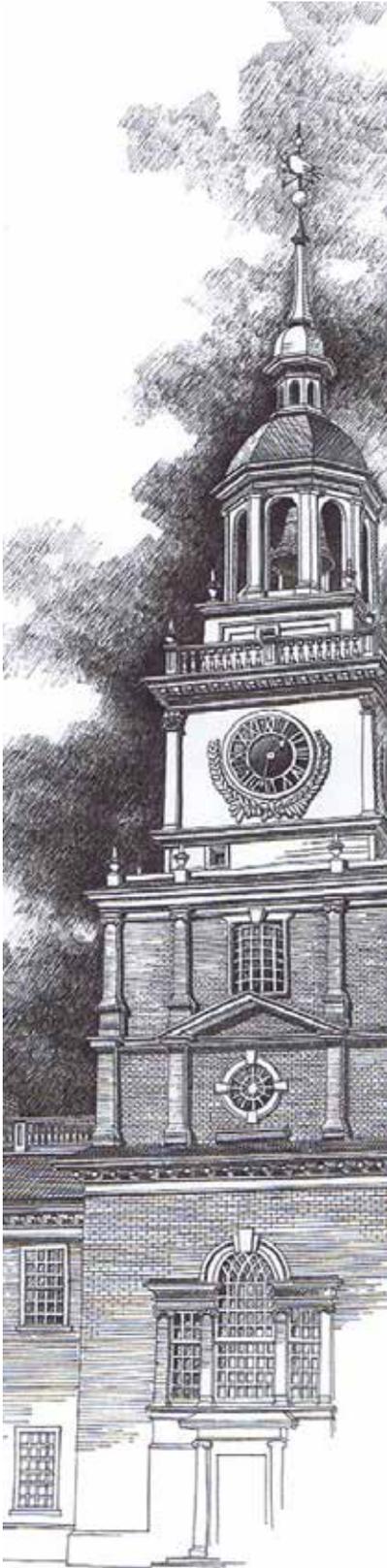
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PHILADELPHIA

REGION



Yesterday, October 1 about ten members arrived at Ray Donovan's home to resurrect his Bugeye. The purpose of the Tech Session was to install the lower control arms as well as the rear axles and associated parts so that the car could become a rolling chassis.

After sorting through a few boxes of parts the necessary bushing, bolts, nut and other items were laid out to be installed. There were a few misplaced items that needed to be sought but in the end the units were in place even if not exactly in the correct order and the car was able to be pushed out of the garage, down the driveway and onto the waiting cargo trailer for its long awaited trip to the site of our upcoming Tech Session Series.

I have to say there were no skinned knuckles, broken bones or even scratches during the session. A real accomplishment.



Brandywine

The annual Brandywine Region Picnic was held on Saturday, October 7th at the Leser residence in Elkton, MD. After almost three weeks of gorgeous, dry, fall like weather, rain finally did arrive. Luckily, the remnants of hurricane Nate waited for late Sunday and Monday to give us the much needed rain. Saturday was quite good picnic weather.

Attendance was very good. Twenty four members and six big Healeys: Dave, Ann, Brian, Emily and Ben Ehret (BJ8); Katie and Lia Coletti; Chuck, Sue and Gina Ott (BJ8 and a Volkswagen Vanagon camper); Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Tom and Suzann Jaagus; Jim Martin; Tom and Diane Zalewski (BJ8); Les and Shawn Lewis (BT7 tricarb); Buzz and Paula Marshall (BJ8); Ernie, Joan and Andrew Leser (BJ8).

In addition to hamburgers and hot dogs, chef Andrew had slow cooked six racks of baby back ribs in his smoker. The group provided a number of side dishes and desserts – talk about good eating! In the spirit of Oktoberfest, a good assortment of German beers was on hand. The Weissbier was particularly popular.

Dave showed us pictures of the “British Reliability Run” which he and Pete had recently done in Dave’s Healey. The circuit was over 500 miles and they completed it with no mechanical problems.

