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Main Cover Photo: Long Island Region on July 15, 2010

Bottom: Lehigh Valley on tour; Joanne Sweeney & her Spark Plug Award; North Jersey having some Holiday Fun

What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian

We hope you had a great holiday and received all the Healey car parts and regalia you wished for. As we start January 2011 AHSTC issues the 400th Flash. Just think 400 issues and articles to keep the club informed and together. Enjoy.

Check out Baird's History of the Healey Quiz and look at the link below to see what other people do in their free time.

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Also, some of you were at Encounter and went to the Simeone Foundation Auto Museum. Dr. Simeone explained that the 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe was one of the most significant cars in his collection. It was the first of the six cars built, the first to race at Daytona, and the last race was at the Bonneville Salt Flats where it set numerous records.

He said it was stored for 40 years and I wondered who kept it and why. I was discussing this with a friend (owned two 3000's in the early 70's) and he did some research and the cars history after it left Shelby was as interesting as the car's race history.





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Membership

by Rick Brodeur

Here are our new members this month:

Philadelphia

George and Lisa Baxter

Yardley, PA

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Hope you all had a great holiday. It won't be long before Spring arrives and we'll be enjoying our Healeys again. In February I'll be sending out the annual renewal forms. We're looking forward next year to being able to process renewals on the website.

All memberships are now \$30/year. We used to charge an extra \$5 for foreign memberships, but now that we don't mail the newsletters, The executive committee decided to remove the extra charge.

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. 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.



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This Month in Healey History: Quiz

by Baird Foster

Have you been paying attention during the past year? Test your memory and amaze your friends with some Healey facts! Following are 20 multiple choice questions for you to check whether all your cylinders are firing.

(Answers appear on page XX.)

1. What is the birth date of Donald M. Healey?

- a. 28 July 1896
- b. 3 July 1898
- c. 2 April 1899

2. The famous R.A.C. Rally is usually run in what month?

- a. June
- b. September
- c. November

3. In what year did John Sprinzel and Stuart Turner drive a Sprite to a class victory in the Liège-Rome-Liège Rally?

- a. 1960
- b. 1958
- c. 1959

4. Of all the Healey-badged race cars that ran at the 24-Hour Race at Le Mans, which one had the highest overall finish?

- a. 100S
- b. 100M
- c. Nash-Healey

In what year?

- a. 1955
- b. 1952
- c. 1954

What was its position?

- a. 4th
- b. 5th
- c. 3rd

5. The prototype for the 100S model placed First in Class at the Sebring 12-Hour Race in what year?

- a. 1953
- b. 1954
- c. 1955

6. In what year was DMH inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame In Talladega, Alabama?

- a. 1992
- b. 1996
- c. 1999

7. Donald Healey won the Monte Carlo Rally in what year?

- a. 1929
- b. 1937
- c. 1931

8. Approximately how many “big” Austin-Healeys (100 through BJ8) were built?

- a. 35,000
- b. 72,000
- c. 106,000

9. Healeys at Le Mans: What was the first Healey-badged car to compete at Le Mans?

- a. Elliott Saloon
- b. Nash-Healey
- c. Austin-Healey 100

In what year?

- a. 1952
- b. 1950
- c. 1949

What was the overall finish?

- a. DNF
- b. 3rd
- c. 13th

Healey History Quiz Cont...

10. As a first-time nominee, Donald Healey was inducted into the exclusive Automotive Hall of Fame, Dearborn, Michigan, in what year?
- 1994
 - 1998
 - 2004
11. In 1973, DMH was presented a CBE for “service to export” by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. What do the initials CBE stand for?
- Colonel By Edict
 - Commander of the Order of the British Empire
 - Champion Beyond Equal
12. Where did the Austin-Healey 100 debut in the United States?
- New York City
 - Washington, DC
 - Miami, Florida
13. Which Healey Works drivers had an outright win in the 1961 Alpine Rally?
- Don and Erle Morley
 - Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom
 - DMH and Bic Healey
14. Healeys in Rallies: Which European “marathon” rally was won outright by Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom in 1960?
- Tulip Rally
 - Alpine Rally
 - Liège-Rome-Liège Rally
- In what model Austin-Healey?
- 100M
 - 3000
 - Bugeye Sprite
- What was the car’s registration number?
- URX 727
 - 77 ARX
 - XJE 871
15. Where did the Healey Hundred debut in 1952?
- Philadelphia Auto Show
 - London Motor Show
 - Paris Exposition
16. What was the location of the Donald Healey Motor Company works in England?
- Bristol
 - Warwick
 - Abingdon
17. What car did DMH drive in his outright victory in the 1931 Monte Carlo Rally?
- Triumph
 - Invicta
 - Silverstone
18. Who were the drivers of the 1949 Mille Miglia class-winning Healey Westland Roadster?
- DMH and Stirling Moss
 - Bic Healey and Lance Macklin
 - Tommy Wisdom and Geoff Healey
19. Where and in what year was the Sprite introduced?
- Paris, 1959
 - London, 1957
 - Monte Carlo, 1958
20. In what year did DMH pass away?
- 1988
 - 1994
 - 1985

