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Charlie Grove's 100 under Mike Knapik's Monster truck.

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RAMBLINGS

By Nigel Smart



Well done Harrisburg for another great Encounter! I know that most of the people that I spoke to really felt that they'd attended a special Encounter and that Harrisburg had pulled off a major hit in inviting Janet Guthrie to be the guest speaker. What a hard working guest! I counted four speaking engagements over the course of the four day event.

Like most of the attendees, I was fascinated as I listened to her accounts of life in the 1970's racing scene. Life was very different from the life of the women drivers today, and Janet gave us very graphic details of the customs of the day and male attitudes toward female drivers. You can't help but admire what she struggled with in her ambition to reach the top and running at Indy in the 500 must have been a fantastic feeling. Janet was a real racer and she displayed great judgment when she bought a XK140 as her first sports car racer. It's so hard to believe that people drove to the track in the 60's and 70's and then raced all weekend before driving home again in the same car. As a vintage racer myself, just keeping these cars together for the race weekend is a feat of magic in itself, so driving home afterwards just amazes me. How did they do that?

My highlight of the event was chatting to the owner of Jule Chassis from Canada who bought a yellow 100-4 equipped with a supercharged Jaguar V12 engine. Truly beautiful – AND THE POWER – 600 HP and 400 HP at the wheels! Now that's what I call power.

THE SPEED ENDURANCE TRIAL

Many of you will remember I reported that the Welshes at Denis Welsh Motorsports were going to try to reproduce and beat the current speed record for 24 hours; currently 132 mph. The plan was to use the proving grounds near the heart of the car industry in the midlands in England but after trials they found that the circuit was limiting to meet the required mph to beat the record. As a result, the attempt was suspended and the plan now is to try to find a better venue that will meet the requirements of a consistent 150 mph.

NJ MOTORSPORTS PARK

The new venue is open, so go to the events and support vintage racing in our area. The track has already been featured on TV and it looked great! Hopefully, I'll get a chance to run it this autumn, so I'll give you a personal report after I've had that experi-

ence.

Enjoy the pictures in this issue and use them as a reminder to get those cars out for a drive before the white stuff starts to fall again. Yes folks, it's that time of the year again and the weather is cooling down. Do you have your Christmas/holiday gift lists ready yet or have you already done your shopping like some of us?

Enjoy the fall colors everyone!

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OVERDRIVE

By Steve Jekogian

If you were at Encounter you will understand the cover photo. Some call it the long and short of it. Some said the Hi and low of it. Some said who the heck are they?



Let me explain. Encounter chaired by Bob Preston was fantastic. Great weather, great location, great rallye, Gymkhana, Funkhana and a car show on GRASS. Lots of friends to talk to and lots to enjoy. Special thanks to John and the Harrisburg region that put on a great event.

Now to explain the cover photo. Believe it or not that is Charlie Grove's 100 under the truck. Saturday morning Charlie and I were discussing if his 100 would fit under the truck and the truck's owner showed up. He was game and yes, the 100 went all the way through. Carlisle had a truck event so trucks were all over the hotel parking lot. Now you think a Healey is low, there were pick up trucks lower and actually sitting on the ground. Some of the trucks were beautiful and some a work in progress. It actu-

ally reminded me about our club, our cars and our members.

I started to think of the similarity between the "truckers" and the "Healeys". First of all both were really into something automotive. Both made their vehicles individual statements. The "Truckers" worked hard on the hydraulics to raise and lower their trucks, while "Healeys" worked on hydraulics to stop their cars. Both groups hung out in the bar and told stories about past events and people. Both drove vehicles that were loud, dangerous, perhaps illegal, but all would run through the gears every chance they could.

But in life there are always differences. "Truckers" were, well, young; "Healeys" –well, you know. "Truckers" had some interesting tattoos; actually they had lots of tattoos.

Encounter 2008 was the 31st consecutive event put on for you, by your friends and enjoyed by you. I hope you had a great time and see you next time.



Charlie Grove under the truck. Note the drive shaft by his head.

BRANDYWINE

By Ernie Leser

Congratulations to Bob Preston and the entire Harrisburg region for a most enjoyable Encounter. An excellent venue of events, superb weather, and the very excellent Janet Guthrie to top it all off. Particularly clever was the "Jim Thorpe Memorial Olympics" Funkhana.