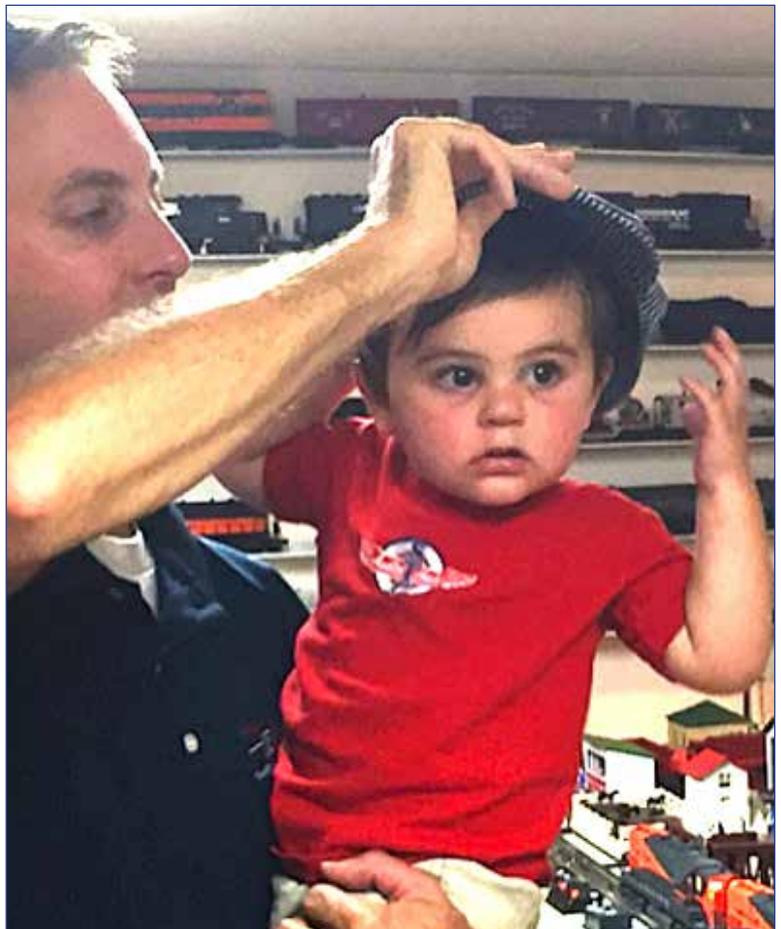
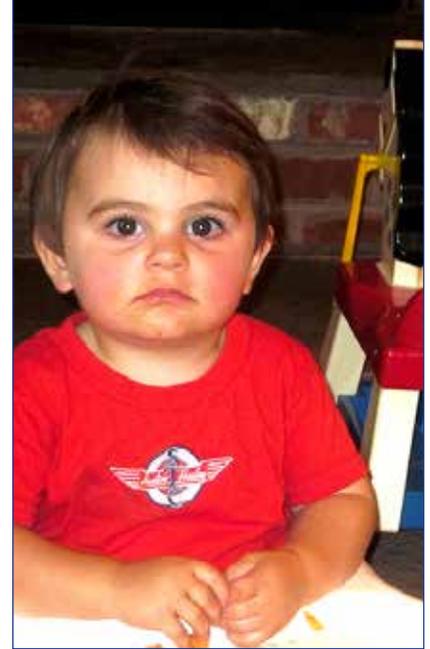
Chuck showed off his new convertible top on his BJ8. He, Roger Bono, Jim Martin and John Montague did the installation. Also of interest was Chuck’s 1986 Volkswagen camper that he recently acquired. It is in very good condition, and the compact layout of “everything you need” in the vehicle is amazing. See the included photos of the picnic activities.

FUTURE EVENTS

November, Thursday 16th, 7 pm. Annual Elections. Stoney’s British Pub, Concord Pike (rt.202), Wilmington, DE.

December, Saturday 9th, 6 pm. Christmas Party and Ugly Gift Exchange. The Zalewski’s residence, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Diane by December 2nd (410-287-5885).

January, Thursday 18th, 7 pm. Events Planning for 2018. Matilda’s Restaurant, rt. 896, Newark, DE.





By Paul Parfrey

Long Island REGION

The Bridgehampton Rally was held on October 7th. The Long Island Region was represented by Rachael Foggo and her navigator, Sandi Levine. Rachael reports that the rally route was 77 miles around Southampton and East Hampton. There were 13 checkpoints to collect clues and poker cards. They got to drive on part of the old Bridgehampton racetrack, and the original race route through the town of Bridgehampton. Rachael and Sandi didn't win anything but they had a lot of fun. They had the only Healey participating. Maybe next year... There was also a tour for those who didn't want to compete in a rally.

The Long Island Region rented the Bridgehampton Racetrack for a number of track days in the early 1990s. It was great fun! If anyone has photos of those events, please contact me so I can use them in an upcoming *Flash*.