“This Month in Healey History” Pop Quiz Answers see p. 22

Book Review

“Mr. Big Healey” The Official Biography of John Chatham by Norman Burr

Reviewed by Baird Foster

Mention John Chatham at almost any Austin-Healey gathering and everyone gets a smile on his face and mentions the famous (or infamous) DD 300—the most famous racing Big Healey in the world.

In “Mr. Big Healey” The Official Biography of John Chatham, author Norman Burr divulges the life story of one of the best-liked bad boys of British Motorsport. Chatham grew up around motorcars; his father and mother ran a garage on Egerton Road in Bishopstone following WWII. In 1957 his life began, when at age 12 Chatham saw a red Austin-Healey 100 at Henly’s, the Austin dealer in Bristol not far from his family’s home. From that moment of love at first sight, John’s life has revolved around Austin-Healeys.

His racing Healey, DD300, became well-known because John campaigned it for decades. He was also involved with many other cars as he drove, raced, rallied, repaired, rebuilt, tuned, and traded them—but his first love was always Austin-Healeys.

Burr devotes a chapter to the 1990 North American Challenge Series (referred to as the Conclave Challenge) in which a group of British racers, including Chatham, came to the United States for a summer-long series of races. At the final race at a wet Watkins Glen track, John used his tricky tactics to gain advantage. He told the American racers that he liked the wet track and psyched them into becoming nervous and making mistakes—the upshot being that the Brits won.



In 1993, John Chatham hosted an American group at his garage in Bristol. They were visiting England for the Donald M. Healey Memorial Window dedication in Perranporth, Cornwall.



John Chatham and son John at Castle Combe racetrack in 1991.

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Book Review Cont...

The Donald Healey Motor Company Works racing team would not employ John as a driver. Geoff Healey said of him "...the man's uncontrollable..." Chatham's biography will introduce the reader to the "uncontrollable" spirit of the man—John did his own thing.