Brandywine members attending were: Dick Doherty; Dave, Ann, Brian Ehret and his friend Heather, and Danielle Ehret; Ernst and Joan Leser; Chuck and Gina Ott; Pete Roberts, Dee Caffrey, Lee Roberts and his friend Val, Todd and Trish Roberts with their



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Awards were won by Nigel Smart in the Gymkhana (2nd place, Big Healey Modified); Popular Car Show: 100-2nd place, Dave Ehret; Square Body Sprite-3rd place, Chuck Ott.

Saturday, September 6th is the annual Crab Crawl and Feast. As in previous years, meet at noon at the WAWA at the intersection of Rt. 896 and Rt. 13 in Middletown, Delaware. We'll then motor down Rt. 9 to the Boondocks restaurant where the crabs will be waiting. The annual Brandywine Region Picnic will be held Saturday, October 4th at 1pm at the Leser's in

Elkton, Md. Call if you need directions (410-398-7308). It's Oktoberfest time!

Thursday, November 20th will be the region elections. Meet at 7pm at Matilda's in Newark, Delaware on Rt. 896. How time flies! In the meantime, enjoy the cooler weather to take some scenic drives.

MEMBERSHIP

By Rick Brodeur

Let's welcome our new members this month.



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NEW JERSEY

By Art Herkomer

Well, another Encounter has come and gone. Our attending North Jersey members said it was a great success, and congratulations are in order for the Harrisburg Region.



The annual "After-Encounter" pool party was held on August 23rd, at the home (or, I should say, "resort" of Andy and Martha Smith). Once again, Martha and Andy opened up their home and pool to our club. This is one party we never miss, and it is Joan's favorite Healey event. The Smiths welcomed us all to a brand new pool and cabana area, fully endowed with palm trees and water pool chairs. The water temperature of the pool was somewhere between 80 - 85 degrees, as was the air temperature. You can walk or dive right into a very comfortable water temperature without saying "yow" as with most pools. We lingered in the water until the tips of our fingers got wrinkled. I think Andy and Martha were ready to get the hook out for those of us who just couldn't bring ourselves to get out of the pool. Even the weather was perfect. The Smiths had

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a good turnout, and the following members attended: Diane and Larry Gersten; Pamela and Tom Mulligan; Sue and Ian Kessen; Rich Ippolitti; Joan and Art Herkomer; and newcomers, Pat and Bob Swanson.

Pat and Bob Swanson attended their first Encounter this year and heard about the Smith's party. We were all happy they came, since they fit right into our group. They are welcomed additions to our North Jersey club. Their Healey (like many others in North Jersey) is being worked on, so we didn't get to see their 1954 Healey 100. Welcome to the club, Pat and Bob!

While we were sitting around having coffee and Martha's wonderful pies, the subject came up of how little some of us have driven our Healeys this year. Tom Mulligan reminded us of how limited we are in the use of our cars under the existing laws for "QQ" plated vehicles. Tom has been trying to get people to support Assembly Bill 1495, which will allow us to drive our cars one day a week for something other than exhibition or educational purposes. Tom said this is a good bill and should be supported. You can do so, by contacting your legislative representative and ask him or her to support AB 1495 before the legislation session is over.

We finally picked a date (or dates) for our Fall Tour. We hope to find some new and exciting roads, and are anticipating a really great place to stop for lunch. The date for the Fall Tour is Saturday, October 4. If it rains, the tour will be held on the following Saturday, October 11. You should receive this Flash by the end of September, so mark your calendars for the Fall Tour.

Before we take our tour, we all should be mindful of the age of our tires and their condition. A recent report on ABC indicated that six (6) years is the safe life of a tire. Even if the tire has just been purchased, you may have a potential problem of the tread separation (at speed) if the tire was manufactured more than six years prior to your purchase. You can tell the date



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HARRISBURG

By Don Hoffer

Others are better qualified to judge the results of our efforts as the host region for this year's Encounter. In the final analysis, all we cared about was that those who came had a good time.