The *MG Club Fall Foliage* Tour is being held on *October 29th*. This year the event is starting in Hampton Bays and ending in Montauk. This is a big change from past years. If anyone attends and sends me photos, I will put them into the next *Flash*.

I had a technical question concerning charging the battery in a positive ground car. Answer: you go by the polarity of the battery. This brought back a problem a friend had with his MGB. The car didn't start so he bought a new battery. After he installed it, the car still refused to start. I asked him what the polarity of the car was. He had no idea. Reversing the position of the battery terminals should not affect the starter motor but could cause trouble with your electric tachometer (if so equipped) and generator or alternator. So what is the polarity of your car: negative ground or positive ground? You should know if jump starting your car or charging or changing the battery.

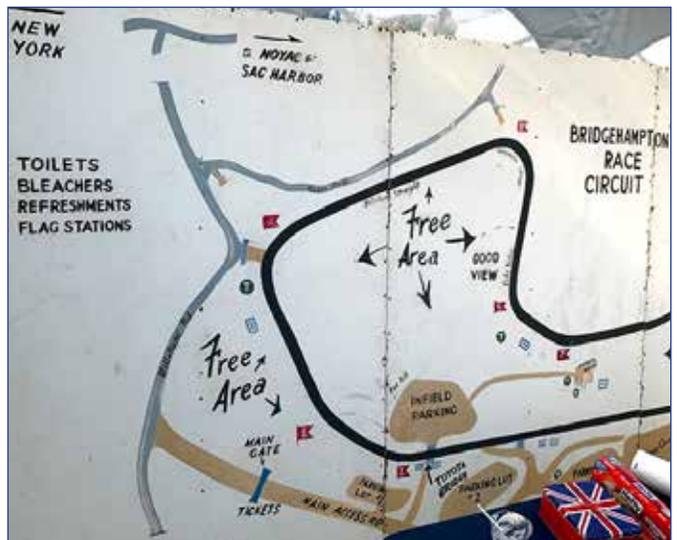
Remember there is no *Flash* in December.

The next issue will be in January.

It gives us scribes a break. Happy Holidays!



Sandi with Rachael's 100-6



The Bridgehampton Racetrack



Long Island Rally Team



Rally start

North Jersey

By George Crombie

Sunday, October 1st saw several North Jersey club members, as well as neighbors and friends of Bob Pense's (and even a couple of MG guys!) gathering at Bob's place in the Martinsville area of Bridgewater for a Tech Session. Attending members included Steve Feld (BT7), Rudy Hyzer (AN8), Ian Kessen (BT7), George Crombie (AN9), Steve Woolford (BJ8), Richard Ippoliti (BN4), Bob Pense (BJ8), and Paul Olsen. We all had a great time kicking tires and checking out the myriad of tools and such, both before and after we drooled over all the bits and pieces of the numerous Healey projects that Bob has on the back burners awaiting attention, not to mention the donuts and munchkins. The goal of the morning was to fire up a recent find of Bob's. It is for sale, but it needs a lot of TLC. By the time the lunch-time pizzas were ordered and consumed, there was enough battery power to fire up the project car. Then, with ears still reverberating, Bob gave us a demonstration of the rotisserie he had built towards the end of last year. A good time was certainly had by all, and we want to thank Bob for entertaining this motley crowd.

The next Club activity that I had on my calendar was the monthly club meeting, which was held Tuesday night, October 10th at Charlie Brown's in Chatham. Members attending included Tom & Pam Mulligan, Steve

Jekogian, Richard Ippoliti, Steve & Ann Feld, Frank Muratore, Bob Pense, Allen Rosenberg, Sarah & George Crombie, and long-lost member, George Marinos! Larry Gersten popped in for a few minutes to hand-off or receive (or both!) some boxes of car show items. The agenda covered info on a couple of upcoming events, as well as some recent past events. Of particular note was regarding the recent Fall Fest in Chester, NJ on September 23rd. Even though the event itself was deemed a success, the venue left a lot to be desired, in that the town of Chester proved to be rather difficult to deal with. Also, the displaying of the cars was too haphazard to accommodate the various classes for popularity voting. I guess it's back to the drawing board on this one. Richard Ippoliti gave us an update on the recent All British Reliability Run that he and Frank Dapiran (among others) had taken part in, and had done quite well in. The Fall Tour location and start time was confirmed for October 15th, starting at the Mulligans' in Ringwood. A couple of members expressed an interest in joining up at Wegman's parking lot on October 14th to caravan out to Lahaska, PA to attend the Brits at the Village show, where the Austin-Healey was this year's Honored Marque. Sarah Crombie sold a few raffle tickets to win an afghan blanket