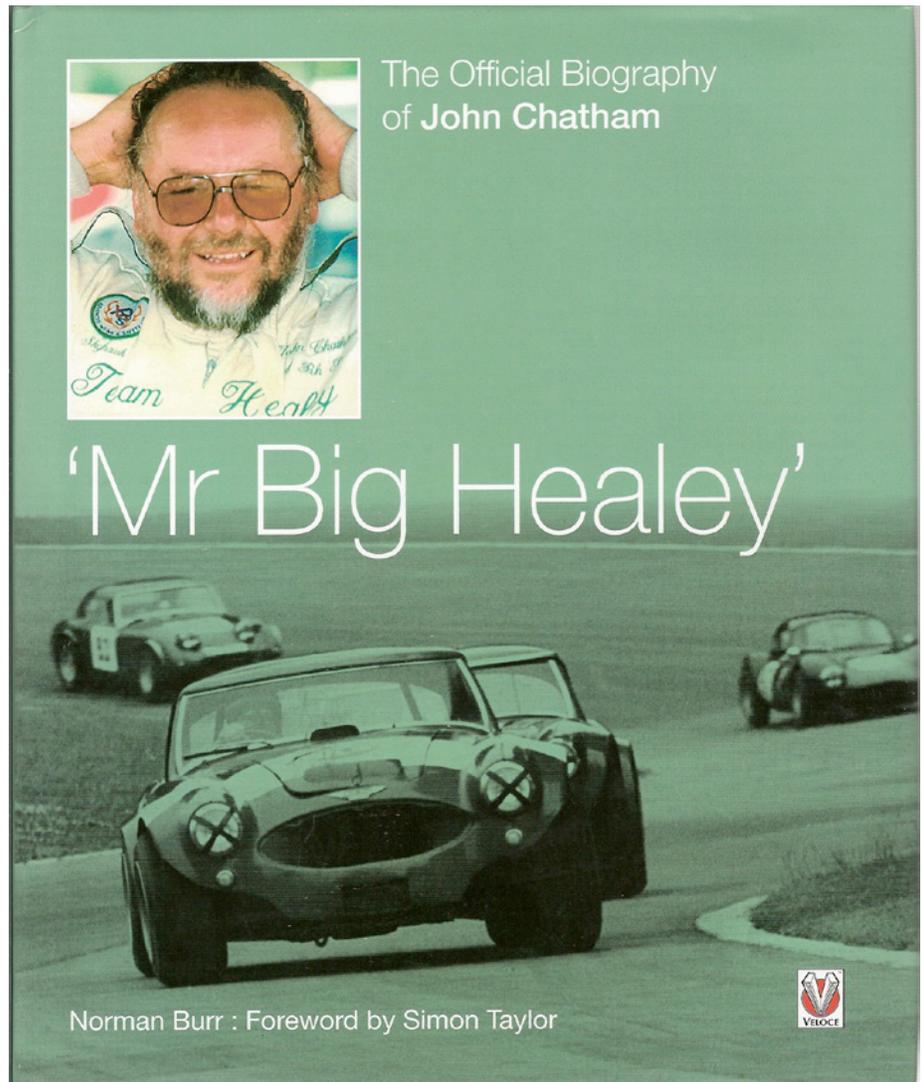
Norman Burr uses first-hand story telling in his well-written and organized biography. The reader will burst out in laughter at the retelling of some of the raucous tales of Chatham's racing, partying, and personal exploits—especially if the reader knows or has met him. A rich collection of photographs adds to the story of his car life and fascinating personal life. Rousing, entertaining, and sometimes sad, the book portrays one of the great characters of the Healey world.

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"Mr. Big Healey" The Official Biography of John Chatham. Norman Burr.

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Encounter 2011 - Hotel Information

by the Brandywine Region

The hotel for the Brandywine region's Encounter 2011 (August 10 – 13, 2011) is the Best Western Inn in Paradise, PA. One thing about this hotel is that it is smaller than the hotels we traditionally use, so you need to get your reservations in early. There are 91 rooms in the hotel, and for Encounter they allowed us to reserve a block of 75 rooms per day. The block expires 30 days before the event. The cancellation policy is 24 hours before the event, so go ahead and book your rooms now. Check the website at <http://www.reveretavern.com/rooms.htm> if you want more info on the hotel or rooms. To make your reservations you can call the Best Western Revere Inn & Suites directly at 717-687-7683. If you'd rather call Best Western's toll Free Reservations Number it is 800-429-7383. Here is a summary of the rooms and rates available:

There are 4 buildings in the complex

- o The Revere Tavern: This is where most of the Encounter events will be held. No guest rooms
- o The Main building: This is where most of the guest rooms are, as is the continental breakfast and the indoor pool. It is located up the hill from the Revere Tavern. It is a more modern style hotel with a lobby and indoor hallways to the rooms.
- o The Annex: This is a 2-story motel-style building where you enter the rooms from outdoors. The rooms are a bit smaller but are also less expensive. The annex overlooks the outdoor pool and is located between the Revere Tavern and the main building.
- o The 1790 house: There are four suites (2-person occupancy) in this historic house.

Main building rooms (all rooms have a fridge and coffemaker):

- o Room code QQ = \$101.99 (2 queen beds nonsmoking)
- o Room code QQS \$101.99 (2 queen beds, smoking)
- o Room code SK \$110.99 (1 king bed and 1 sofa bed nonsmoking)
- o Room code SQQ \$127.99 (family suite with 2 queen beds and sofa bed, nonsmoking)
- o Room code SKQ \$152.99 (2-bedroom suite with 1 king bed, 1 queen bed and kitchenette)
- o Room code SKP \$136.99 (1-bedroom suite with 1 king bed and kitchenette)

Annex building rooms (all rooms have a fridge and coffemaker):

- o Room code DD \$84.99 (2 double beds, nonsmoking)
- o Room code DDS \$84.99 (2 double beds, smoking)
- o Room code K \$84.99 (1 king bed, nonsmoking)

Encounter tentative schedule of events to help you decide how many nights to stay:

