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Waiting in lime for the off.  
Dave Ehret in his BJ8.

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## RAMBLINGS

By Nigel Smart



Well, here we are again into another New Year and waiting for an opportunity to drive. The weather is certainly not vintage/classic driving weather that's for sure! No, I'm not driving the BJ8, the E-type or the 100 at the moment.

Like you I'm hoping the snow will abate, the salt will disappear and we'll be able to get the cars out on the road again very soon.

Sorry that this issue is very late but January was an eventful month at the Smarts' house. Our family grew from 6 to 8 as Denise and I welcomed twins into our family. Yes twins; one boy and one girl. Please welcome Haley Paige Smart and Dylan Richard Smart into the Austin Healey family. Some say I was trying to ensure Brandywine would have a future driving event winner in 2026! Maybe, all we know is we believe we are blessed! See the additions to our brood below. So with this news I hope you'll pardon our lateness with the FLASH.

So how did your holiday season go? I hope you received all the tools and parts you wished for? Santa is a clever old guy and usually comes up trumps. This year he visited the Smart house and left behind an impact wrench and a set of matching sockets. Like I said, a clever guy that Santa!

Did any of you receive a magnetic finger/mechanics glove? He left one of those behind as well. He has a great crystal ball that Santa.....OR, very good insider information. Insider information; now there's a topical subject!

Talking of the economy, we hope you have a few pennies left to spend to keep our suppliers in business. In case you've not heard, the rate of exchange has dropped from \$2.06/pound to \$1.38/pound....that's 70 cents!! In other words every 1000 pounds is now \$1380 instead of over \$2000. If you need parts from the UK, now is definitely the time to buy if you have spare cash. Well, happy 2009. Please send us photos of your cars. Cheers. Nigel.



## OVERDRIVE

By Steve Jekogian

Happy 2009 and good riddens to 2008. Let's remember the highs and lows of last year-- if you can not forget them already:



- highest gas prices ever
- then the lowest gas prices ever
- highest stock market ever
- then the lowest stock market ever
- large companies making big profits
- larger companies loosing everything
- the big three auto makers perhaps becoming big two, if GM bought Chrysler
- the big three auto makers perhaps being only one
- thinking about retiring –in style
- thinking about how to be a greeter at Wal-Mart
- thinking about going to Barrett-Jackson to pick up a new car
- thinking about selling your car at Barrett-Jackson

Hopefully, many of this issues will stay in 2008 and 2009 will offer us a better outlook. One thing to keep in mind this winter is your AHSTC club. The club offers you a lot for a just a little. In all of the turmoil in the country the club excelled, the members had a lot of fun; we had another fantastic Encounter number 31, in the Harrisburg area, where the First Encounter was held. The cars are still fun to drive, and continue to hold their value in a volatile market. Club members will also see a lot of firsts in 2009:

- First ever dues **DECREASE**
- Full color Flash delivered faster via E-mail
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- A new club calendar with pictures of members cars

We hope to continue to provide the members with all the events, tours, meetings, and activities that they are interested in as well as keep the marque alive. The club is doing well financially (no bailout for us) and membership is holding strong.

Winter is not the time to be driving the cars but it is a good time to get out to a club meeting. Not a “meeting” kind of guy! You should make the time to try it. In difficult and trying times meeting and discussing a favorite subject or hobby is good therapy.

See you out at the next event.

Have any ideas???? E-mail me  
steve.jekogian@spcorp.com

## BRANDYWINE

By Ernie Leser

Happy New Year to all! Hope 2009 will be another wonderful year for you and your Healey. Our region elections were held on Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> at Matilda's restaurant in Newark. While only the faithful few showed up for this annual opportunity to govern, democracy triumphed again. Those in power stayed in power. Even those not present were re-elected – amazing! Here is the 2009 slate of officers:



- 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 annual Christmas party was held on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at Stoney's British Pub in Wilmington. This small restaurant has become quite popular due to its good food and beers in the British tradition. The Shepard's Pie and Smithwick's ale that I had were

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excellent for example. The fact that the club picked up the bar tab added to the merriment! Attending were Steve and Kris Garrett; Ernie and Joan Leser; Chuck Ott; Dick Doherty; Pete Roberts; Dee Caffrey; Dave, Ann, Danielle, Katy Ehret, and Katy's friend Tom; Nigel, Denise, Tristan, Jonathan, and Gabriella Smart.