she had crocheted. The drawing will be held either the 1st or the 2nd of December. It is constructed in Christmassy colors (red, white, and green), but is ideal for a lap blanket or a throw. Members then updated the gathering on the status of their LBC. Of particular note was that Gary Baumann recently bought another Healey; this time a “driver” that he can enjoy with a little more “spirit” than he feels comfortable doing while driving his Concourse Gold Level BJ8. Congratulations, Gary. I also mentioned that Grace, the Drive Away Cancer BN1, is still taking up residence at my place. It seems to have become a good bit more difficult to get this Healey back down to the museum in Virginia than it was in getting her up here in the first place! I am hoping that by the time you all get to read this, she will finally be back home.

Steve Feld (BT7), Ian Kessen (BT7), and I (AN9) met up at the Wegman’s shopping center on Route 202 southbound on Saturday, October 14th to caravan out to Peddler’s Village in Lahaska, PA for the annual Brits at the Village British car show. This year the Austin-Healey was the honored marque, with 11 big Healeys, 7 Sprites, and 1 Jensen Healey in attendance. The big Healeys were divided into two classes: Early, and Late. In the Early Class, Jim Leshner (white 100/6) took home 3rd; Ray Donovan (red/black BN1) took home 2nd; and David Smith (black/red BN2) claimed 1st. In the Late Class, Joe & Carol Bardon (blue BJ8) scored 2nd, while Schwartz (red/black BJ8) snagged 1st. Nick & Alice Ferrant were also there with Alice’s 100-6, but were placed in the “premier” class, due to having won their class last year. My notes do not indicate who placed in the Sprite class. All the Sprites were grouped together, with 3 bugeyes and 3 square bodied Sprites; but also 1 AN5 (Dave Siwa) in the “premier” class. I bailed out just after they started with the awards, as I had a hot air balloon ride scheduled for 4:00 pm. I made it home with five minutes to spare. Denise, Sarah, and I really enjoyed the balloon adventure (even when we clipped the tops of a few trees, and landed on the road!) and are eager to do it again.

The following day, October 15th, several members found our way up to Tom & Pam Mulligans’ home in Ringwood, NJ for North Jersey’s Fall Tour. Joining Tom & Pam (BJ8) were Rudy Hyzer (MINI), Ralph Scarfoglio (’55 T-bird), Richard & Barbara Ippoliti (BN4), Ian Kessen (BT7), Steve & Ann Feld (BT7), Brian (a friend of the Mulligans from their Corvette Club, in his ‘Vette), Bill & Meg Kaltnecker (BJ8), and Denise & George Crombie (BJ9). Denise and I separated, with Denise riding with Rudy, and me hitching a ride with Ralph, thereby reducing the traffic by one vehicle. Tom & Pam took us on a very scenic drive up into and through Harriman State Park, in New York state, and that area. We stopped for



lunch at a pleasant Mexican restaurant (I think it is called La Hacienda) before heading back to the Mulligans'. It was a great Fall day for a great Fall Tour. Thanks to Tom & Pam for putting this together.

The following Sunday, Ralph Scarfogliero ('55 T-bird) and I ('69 AN9 Sprite) met up at the Belvidere Diner on Route 46 in Belvidere, NJ to join quite a number of enthusiasts (mostly MG folks) in honoring the memory/legacy of MG sports car founder, Cecil Kimber, in the 2017 Cecil Kimber Run. This year, the organizers plotted a run encompassing around 90 miles, taking about 3 hours. This year's run covered roads in far north-west New Jersey, through the counties of Warren and Sussex. The run ended at the Inn at Millrace Pond on County Road 519 in Hope, NJ where we had lunch before breaking up and heading off on our separate ways. I must admit that I did plug in my GPS at a few minutes before 1:00 to find the Inn. I was not about to miss out on lunch, which was scheduled to start between 1 and 1:30! I walked in the door at 1:27, and found that darn near everyone had already ordered (but hadn't been served yet). I wasted no time in placing my order!