Special thanks are due a number of people who stepped up to handle specific needs - some on the spot, others from the inception of our efforts. For my part the Sherks, Millers and Walkers, and our resident regional artist Jan Olsen did more than the needful for the Funkhana, and I am in their debt.

Speaking of the Funkhana, we have another award resulting from our observation of the participants. Little kids that found the hurdle bars mid thigh high still cleared with Olympic skill. So did all but one adult. Out of the 56 attempts that day, only one, (an old veteran of many Funkhanas) managed to mangle a hurdle bar, delight the audience and come away with our final recognition of the event. Lynn Jekogian gets our Flat Foot Floozy Award for exemplary adroitness and crowd pleasing athleticism. Those who failed to medal in our Olympics may, if you dare, contact me for results and times - we've kept the whole list. Jim Thorpe is still rolling over in his grave in laughter!

Even the meetings we had just before and just after Encounter were well attended and you could tell

we had gotten ourselves fired up for this 'once every 5 years' chance to put on the club's showcase event of the year. The weather was sure a plus and even though "three times thru the ringer" Preston might be tough to recruit the next time, the rest of us had so much fun we'll be ready when the time comes. Encounter is only as good as the people that attend and we are grateful for the turnout and hope you had as much fun as we did.

PS: One note on Janet Guthrie. When I found her standing in front of registration, I inquired if she would be there for a few minutes. She indicated she could and I said I'd be right back with a book for my brother for her to sign from my room just down the hall. Instead of waiting, she just tagged along, came in, sat at the desk and asked about my brother. After she had a handle on the recipient, she took the time to write an appropriate line before she signed it. What celebrity figure are you ever going to run into that is likely to be that accommodating?

PHILADELPHIA

By Al Tocci

I imagine folks will be Encounter recapping this month so I'll try to not be too redundant, but some comments are certainly in order. Kudos of course to the Harrisburg folks for putting on another wonderful event!



While my family's Thursday - Saturday stay was our briefest ever, our time there was quite enjoyable. Regrettably, we missed what I'm told were excellent events in the museum tour, rally and banquet. We have been enjoying Encounter since 2000, still a newbie by some members' standards, and each year the quality of the gathering and the efforts exerted is nothing short of amazing. One of the best parts of Encounter for me is the fact that it is one of the few things that my entire family, with no exceptions, completely enjoys. As many know, keeping three kids ages 8-16 happy can be a challenge. Yet each year

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they look forward to Encounter and rave about it on our trip home. By total coincidence, each of my kids has developed their own particular infinity for one specific, yet different event. My eldest loves running the rally (imagine her disappointment for arriving late this year), our middle daughter loves Funkhana, and my eight-year-old loves the valve cover race (pinewood derby deprivation probably). I'm partial toward Gymkhana, so as a family, we're always in the midst of fun.

This year my eight-year-old son Jack, just days before Encounter, started talking of a valve cover racer. While I've had racers in past years, I always dismantle them upon arriving home (for need of a valve cover or to reassemble roller blades, a scooter or skateboard). Since procrastination is one of the few things I've mastered in life, the day before departing for Encounter, we had no valve cover racer. With no plan or prior discussion, Jack arose early in the morning indicating we had a very busy day ahead of us and needed to immediately get started on our valve cover. Generally that means I get started while he goes off and plays until he checks back in later on the finished product. This year, we worked together from start to finish on the design and building of our racer – a notable feat considering the collective attention spans of the two of us.

Jim Cox organized a great valve cover race at the Friday barbeque and introduced a Junior Class to the event. This worked out perfectly for my son allowing him to independently run the event without too much influence from his father or sisters. He emerged victorious and talks of "the race" nearly every day since arriving home. The valve cover has become a centerpiece in our kitchen and I caught him talking to it the other day. That's my boy! I may even keep this one assembled.

In the "senior" valve cover class, Jen Donovan was victorious. She campaigned the Donovan racer that's made an appearance at each Encounter since John Davies introduced the event some years back. This was the first time Jen was responsible for the racer and also its first victory – coincidence – I think not. Perhaps just some Janet Guthrie inspiration! It was actually an exciting victory. The final matched two undefeated racers, Jen's racer built in the traditional style that John Davies established in the beginning (4-wheeled, BMC valve cover, etc) and a three-wheeled Triumph variant created in apparent accordance to newer rules. While Jen took the initial win, she was required through protest to run a best-of-three runoff where she held off her competition and brought home the first place hardware. Congrats Jen!