Events Planning for the New Year will take place on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Matilda's. Let's have a good turnout so that we can come up with an exciting calendar for 2009!

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ning of the tour is delayed. This fall was no exception. While we chatted, we were treated to a long line of magnificent Model A Fords out for a spin. Our attendees that day were Lenny and Seth Berkowitz, Neil and Toni Barrella, Tony and Kathy DiFrancesca, Jim Elliot, Mitch Landress, Hans and JoAnn Lewald, Stu Smith and Dori Waldman, Steve Tjepkema and Lou Molinaro, Larry and Jeanne Tullar, and Susan and myself. We had a great drive with winding roads, colorful fall leaves, and water views, and then topped off the day with a late lunch.

As an antidote to cabin fever, the LI region is holding a post-holiday party on January 31st at 1 P.M. at Orlando's Italian Restaurant in Commack on Commack Road. For further information, call me at 718-353-8138 or email me at [workshealey@aol.com](mailto:workshealey@aol.com)

Now it is of utmost importance for you to keep me aware of your email address changes as the link I send you is the only way to receive the Flash.

Finally check out our new website at [www.austin-healey-stc.org](http://www.austin-healey-stc.org) Thanks to webmaster Jennifer Ohs of the Philadelphia Region.

*Before the Fall Foliage Tour, Nov. 1, 2008*



## LONG ISLAND

*By Paul Parfrey*

Now that winter is here, we'll take you back to a lovely fall day: November 1st, the last driving event of the season, the MG Car Club LI Centre's Fall Foliage Tour. Due to the Flash copy deadline, the account of that day never made it into print. So we will rectify that now. Sunday, November 1st, was a beautiful day and the LI members turned out in substantial numbers. The pre-tour conversation is so interesting that inevitably the begin-



## NEW JERSEY

*By George Crombie*

The North Jersey Region's Christmas Party was held on Saturday December 6 at Larry and Barbara Griswold's home starting about 6:00 PM. The day itself started off overcast, with a hint of snow in the air. Flurries and a light accumulation were being reported by members as they arrived. By the time the guests were leaving, a light snow had been falling for a good couple of hours, leaving behind just enough of the white stuff "to track a cat" as my grandfather was fond of saying. Twenty-six members were in attendance; sharing recipes, swapping stories, reminiscing, and generally having one heck of a good time. There was plenty of good food and drinks enough to keep the chatter lively.



The customary "Chinese Gift Exchange" got underway somewhere around 9 o'clock (but who keeps track of these things??), and seemed a bit more subdued than normal this year. However, there were still a couple of Healey-related items that saw some serious action (that's what the rules are for), getting snatched back and forth a few times before it was all over. The opening few gifts seemed to be hinting towards a familiar theme: no fewer than three flashlights, and a couple of clocks were opened in the first salvo. I got the flashlight hint (it was dark outside), but the clocks... Time. Time? Time! Time for... What? Time for what? Certainly not bed time; mine was at least a half hour away. Time to go? No, can't be. We were still having too much fun. I know! Time to get serious!

A couple of openings later, a set of three Healey models, mounted on a wooden plinth with an AHSTC lapel pin was unwrapped. The poor hapless soul who unwrapped it didn't even have time (Hey! There's that word again! I knew it fit in here somewhere!) to get attached to his treasure (I don't think he even sat down), before it was "liberated" from him by the next contestant...who, in turn, promptly loss possession. If it weren't for the rules, we would probably still be snatching that morsel; forgoing dessert and the rest of the gifts under the tree. Ah, but the rules being the rules, the thievery had to come to an end. For the time (hummm) being. In due course, an Austin-Healey lap blanket was selected and unwrapped. It joined the ranks of highly sought-after booty. Alas, all good things must come to an end, even such fun and merriment. Soon it was, yes, time to go.