At the present time, the only club event scheduled for





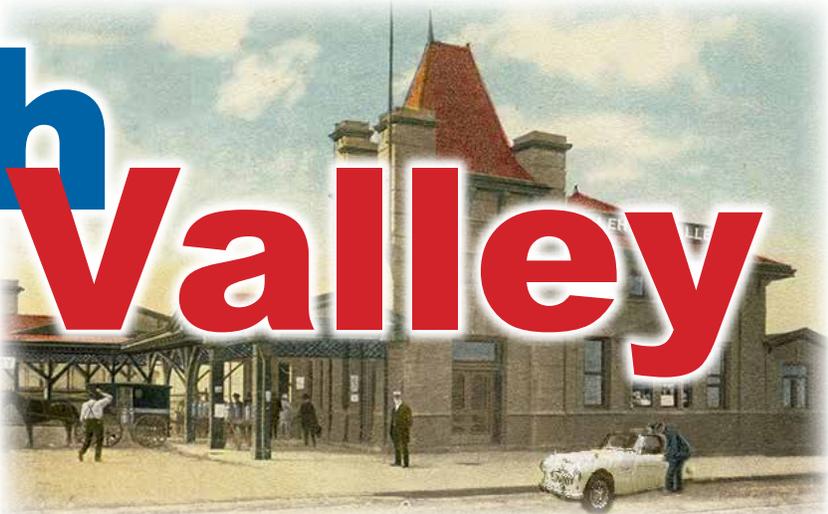
November is the Monthly Club Meeting on Tuesday, the 14th at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, starting at 7:00 pm. Some of us try to get there a little early (like around 6:30), so we can get a head start on eating.

I am working on trying to set up this year's Polar Run for Saturday, December 2nd. Let me know how that fits into your schedule(s). Sarah plans to have the drawing for her Christmassy lap blanket done at that time, too. So, if you are interested in having a shot at winning this item (and helping her pay for some of her school books or whatever; yes, she has decided to go back to school to learn another vocation), come to the next meeting! Or come on out and join us on the Third Annual Polar Run! OR BOTH!! No high-pressured sales pitch (I think the lap blanket speaks for itself); but, regardless, come on out and have a good time!

On another note, Club elections should be held at the November Meeting. We need a quorum (that probably means you...). I am hoping someone will step up and take over the newsletter for me... Don't be bashful. And hear the latest on The Grace Odyssey.



Lehigh Valley



There were five Healey's at the Autumn Leaf show at Moravian Academy Green Pond Campus in Bethlehem on October 14. It was good to see Jim Wagner and his 1962 Austin Healey Mk II sprite. Jim is a long time member of Sports and Touring Club. He purchased the car in 1968 while a student at Penn State as evidenced by the PSU bumper sticker. Also at the Autumn Leaf show was Lee Guth and his 1965 BJ8. Lee was one of the original members of our club. According to AHSTC history Lee met in the fall of 1976 to kick off the club along with George and Joan Null, Mike Delevan, Don Olsen, Roger Ninotti and a few others. Lee has been repairing and restoring British cars in Whitehall for many years.

Presently he has for sale a Healey which he describes as follows:

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The Lehigh Valley Region held its monthly meeting on Monday October 16 at Rudy's in Bethlehem. In attendance were Ken and Cindy Beck and myself. The low attendance was probably because of my late email even though we are scheduled for the third Monday of each month. We discussed how Lehigh Valley would be able to provide Encounter in 2019 even if we used the same location and events as we had in 2014.

On October 21 the Lehigh Valley Region had a **Hawk Mountain run** which Mike Bradley and I did years ago while Mike was president of the Lehigh Valley region. Region members arriving at the Crest Plaza shopping center in Allentown were Thom and Ginny Gatley (BJ8), Dave and Rose Browne (Jaguar XK150), Bob Snyder (BJ7) and EJ and I in our BJ8. We headed west on old route 22 to route 737, north to Kempton where we took pictures of the Kempton and Wanamakers railroad, then took the county road to the Hawk



Jim Wagner and Lee Guth with Jim's Mk II Sprite.



Healey's at Autumn Leaf show.



Healey's at KWRR on way to Hawk Mountain

Mountain Sanctuary. We continued north to route 443 and 895 to route 309. We had lunch at Katey's in New Tripoli. Returning home I traveled 98 miles in sunny 70 degree weather.