- o Wednesday evening: Strasburg Railroad dinner train
- o Thursday: Rallye, charity auction
- o Friday: Gymkhana, KiddieKhana, Valve cover races
- o Saturday: Funkhana, Concours, Popular car show, banquet

Harrisburg

by Don Hoffer

The region had another fine year with Joe Spear at the helm of our ship of state. OK, so ‘ship of state ‘might be a bit of a stretch. How about our leaking garbage scow got thru the year and didn’t sink after all? Well, it is somewhere between those two, but there is no question at all that cruising through 2010 was an eventful voyage. Joe missed all the rocks and we traveled as carefree as inebriates on a Cancun party boat.

This year finished with our two Marquee end of year events. First was the Awards Banquet held at the Union Canal House in Hershey on November 13th. This bash drew 30 members. In addition to the participant awards from the fall tour described last month, the following faithful were recognized: “Spark Plug” awards to Brockmans and Sweeneys, “Atta Boys” to Charlie Baldwin and your scribe and his assistant, the Sports and Touring award to Hoopers and the prestigious Dick Waltz award to Joe Spear. Joe and Dave Rishell also got the miniature golf awards earned at an earlier event – guess they had to wait for things to settle down after giving the pool shark treatment to their fellow golfers.

The officers, (best described as members who will be culpable for anything that goes wrong in 2011) were introduced. The only change was the V.P. slot vacated by Shawn Miller and picked up by Scott Brockman. Shawn, the only guy in club history to escape re-election by being absent, was thanked for all his exemplary service.

Those regional members who brought home trophies from Encounter were recognized and thanked for providing a good showing for the home team.

Just Joe’s luck, there was a corporate board meeting scheduled for the same day as the Banquet. It covered a lot of ground and trying to give justice to their effort by transcribing the corporate notes on hand is not possible in the space available here.

The final event of the year, held on Saturday December 11th, was the Progressive Dinner, our time honored multiple venue raid in which marauding members plunder and pillage the food stores of other members pantries like Grizzlies eating salmon to fatten up for the winter. This year’s feast started at Hoopers where soups and a table full of appetizers were available for serious grazing along with the appropriate spirits.



Dave & Priscilla Hooper - Sports & Touring Award



Dot & Don Hoffer - Atta Boy award



Joanne & Bob Sweeney - Spark Plug Award

Harrisburg Cont...

After savoring and depleting these morsels, it was time for the raiding party to sack Sweeneys. They can shoe horn in more chairs and tables in less space than anyone I know. If the whole AHSTC showed up, Joanne would find a seat for everyone. The marauders are filling up by now but shut down just enough for the dessert course waiting for them at Brockmans. That third venue was a diabetic dilemma of the first magnitudenous. A job well done by three masochistic hosts that made a very good turnout into a great evening. By the time you read this it will be 2011 and we hope the year end festivities prepared you for a great year ahead.



Joe Spear - Dick Waltz award



Michelle Brockman - In The Car Pumpkin Roll award



The Brockman Clan - Spark Plug award

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Lehigh Valley

by Joel Keefer

ALWAYS! ALWAYS! ALWAYS!...

...do a check run of the route for a car club touring event the day before the event! The familiar maxim ran through my mind again and again as I found myself wondering, “Where the hell are we?” As a relatively new member of the Lehigh Valley Region, this was one of the first events I’d planned, a backroads drive to three area wineries for the Nouveau Weekend. I’d laid out the route using an area street atlas and MapQuest, and had intended to do a check run the day before, but ran out of time. Tactical Error #1! So there we sat in an industrial park, with the road not going where my map said it should. (Always! Always! Always!...)

After a few minutes’ discussion (and another wrong turn!), we got our bearings right and resumed the trip to Clover Hill Vineyard. The group consisted of Lehigh Valley Region members Joel and Jolene Keefer (in the lead), Mike Bradley with his sister Sherry, Rick and Sue Brodeur, Ken and Cindy Beck, and Philly Region members Dick Stover with Tracy, and Allen Kramer. At Clover Hill, we enjoyed several varieties of wines, accompanied by cheese and crackers supplied by the region.