Enough with the time, already!

The following members were accomplices, witnesses, or both:

Larry and Barbara Griswold; Rich and Barbara Ippolitti; Tom and Pam Mulligan; Larry and Diane Gersten; Steve and Lynn Jekogian; Ian and Sue Kessen; Joe and Marge Costa; Bob and Grace Atkinson; George and Sandy Marinos; George, Denise, and Sarah Crombie; Dennis; Steve and Deloris; Dawn; and Jay Baumann. I am sorry I missed a couple of last names; one of my New Year's resolutions is to take better notes...and know where I put them!!

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## LEHIGH VALLEY

*By Mike Bradley*

Happy New Year everyone. I hope your holidays were fun and stress free.

Well, we now start to focus more intently on Encounter. Many of the plans are starting to take shape. We will be putting the registration form on the website and in the Flash in ensuing weeks. Please don't forget to check out the site. It is vastly improved thanks to Jen Ohs.



I need some pictures to post for the Lehigh Valley. Phil Nase was kind enough to send me some of his Sprite. All of you must have some pics you can forward. We need to make our site better -especially this year. We also need to make it enticing to potential members from this and other areas. The club membership is continuing to decline, ever so slightly. Unless we get some new blood, particularly younger members, we will soon be out of luck.

I have business cards from AHSTC. Let me know if you need some. You can put them on windows of

Healeys you see around or distribute them at car shows you attend.

We will also be planning more activities this year so come on out to the meetings and make your suggestions. For those of you who cannot make the meetings, please e-mail me your suggestions. All ideas will be considered. Tired of the same old stuff? Make a suggestion. Live too far from the Lehigh Valley- we'll come to you-make a suggestion. We're all very open to new ideas and would like some different drives, rallies, etc.

In the meantime, keep those Healey's warm, or get them ready to go in the Spring. Mine is calling to me right now to take her for a ride (My car that is).

Please come out to help with Encounter. We need everyone's help. See you at the meeting

## PHILADELPHIA

By Al Tocci

Considering the time of the year, the Philly region had a pretty active couple of months. During November, which now seems so long ago, we had our regular monthly meeting, a visit to the Simeone



museum ([www.simeonefoundation.org/](http://www.simeonefoundation.org/)) and a 'Hat-n-Mittens Tour'. December, of course, brought our annual holiday party.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> thirty-plus club members met at the recently opened Simeone Museum. I had a soccer conflict but Leo Kob reports a wonderful and well-attended event. Recall that the Philly region saw Dr. Simeone's collection last year in its old location. The doctor hosted our tour at the museum and I understand many additions to the collection have been made since our last visit.

The very next day, on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>, Jason Urban and Jason Tickner organized our first annual 'Hat-n-Mittens tour. 20 club members in 11 cars met at 10 a.m. at the Souderton Wawa. From there we set off to explore some of the nicest roads throughout central and upper Bucks County. While Healeys were the predominant vehicles on the tour, we were also graced with the Wright's MGA, the Weinberg's Porsche 356, the Urban's Alfa, Tickner's RepliCobra, and Walt White's Devin-bodied 100-6. While nine of our vehicles had the ability to go topless, five of us actually braved the 40-ish degree temperatures to do so. I'm sure the others would have as well but didn't want to crease and restretch their vinyl at this time of