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I'm guessing she hasn't spoken to her valve cover since the win; hopefully this doesn't impact its performance next year. Wow, who'd have thought there could be so much to say on valve cover racing!

Yes, there was more than valve cover racing at Encounter. I'd be particularly remiss not to mention Gymkhana. Del Border laid-out a fabulous course and the inter- as well as intra-regional competition was as good and fun as ever. Congrats especially to Steve Kirlin on his first ever podium finish in Modified Sprite.

One last Encounter shout-out from me and that's to Mark Goodman, photographer extraordinaire. Mark's dedication to capturing Encounter moments in photography is wonderful. While it's much appreciated now, looking back at those pictures years from now will also be quite special.

Okay, on to region business. Rumor has it the Philly region folks are trying for a September garage tour. Ray has spoken of this in the past so keep an eye out for more info. In my quest to satisfy my race viewing pleasure, I'll be checking out the vintage race at New Jersey Motorsports Park during the weekend of September 20. We'll be in Atlanta while the Grand Am race is taking place in New Jersey, and I unfortunately can't attend the Zippo Grand Prix at The Glen this year so attending the September 20 weekend event is all I have to look forward to for now. Other upcoming car events include the September 14th Buckingham and Radnor shows (unfortunate conflict again this year). I'll be at Buckingham with some members, while I know others will be at Radnor. Fall is also when the Mercer Tile British show takes place. The show moved to Peddler's Village a year or two ago and the weekends have moved around a bit. It's been close to Columbus Day in the past (although earlier last year) so keep an eye out for that.

And, a final parting random comment - has anyone seen a good televised race lately (in any series)? Be-

tween inconsistent rule enforcement, tire issues, "competition yellows", races prohibited from lasting more than two hours, pre-race shows that last for three days, cars that don't race in the rain, thirty seconds (or more) separating the top few finishing positions, predictable outcomes, whining, mystery debris, etc, etc, etc, I'm finding little viewing pleasure this season. How can something as conceptually awesome as a racing series lack so much appeal at times?

Be sure to get out from in front of the TV (there's nothing on anyway), away from lawn care and house projects so you can enjoy some gorgeous fall sports car weather.



LEHIGH VALLEY

By Mike Bradley

Well folks, I'm sitting here on Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend waiting for the sky to clear so I can go Healeying. What a great August we've had. Encounter was terrific and the weather has been perfect for driving our "hot" cars. I cannot remember an August that was this pleasant.



Congratulations, again, to the Harrisburg Region for Encounter. I had a lot of fun and met many more interesting Healeyites.

Next year (2009) Lehigh Valley will host Encounter. We will be returning to Pocono Manor. We had our first Encounter meeting August 18th and we had a fairly good turnout, about ten people showed, you know, the usual suspects, minus a few. But, we still need more help. We worked out the initial plan and assigned some "volunteers" to specific duties. Ken and Cindy Beck have VERY graciously offered to Chair Encounter. Bob Snyder will be the Treasurer. Gerry Kunkle will run Registration with Ellen Jane doing Regalia. Jim Wagner will do the Gymkhana, hopefully, with Tom Knorr, and Bob Pritchett and I will do the Rally. That leaves Funkhana and the

Logo. All of these folks will need help, so PLEASE, come to the next meeting and see what goes on. There is a LOT of work involved in putting on an Encounter and we have BIG shoes to fill. We will meet at my house on September 22nd @ 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the E-Flash.

I will be away for the next two weeks in Europe. As most of you know, I am VERY fortunate to have a wife that is "crazy" about Formula One racing and, since this is our 25th anniversary, we will be going to TWO races this year (in addition to Montreal, of course). We depart for Aachen, Germany on Tuesday. This will be our base of operations for the SPA race. I am VERY excited to see this historic track (not to mention sampling some of Belgium's finest brews). On Wednesday, we hope to visit the Nurburgring (I hope I spelled that correctly), VERY exciting. I prefer the historic tracks of my youth, so I will get to see two of them. Then it's on to Italy for the Italian Grand Prix @ Monza (make the THREE historic tracks). We will be staying at beautiful Lake Como for this one. UMMM, I can taste that fantastic Italian grub already. Again, this year, we are going with the Grand Prix Tours organization which puts on a first class event. Not cheap, but ...you can't take it with you.