Leaving Clover Hill, we drove a short distance to Vynecrest Vineyard and more tasting. Vynecrest provided delicious turkey sliders to go with their wines and after tasting, we adjourned to their Rathskeller to enjoy some live music and finish the crackers and dip with a couple of bottles of their finest! We finished the tour at Pinnacle Ridge Vineyard, where we shared the crowded tasting room with a large group of serious wine tasters. Pinnacle Ridge served us German noodles



Our illustrious leader, properly geared for a fall road trip



Sue Brodeur, Mike Bradley and Philly Region member Allen Kramer share a joke at our meeting point

with knockwurst and bratwurst. Throughout the day, our group of six Healeys and Sprites – and one Midget - drew lots of attention, both on the road and in the vineyards’ parking lots. From Pinnacle Ridge, we wrapped up the tour with a short drive down the road to Dietrich Meats, a good old-fashioned Pennsylvania Dutch butcher shop that offered such delicacies as souse, pickled pig snouts, blood pudding, in addition to the more standard PA Dutch fare – bolognas, shoo-fly pie, etc.

Region elections were held at our November meeting. To

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Lehigh Valley Cont...

no one's surprise, the current officers were re-elected: Mike Bradley, President; Ken Beck, Vice-President, Bob Snyder, Treasurer. Jolene Keefer volunteered to serve as Events Coordinator, and Joel Keefer will be the new Flash Editor.

Bob and Judy Weaver hosted the region's Christmas party at their beautifully decorated home on Dec. 4. As always, it was a wonderful gathering, with great food and drink and fellowship.

Following scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and a delightful dinner, Bob showed us his fantastic American Flyer train layout in his basement. What a setup!! Members attending, in addition to hosts Bob and Judy Weaver, were the Bradleys, Kunkles, Wagners, Nases, Keefers, Weidners and Bob Pritchett. We missed the rest of you!!!

Next region meeting is Monday, January 17 at the Top Diner – eat at 6:30, meet at 7:00. Looks as though the tech session discussed earlier at America On Wheels in Allentown isn't going to happen in January, but keep your eyes peeled for an e-Flash regarding a visit to the AACA Museum in Hershey and a day of skiing at Bear Creek or Blue Mountain.



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Brandywine

by Ernie Leser

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! This year promises to be particularly important and exciting for Brandywine members as we are running Encounter 2011. Chairman Dave Ehret reviewed the current status and future “to do” items at our annual Christmas Party. Plans are progressing well for “Healeys in Paradise” !

The region elections were held November 18th at Stoney’s British Pub. Due to a bad back I was unable to attend. This did not save me from being re-elected however. In fact, the entire 2010 roster was put back in office which shows what choice positions these are.

President: Chuck Ott

Events Coordinator: Kris Garrett

Treasurer: Pete Roberts

Membership: Clint Hatton

Sergeant – at – Arms: Sue Hatton

Newsletter and Club Taster: Ernie Leser

The Brandywine Christmas Party took place on December 11th at the Lone Star Steak House on Concord Pike. Our group had a private room, probably as a precaution for the other restaurant patrons. Santa Dave Ehret and his son Bryan won top honors for their festive attire. Also attending and making merry were Jim and Paula Bewley; Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Jim Martin; Chuck, Sue, Randy, and Gina Ott; Steve and Kris Garrett; Nigel, Jonathan and Gabriela Smart; Joan and myself.

Our annual Events Planning meeting will be held on Thursday January 20th at 7 pm at Matilda’s restaurant in Newark, Delaware. Most likely Encounter preparation activities will take up a number of meetings this year. However, bring your ideas for events to make 2011 even more memorable!



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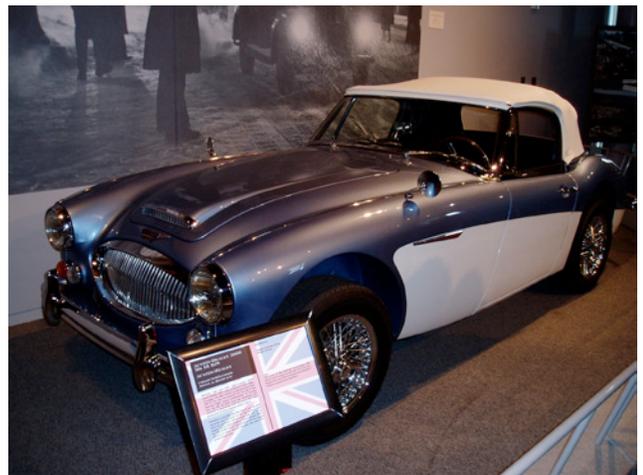
North Jersey