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the year! Among the biggest treats on the tour was Ben Kenion joining up with us in his Sprite (and his girlfriend) less than 48 hours after returning from his Iraq deployment. For his hero's welcome we left him filling up at the gas pumps while the rest of us started out on the tour – oops. Fortunately our hurried leader pulled over a mile up the road to allow Ben to catch up! The tour was great. We cruised for about 2 hours and ended up at a great country diner. The Kirlin's met up with us there (in their Toyota Camry!) and 22 of us had a great time together. I was blessed to have my 8-year-old son, Jack, join us on the tour and was flanked by him and Walt White at the diner. I couldn't help but think about how cool it was to be seated in the middle of our most senior and our youngest attendees (with 69 years of age separating Jack and Walt). Someone not associated with our "car culture" might not appreciate the enjoyment that multiple generations can have as a result of our Healey bond! I'm not sure it was originally touted as a 'First Annual' Hat & Mittens Tour but after the great response to our day, people were already using the term 'annual' by the time we parted ways.

December 7<sup>th</sup> was our annual holiday party. This year twenty-eight members gathered at Benzi's restaurant in North Wales for wonderful food, drinks, camaraderie, laughs, and of course our annual gift exchange. Each year we can count on some great gifts being opened (along with a few busts!) and subsequently getting stolen endlessly until the final round when all gets sorted out. Gifts this year, to the best of my recollection, included an awesome print depicting a row of Bugeyes painted by a local artist during Encounter, a really cool diorama of an Austin Healey 100, a Corgi model of a 100-6 (taken home by me), a Healey logo watch (brought by me), an Alfa Romeo wine bottle stopper, books, booze, drop lights, holiday decorations, Healey literature, specialty tools, and gift certificate to Bed, Bath & Beyond. As always, the night was great fun.

Hopefully everyone is managing their way through winter and the holidays were enjoyable for all. I know Christmas Eve was especially exciting this year in our house because.....well because it marks the 'one month to go' until the Rolex 24 at Daytona! Isn't that what everyone was thinking on Christmas Eve?? No? Well I have no plans to be in Daytona for the race but the event nonetheless marks the start of another racing season for many.

Happy New Year to all. Of sad note during December was the passing of Philly region member John Downing. John had not been active in the club in recent years but long-time members have fond memories of John, including him and Sharon hosting our annual holiday party some years back. Well-wishes, thoughts and prayers to the Downing family.

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## HARRISBURG

By Don Hoffer

This is like writing a letter, then putting it in a bottle and throwing it into the ocean (or in our case the vast Tower of Babel known as the Internet). This can better be described as the Outernet, if you, (independent soul that you perceive yourself to be), fail to fall in line with the crowd to buy yourself a computer. By this unconscionable move you've inadvertently joined the ranks of the unclean, the intellectually deficient, the unconnected, unwashed dregs of society - lepers get more respect than you're likely to receive from your clearly superior connected friends.

This leper failed to convince the current board of defectors to keep the printed Flash, so that Icon of this club is gone like your favorite ball park leveled to make way for a sky box edifice you can't afford to patronize. So while your scribe sheds a tear in his beer, goes out to eat worms and laments this revolting development, he will attempt to report the region's





year end happenings from his diminished position groveling in a cloud of dust as the world races by like millionaires chasing the next Wall Street Ponzi scheme.

As you saw in the last, and I mean last, printed Flash, the weather gods smiled on the wildlife tour as evidenced by the photos. That success was followed by the equally successful banquet held on November 15th at Harper's Tavern where 28 regional members showed up for our Holiday opener to celebrate our past year. Without fail, Jim & Linda Cox and Don & Jan Olsen, who I swear would be there even if we held it in St. Louis, joined our merry band. Cox's from VA and Olsens from MD don't miss the big events despite the distance and this foursome personify the loyalty and bond they've built over the years that make being a part of this region so enjoyable.

The location was historic, the food was good, we had an upstairs room all to ourselves and the awards were bestowed upon the deserving without anyone qualifying for the Joey Chitwood Award this year. The Spark Plug award went to Liz Brockman, Most for the Marque went to Dave Hooper for Sprites and Don Schneider for Big Healeys, Sports and Touring to Jim and Linda Cox, the Dick Waltz award to Flora Schneider and an Atta Boy to Fred Sherk. Charlie Baldwin closed it out with the Single Whammy award. The wine provided enough lubrication for bench racing, but not enough to diminish our driving skills - remember we still had one more drill to top off the year.