So, it's off to Europe (don't I sound special) to meet more interesting people and experience Germany, Belgium (UMMM BEER) and Italy. I am truly blessed.

Hope to see you all at the September 22nd meeting. Don't forget. Happy Healying

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Gwennyth and Morgan Trevino at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing

LONG ISLAND

By Paul Parfrey

The big news last month was Encounter 2008, hosted by the Harrisburg region. Bob Preston and his crew brought us an outstanding event. Meeting and listening to this year's special guest, Janet Guthrie, was worth the trip to Carlisle alone. A quick chronology: Wednesday evening we were treated to a scenic bus ride to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing and a BBQ. It was a beautiful evening with a tour bus race around the historic dirt track oval. Our driver tried to pass on the inside - what a hoot! Thursday was the rallye - a challenging ride through the picturesque countryside. The charity auction that evening with over-the-top auctioneer Paul Woglom was priceless! Friday was the Gymkhana put on by Del Border and crew - a treat as always. Thanks to Del. Then there was Janet Guthrie's tech session on racing Sprites. My wife, Susan, anticipated this one as much as I and we were not disappointed. Later, an outdoor BBQ and valve cover races. Who had more fun - the kids or adults? The kids kept racing after the competition ended. Saturday was the car show and the Funkhana. Credit the ever-fertile mind of Don Hoffer for the Jim Thorpe Memorial Encounter Olympics. I had the privilege of competing twice: first with Morgan Trevino and then with Bret Merkel.



LI attendees included Neil and Toni Barrella and family, Sam and Phyllis Allen and family, Mike, Tim and Megan Haran, Bob Markovich, and Susan and myself. The first annual Quinn's award, voted on by the children, was eloquently presented by Neil Barrella and won by Joe Spears. Neil won 1st place in the popular vote car show, 3000 MKII category. Susan and I won third place in the rallye.

August 23's Scottish Games will be reported on next month.



Drivers and Fiesta Reunion, Gymkhana - Rick Brodeur, Mike Haran, Paul Parfrey



Mike and Tim Haran at the Funkhana



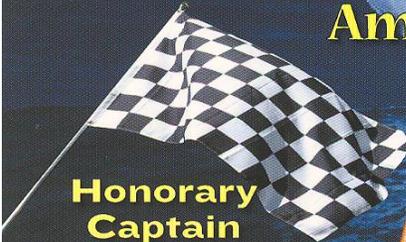
Bret makes it to the finish line in the Funkhana, having dodged Paul's javelin and hammer throws.

Gerry Kunkle's Jaguar XK 120 featured in the below "Moonlight Memories" advertisement.

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Encounter 2008 Recap and Results

ENCOUNTER 2008 is in the books and by all measures it was another great event. Weather was fantastic throughout, the Hotel Carlisle was an excellent host, and our guest of honor, Janet Guthrie, provided the icing on the cake.

The action got underway on Wednesday night as more than 80 folks traveled via bus through the rolling hills and apple orchards of Adams County to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing in York Springs, PA. First came a catered BBQ dinner at the old race-track on an absolutely gorgeous evening. Then it was back into the buses for the short drive to the museum itself. But before we left the track, our two intrepid bus drivers engaged in a little impromptu racing as we made what was supposed to be a slow lap around the track. The dust was flying and the passengers were hootin' and hollerin'. The staff at the museum was gracious and informative as they threw open the doors to our throng. To show our thanks, we donated a signed copy of Janet's autobiography to the museum library.

Thursday was Rallye day. A bit of cloud cover and a few welcome sprinkles kept the conditions just right for a rallye which took in the central PA countryside, a drive up the mountain at Kings Gap, and ended in brilliant sunshine back at the hotel. A side trip to the Rolls Royce Owners Club was part of the afternoon agenda. In the evening the traditional wine and cheese reception was the setting for our charity auction and an opportunity to hear from Janet Guthrie about her early racing experiences. The charity auction raised nearly \$1,000 thanks to the superb and hilarious auctioneer skills of Paul Woglom.