by George Crombie

As I sit down to write this, it is about 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve, and I have once again procrastinated long enough to make hitting the deadline of "...the 25th of the month..." a bit of a challenge. I do have an excuse that I'll run by you to see if it flies. While it was still daylight and since the weather was almost perfect for it, I took the Sprite out for a quick run. It was a tad cool (41 degrees), but there was a clear blue sky overhead and I just couldn't pass it up. Both Denise and my son, Mike, declined the invitation to accompany me, so I set out on my own. With getting home by dusk my only criteria (I had fueled up last weekend), I donned my hoodie and gloves, placed my "Bah Humbug" cap on my head, and off I went. After tooling around for about an hour or so, I headed back. Then I selected some digital pictures to include with this article and sent them to myself as a test run. Wouldn't you know it; my laptop (the computer, guys!) seemed to freeze up. It took forever to get the pictures sent! I checked my "spam" folder, then my "sent" folder, and then there they were in my "in-box"! While all this was going on, I managed to find the notes I took while at the North Jersey Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4th. Every once in a while, I do manage to multitask; and sometimes it actually works out.

The North Jersey Holiday Party was about the only Regional Healey Club event held through November and December. It is a big enough affair to sustain most of us; those that need an additional "fix" are encouraged to get out there and drive them little furrin things. Either that or you can come over to my place and help work on Little Red with me.

Back to the Holiday Party... This year, it was held at Steve and Ann Feld's home in Morristown, NJ. Now, these folks have courage. They have been with the club for about a year, have never even been to one of these holiday parties before, and they volunteered to host this year's party! About the only bits of encouragement we could give them was, "Don't worry, it's only one night"; and "You'll be fine." With that, we basi-



North Jersey Cont...

cally left them on their own. They did a superb job of it, and we all had a blast. Along with the Felds, we had several other rookies at this year's party. If my notes are accurate, those attending this event for the first time included Mike Busche, Ralph & Vera Scarfogliero, Frank & Loretta Dapiran, Bill & Marge Smith, and Scott and Jack Meehan. Those returning members whom we just can't scare away included Dennis & Elaine Meehan, Ian & Sue Kessen, Andy & Martha Smith, Joe & Marge Costa, Bob Pense, John & Helen Moore, Allen & Ginny Rosenberg, Bob & Pat Swanson, Tom & Pam Mulligan, Larry & Diane Gersten, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, and Denise & George Crombie. The food and atmosphere were terrific; the fellowship great, and the memories will last a lifetime.

After the main course, the wine and beer, and most of the desserts were consumed, the highly anticipated merriment began. After the numbers were passed out, Lynn Jekogian explained the rules, and a short discussion ensued as to the definition of "a turn". If my memory serves correctly, Tom Mulligan had the most enviable position of being first; and consequently, last. Some of the more notable gifts this year (there are always a few more highly sought after than others) included no less than three dog-bone wrenches (metric as well as SAE were available); a shop vacuum cleaner; assorted Hot Wheels and Johnny Lightning models; a red Vitesse #170 Austin-Healey 3000 model from the 1964 Spa-Sophia-Liege Rally sporting the #3; a vintage plastic model kit made by Advent (a division of Revell) in 1979; and a unique shift-knob shaped wine bottle stopper. Allen Rosenberg ended up with the shift-knob stopper, Ian & Sue Kessen went home with both the Vitesse #3 and the Advent kit, and Tom Mulligan claimed the shop vacuum.

On another note, we had some family come up from Florida just after Thanksgiving, and we took a trip out to the America on Wheels museum in Allentown, PA that Sunday. It just so happened that the museum was



hosting a small exhibit of British cars. Among the cars on display were a Mini, a Morgan Plus 4 (my niece's name is Morgan; she got a kick out of the car), a Jaguar XK120, a Triumph TR3, a T-series MG, a newer MINI, and a gorgeous blue over white late-model Austin-Healey BJ8. Also, on the wall in an adjacent room, was a picture of a two-tone Healey Hundred. If you are ever there, see if you can spot this picture. Hint: it is between knee and hip high, to the back of a shelf.

North Jersey's next event will be the January monthly meeting on January 18, 2011. It will be held at the La Cucina Restaurant in Denville starting at 7:00 pm. On tap will be updates on the progress being made regarding Encounter 2012.

Come on out and get the latest information, give your input, volunteer, and whatever.