The Lehigh Valley Region will again be returning to **Morgan's restaurant**, at the intersection of N. Cedar Crest Blvd. And Willow Street, Allentown, PA for our holiday dinner. The party is scheduled for December 16 beginning at 5:30 PM. As we did last year you will order dinner off of the menu, along with drinks, etc., with separate checks provided. The following is the link to Morgan's website and menu <http://www.Morgansrest.net/menu/entrees/> so you can plan ahead. The region will provide \$25 per attendee or \$50 for member and guest.

In order to properly plan for our group please contact Bob Snyder rjs_cpa@yahoo.com or 610-216-7787 if you plan to attend by December 9. Do not hesitate to give Bob or me a call or an email if you have any questions. We are again hoping to again have a great turn out. In fact I am hoping that we can reduce the region treasury by \$1,000.

In order to keep our region active please send me any events, articles or information that may be of interest to the AHSTC readers.



A large advertisement for J.C. Taylor Antique Insurance. The background is a vibrant red. At the top, the text "J.C. TAYLOR" is written in large, bold, red capital letters, followed by "ANTIQUÉ INSURANCE" in bold, yellow capital letters. Below this, the phone number "1-888-ANTIQUÉ" is displayed in white, and the website "JCTAYLOR.COM" is in light blue. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a classic silver sports car with red racing stripes, set against a dark background with a gold oval containing the name "J.C. Taylor" in a cursive script.

LIFE WITH A 1961 'BUGEYE' SPRITE

Article and images provided by Dave & Priscilla Hooper

This saga began in 1964 when Priscilla was given the 1961 Austin Healey "Bugeye" Sprite as a HS graduation present by her 6' 3" father, who could not quite fit into the car but had the \$900 to pay for this gem as its third owner. Little did we realize the years of ownership that would follow the purchase.

After three years of Sprite ownership and turning heads in the Tunkhannock, Pa. area, Priscilla met me, Dave, in the middle of winter in Scranton, where both of us were finishing undergraduate educations at different institutions. It was love at first sight. Did the vehicle have anything to do with it? Only history would divulge that story.

Gasoline was cheap then—25.9 cents per gallon—so Priscilla often made the return trip of 40 miles from Scranton to Tunkhannock for an even 25¢. Somehow, the car performed well enough for us to get back

and forth to the Newport, Rhode Island folk festival in 1967. We lost count of the amount of oil we burned,

but we did get 41 miles to the gallon. We also realized then that the little engine had limits on major highways and interstates.

In December 1967, the greatest plan of all time was to drive the Sprite to the University of Kansas in the middle of winter for our honeymoon trip back to graduate school there.

Unfortunately (or fortunately) Priscilla drove it into the left rear of a parked car near the Hooper household in Scranton four days before the wedding, so the Kansas-in-a-Sprite plan was canceled and we drove a '63 Plymouth Valiant with 110,000 miles on it, courtesy of her father. The Valiant had an effective heater and high-speed windshield wipers, so we enjoyed real luxury for a while.

By December of 1968, a new bonnet (hood) was found and installed on the Sprite, so we tried and succeeded on a trip of a lifetime: returning to Kansas with the Sprite. The little English car did have a bona fide hardtop, after all. Missouri wasn't so great in a Sprite around January 1 on I-70, following an all-night ice storm and sub-zero weather. One of us drove the Sprite, the other the Valiant. The designated Sprite driver had to change cars every hour or risk death by freezing in spite of long underwear, extra socks, and the Sprite's heater running full-blast.

In the summer of 1969, we were in the Fort Devens, Massachusetts area courtesy of the Vietnam War and Uncle Sam. The Bugeye became the "four-wheel-drive" of choice as it carried us with all our camping equipment and tent gear several times to Maine for camping trips. Other trips to downtown Boston and Cape Cod were eventful challenges.



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By winter of that year, we had the engine overhauled for the first known time—particularly to reduce our continuously high engine oil bill.

Following Dave's tour in Thailand in 1970, we went to Germany for the next 21 months minus the Sprite. The little car was stored and maintained in the basement of the Hooper household (now in Mountainhome, PA) until 1972. Imagine the Sprite on the German Autobahn! It couldn't even have held the speed of a Volkswagen.

We returned to Kansas in August, 1972 as liberated ex-Army personnel with the Sprite and our new '72 V-6 Capri from the German Ford factory in Koln. We tried towing the Sprite part way with a trusty U-Haul tow bar, which worked well until the first sharp turn into a gas station in Cincinnati which greatly rearranged the front bumper. Consequently, we disconnected the tow bar and drove the two cars separately.