Friday morning found the racers among the group just a few miles up the road at the huge Gymkhana course at Cumberland Valley High School. The competition was fierce, as usual. Kudos to Del Border for another great Gymkhana. It was standing room only for the Tech Session featuring our guest Janet Guthrie detailing her experiences racing Sprites at Sebring. The day was capped off by a BBQ dinner in the hotel courtyard featuring the now traditional Valve Cover Races. Our chief steward, Jim Cox, supervised an exciting competition. When it was over, Jack Tocci won the junior class and Jen Donovan took the senior division.

Saturday brought brilliant sunshine and blue skies, perfect for another Don Hoffer epic Funkhana production. The Olympics was the theme and a great

time was had by all participants. Discus, Javelin, even a "drug test" were all part of the fun. The great day allowed us to conduct the popular car show on the lawn. Chrome sparkled and paint gleamed as the cars were displayed at their best. Showcasing the car show was a Sebring style racing Sprite very similar to that which Janet Guthrie raced in the day.

ENCOUNTER culminated with the awards banquet which proved to be an entertaining and rollicking affair. The highlight was again our guest of honor, Janet Guthrie, relating her Indy 500 and Daytona 500 experiences.

The Harrisburg region would like to thank all those who participated in ENCOUNTER 2008 in Carlisle. And to all those who weren't able to attend, you missed a great time. See you next year in the Poconos.

RESULTS

Rallye

- 1st Don Schneider & Del Border
- 2nd Ralph & Sandy Nuzzolo
- 3rd Paul & Susan Parfrey
- 4th Jim & Linda Cox
- 5th Shawn & Tammy Miller

Gymkhana

- Stock Sprite 1st- Al Tocci
- 2nd- Mike Woglom
- 3rd- Tim Walker

- Modified Sprite 1st- Mike Woglom
- 2nd- Al Tocci
- 3rd- Steve Kirlin

- Hybrid Sprite 1st- Tim Walker
- 2nd- Tom Walker

- Stock Big Healey 1st- Paul Woglom
- 2nd- Don Schneider
- 3rd- Bruce Gears

- Modified Big Healey 1st- Bruce Brockman
- 2nd- Nigel Smart
- 3rd- Walt White

Teamkhana- Philadelphia Region

Funkhana

- 1st - Tom & TimWalker

2nd- Al Tocci & Sarah
 3rd- Shawn Miller & Heather Hiatt

Valve Cover Races

Senior Class- Jen Donovan
 Junior Class- Jack Tocci

Popular Car Show

100 1st- Don & Flora Schneider
 2nd- Dave & Ann Ehret
 3rd- Bob & Joanne Sweeney

100-6 1st- Jim & Linda Cox
 2nd- Liz & Scott Brockman
 3rd- Neil & Jackie Brewer

3000 1st- Lin Rose
 2nd- Mary Ann Waltz
 3rd- Herb & Margaret Sailer

3000 MKII 1st- Neil & Toni Barrella
 2nd- Ron Mitchell
 3rd- Bob & Margie Miller

3000 MKIII 1st- Don & Flora Schneider
 Single Light 2nd- John & Jennifer Payne
 3rd- Gerry Kunkle

3000 MKIII 1st- John & Kat Heffron
 Double Light 2nd- Mark Goodman
 3rd- Fred & Donna Sherk

Bugeye Sprite 1st- Neil & Jackie Brewer
 2nd- Nick & Alice Ferranti
 3rd- John & Jennifer Payne

Square Body Sprite 1st- Mike & Meg Perna
 2nd- Al Tocci
 3rd- Chuck & Sue Ott

Modified/Special Interest- Martin Jansen

Diamond in the Rough- Tom Walker

Kids Choice Award - Joe & Barb Spear

Bob Eshleman Award "Premiere Class"-
 Baird & Margo Foster
 (Class of 2007 Popular Show winners)

Dave Venezia Award "Best in Show" –
 Neil & Jackie Brewer

Photo/Model/Craft 1st- Jackie Brewer
 2nd- Healey Miller

George Null Award- Bob & Pam Preston

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George Null Club Person of the Year Award

Special congratulations and thanks for years of supporting the club and the Marque. Bob and Pam Preston were voted as Club persons of 2008. They have been key members of the Harrisburg region and veterans of running Encounters. Their contribution to AHSTC is immeasurable. Thanks and congratulations.