**NEXT ON THE AGENDA
FOR NORTH JERSEY:**

**JANUARY 18, 2011
MONTHLY MEETING @ LA
CUCINA RESTAURANT IN
DENVER, NJ; 7:00 PM**

Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

The MG Club LI Centre's Fall Foliage Tour was Sunday, November 7th. The day was cool and windy so turn out was low. Still, it was a great drive and the day was picture perfect, visually anyway. Included are two photos from that event and a photo from a summer past. By the time this arrives in your in box, you'll need a reminder of summer. Tonight, Christmas Day, 8 to 16 inches of snow is forecast for tomorrow!

Also, Bob Maichin sent me a link to a Top Gear video on YouTube. It is about a Hill Climb challenge between a very modified "modern" Peugeot coupe and an old fashioned Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite. If you haven't seen it, can you guess which is faster? Either go to YouTube and search for "Top Gear-Hill Climb Challenge-BBC" or try this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-DGMrLGnLg&feature=email>



Beginning of Fall Foliage Tour



On the Road - Fall Foliage Tour



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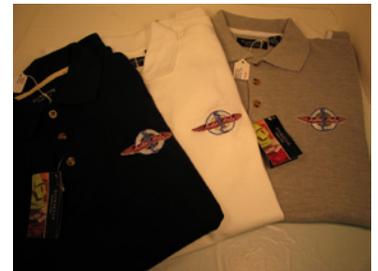
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Announcements

by Chuck Ott

I have been informed that Nina Null passed away Sunday, December 19 at the York Hospital. For those of you who did not know Nina, she and her late husband George were founding members of the Austin Healey Sports & Touring club. For those of you who did know her you would recall her commanding (don't call me Knee-nuh, it's pronounced Nine-uh) yet friendly ways. It's people like this that were needed to organize such a group. While I came on to the scene after AHSTC was already established, I did know both George and Nina and can see how the fledgling AHSTC would need talents such as theirs. We didn't see Nina much after George passed away, and AHSTC was poorer for it. The AHSTC will be sending flowers from the Club.

YORK Nina Daphne Null, 86, of Springettsbury Township died Sunday, December 19, 2010, at York Hospital. She was the wife of the late George E. Null and the late Melvin Herbert Becker. Nina was born in Red Lion, on May 18, 1924, a daughter of the late Andrew C. and Althea M. (Miller) Arnold. She retired from Grumbacher and Sons in 1990 and previously was employed at York Safe and Lock. She served as a professional trainer with the former Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council. Mrs. Null was a long time member of Advent Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school. She was a volunteer troop leader with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Nina was awarded the Silver Beaver from the York Adams Area Council Boy Scouts for her exemplary service to the community. She also received the Lamb Award for her involvement with the Boy Scouts and the Lutheran Church. She was a member of the York Chapter 169 Order of Eastern Star, board member of the Landis Valley Museum, and was the Judge of Elections for Springettsbury Township. Nina also attended York College. Survivors include a daughter, Jacquelyn Becker Chotkowski and her husband, John of Elmira, N.Y.; a son, Thomas Edward Becker and his wife, Erin of Santa Fe, N.M.; seven grandchildren, Steven Jacob Becker and Terry Lee Becker, both of Philadelphia, Andrew Jacob Chotkowski of Portland, Ore., Christian Adam Chotkowski and his wife, Rebecca of Sonoma, Calif., Jennifer Lee Becker and Alexandra Louise Becker, both of Shelton, Conn., and Robert Reece Becker of Greenwich, Conn.; a great-grandson, Milo Wallace Chotkowski of Sonoma, Calif.; two brothers, K. Rex Arnold of Milton, Fla., and Palmer Arnold of York; a sister, Priscilla Joan Brown of York; a brother-in-law, Robert Jacob Becker of York; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her two husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert Lee Becker; and two brothers, A. Henry Arnold, Dwight R. Arnold. A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, December 30, at Advent Lutheran Church, 1775 E. Market St., York, with her pastor, the Rev. Brenda M. Ritterpusch, officiating. Burial will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. A viewing will be from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Etzweiler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 1111 E. Market St., York. An Eastern Star service provided by the York Chapter 169 Order of Eastern Star will be 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scholarship Fund York Chapter 169 OES, c/o Alyce Peiffer, 63 Crestlyn Drive, York, PA 17402. www.etzweiler.com

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