As life moved on, we used the Bugeye as one of the family cars until 1979 when we moved to Lewisberry, PA from Huntingdon, PA. Rust was beginning to become a problem since we drove it in the rain and snow regularly. With 50 pounds of cinder blocks in the trunk above the rear axle, it did have all the character of a 4-wheel drive vehicle in the snow again.

In 1980, we discovered the AHSTC, or Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club, after an enthusiast had put his card on our car's windshield the previous winter. We enjoyed the club. Who can forget one member "pole vaulting" into his Healey on a speeding gallop, only to realize that his foot and leg were thrust into the steering wheel instead of resting on the foot pedals?

During the summer of 1981, one club member helped us rebuild both front floor panels, with 12-gauge steel replacing the existing rust, bondo, tin strips, and air holes which had made up the front floor. We realized that the Sprite could not remain one of the family cars forever. We kept getting gentle hints about the bondo, spray paint that didn't match, more rust, and the endless trail of blue smoke.

At the Philadelphia Encounter that year, Richard Newton, author of *The Buyer's Guide to Austin-Healeys*, interviewed us regarding our original factory hardtop, untouched original dashboard, and other items of historical significance. Little did we know that we would be cited in his publication, and a picture of the hardtop would also appear.

So what's the rest of the story? After lots of hard work, the car was completely restored by 1988. Much of the work was done by Priscilla and me. As a collector car, the little Bugeye has won numerous awards and been to many car events. We still own the car to this day. Looking back over our long ownership, it's hard to believe all the history and fun that has followed that original \$900 investment in 1964! 🇬🇧



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Steve - You asked to see the oldest photos of our Austin Healey. Here I s my bn1 in 1956 with the original owner Michael Schatz and his wife who bought the car on Nov 7, 1955. I also have the original warranty signed by DMH - good for the next 10,000 miles back in Aug 76 when he was in Cherry Hill NJ for the east coast gathering and I saw my car for the first time
Jim Lesher



Steve,

This photo is of my bugeye from 1974. Just came back from trial run after fixing rear axle. Car was purchased with a broken axle. Been an addiction ever since.

Allen Kramer



Steve,

Two months in a row that I read your column 😊. Attached find two photos taken in York, PA. One showing the 1951 Studebaker Commander that I traded in for my Healey.

The second showing my Healey in July 1963 about one week old – me with my grandmother.

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Pete and Cindy Sturtevant, 1964 AH BJB Phase 1