Bob & Pam join the other
George Null Club Persons of the Year winners:

Allen Rosenberg	1998
Del Border	1999
Steve Jekogian	2000
John Morrison	2001
Baird Foster	2002
Mike Haran	2003
Nigel Smart	2004
Don Schneider	2005
Don Hoffer	2006
Ken Beck	2007
Bob and Pam Preston	2008

Note from Janet Guthrie

“What a treat it was to be part of the Austin Healey ENCOUNTER! Thanks so much for your warm welcome and hospitality. You are a great group and I had a wonderful time. Congratulations on a highly successful event.

All the best,
Janet Guthrie”

TIRE TRAX...Hillclimb Reprise with Janet Guthrie

By Stan Carpenter of Susquehanna Vintage Sports
Car Club (SVVSCC)

In an age when the rank and file professional sports celebrity is generally an egocentric whiner it is quite refreshing to run into someone like retired auto racing driver Janet Guthrie. This humble lady of motorsports is the very antithesis of the many who try to make the world their personal stage when a microphone or TV camera shows up.

The very chance at meeting her warrants my personal thanks to member Fred Sherk and the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club. Without their willingness to carve out some time from her busy Healey Encounter obligations, she and I would not have had the opportunity to meet at the Hershey hill she raced on nearly 42 years ago. That Fall 1966 visit netted a second in class with her personal Jaguar XK 140. To this day she remains as the only Hershey Hillclimb driver to have raced in both the Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500.

With thanks also going to Chuck Gouldner of The Hotel Hershey, the service road was opened and Janet’s Hershey visit began with a driving tour of the hillclimb course in Jim & Linda Cox’s Austin-Healey 100-6. Fresh from this trip up and back down memory lane, I conducted an interview that you’ll only be able to hear at the 2009 Hershey Vintage Hillclimb. While modest of her breakthrough accomplishments, the intensity that drove her to them is still evident in her speech and mannerisms.

Following some photos and laughs we went back up The Hill, this time with Janet driving my Jag, for a stop at The Hotel Hershey. By now, the earlier overcast sky and occasional showers had given way to a beautiful sunny day and the hour or so passed by much faster than we could have imagined. It was a real honor to meet with such an approachable lady, and from what I’ve heard the Healey Encounter attendees will be talking about her visit for quit some time,

Janet now calls Aspen, Colorado home. Her recent endeavors have involved speaking engagements and authoring her book Janet Guthrie: A Life at Full Throttle released in 2005 to rave reviews. You can also catch up with her comings and goings at <http://www.janetguthrie.com>.



Fred Sherk, Janet Guthrie, Donna Sherk, Linda Cox and Jim Cox in The Hotel Hershey lobby.



Janet and Jim going up the hill 42 years after Janet competed in the Fall Hillclimb of 1966.



Stan Carpenter (SVVSCC), Janet and Jim Cox.



Janet, Jim and Linda Cox standing alongside their 100-6.



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The 100 is Joanne & Bob Sweeney's and the BJ8 belongs to Jon & Edie Arndt. Photography by Hemmings Motor News.



Line up of cars on the lawn. Photo courtesy of Brian Ehret.



2 beasts—one Buick powered; the other Jaguar powered. Photo courtesy of Brian Ehret.



Janet Guthrie taking questions at the auto museum.



Race cars at the auto museum.



El Presidente – Steve Jekogian at the auto museum.



Don Schneider quizzing Janet Guthrie.



Bob Preston, Janet Guthrie and Del Border.



Leo Kob and Ray Donovan chewing the fat.



The Smarts.

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Paul Woglom doing what he does best...selling a book to Nigel.



Now that's what I call power – Janet Guthrie in the V12 Healey.



"The Impossible" – a V12 supercharged engine in a 100-4.



Kiddie Khana.



Prototype sprint.



Kiddie Khana contestant



Dale Kulp and Jerry Kunkle.



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