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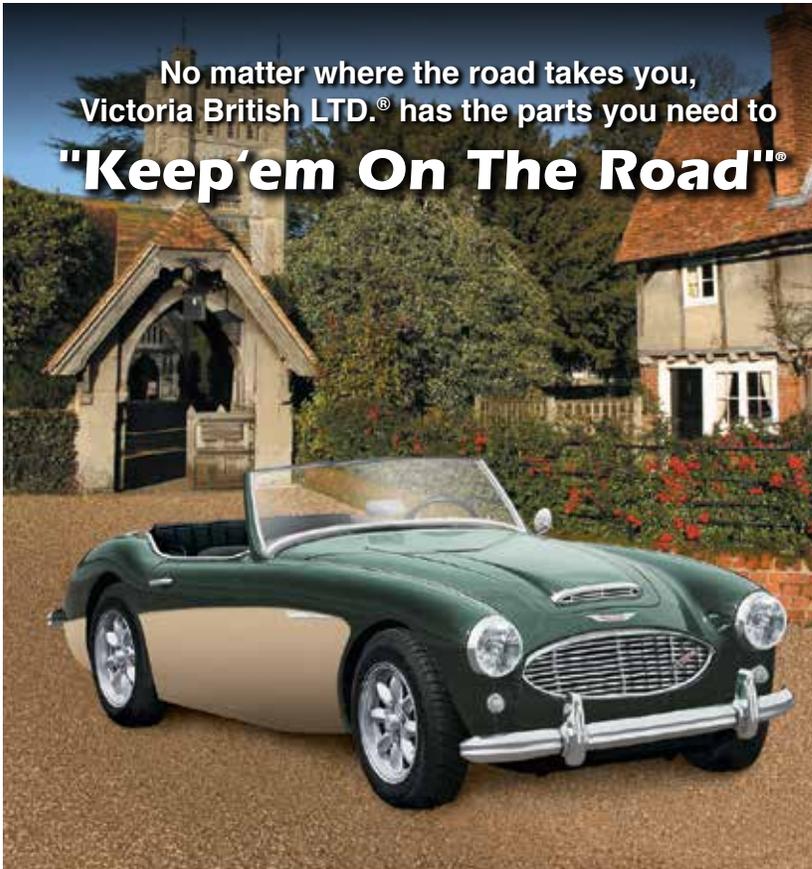
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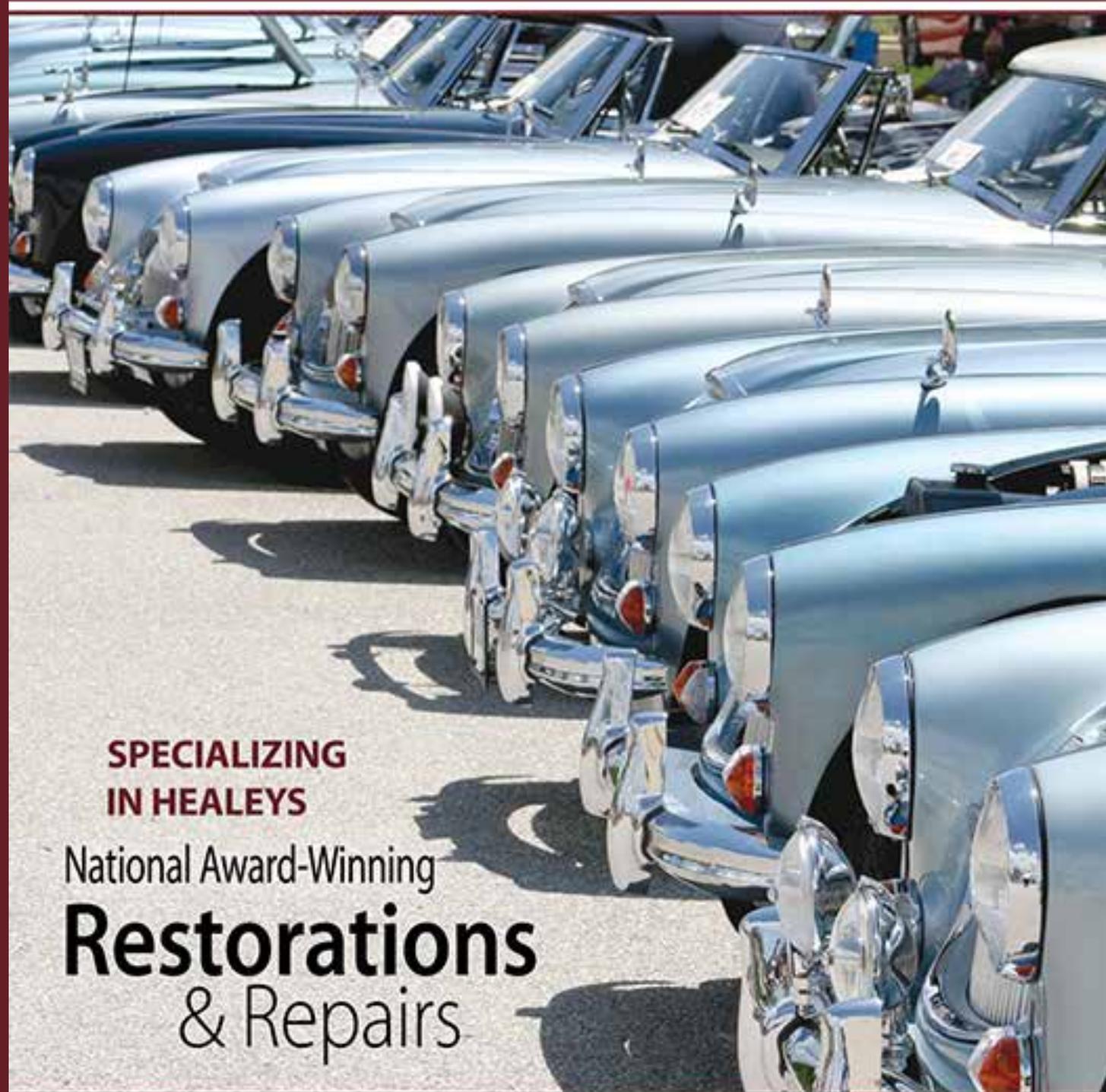
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