Our time honored Progressive Dinner extravaganza was hosted by our Grand Poobahs Joe and Barb Spear, his sidekick Fred & Donna Sherk and Lynn & Butch Brewer. It started December the 13th at Sherk's place located just outside Campbeltown, a place I'd become intimately familiar with not long ago when a tornado had obliterated a swath through the center of his development. Although it missed Fred's house, it had decimated many of his neighbors and volunteer Fire Police units such as mine from surrounding counties had been called in to control access and provide security patrols. You can't believe the power of these things until you see the aftermath with your own eyes. Fred was home at the time and witnessed it first hand. To see it now, all rebuilt as though it never happened bore testimony to how resilient we can be when we set our minds to it. After visiting his place I can appreciate his gratitude at being spared and still having the immaculate vintage sprint car he painstakingly restored still sitting in his spotless garage.

After gorging hors d'oeuvres at Fred's, we invaded the Spear's abode to devour the entrée segment of our feast in grand style. We were sure eatin' high on the hog this night and it wasn't over yet as we finished off at Butch and Lynn Brewer's Dessert Palace where delights of all descriptions topped off as fine an evening as you could wish for. We sure had a good year and we hope your Holidays restored your energy so that facing the new year's challenges will result in your coming out as well as Fred's neighbors.

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## AUSTIN-HEALEYS RETURN TO BONNEVILLE

Most Austin-Healey owners would be well aware of the heritage that our cars enjoy. We have read about the successes of the marque in such iconic events as Le Mans, Sebring and the Liege-Rome-Liege. Many of us would also know of the successes that Donald Healey himself had on the salt flats of Bonneville from 1953 to 1956.

In what will no doubt be the most exciting event in modern Austin-Healey history, two very special Austin-Healey 100s reconstructed in Australia, are set to return to the Bonneville Salt Flats in 2009.

In 1953 the Donald Healey Motor Company built a special Austin-Healey 100 with the aim of setting both high speed as well as endurance records. This car, looking not too dissimilar to a standard 100 was driven by Donald Healey himself, George Eyston, Carroll Shelby, Mort Goodall and Roy Jackson Moore.

The following year they went back, more ambitious than before. Not only did they return with the more developed Endurance car from the year before, but also a special Streamliner that was based on a standard chassis, but with its body fitted with an extended nose and tail plus a stabilising fin.

The endurance car went on to bag a whole raft of long-distance records from 200km to 5,000km and 1 to 24 hours, while the Streamliner, with Donald Healey at the wheel achieved a high of 192.74 mph.

While the two cars were brought back to England, the Streamliner returned to Bonneville in 1956 with further modifications and 100-Six power where it was even more successful.

Both eventually succumbed to the ravages of the salt; however bits and pieces were known to survive. Decades later Dutch Austin-Healey enthusiast Wiet Huidekoper in a world wide search located many of these actual parts. Wiet formed a plan together with well known Australian Austin-Healey expert Steve Pike of reconstructing the cars and reliving the events of 1954 on the Bonneville salt.

Steve is a long term Austin-Healey enthusiast and along with his team at Marsh Classic Restorations has been restoring cars of the marque since the 1970s and enjoys a worldwide reputation as the expert on the 100S.

With access to Geoff Healey's personal records and design drawings as well as the historic parts both cars are nearing completion and the target is to debut the endurance car in March 2009 at the Historic races at Phillip Island, Australia. The body/chassis of the Streamliner has been completed and from the attached photos looks just stunning. As originally, both cars will have early versions of the 100S engines. The Endurance car's highly tuned engine will have an original "angle-faced head" and will be stopped by an early version of the smaller twin-piston brake callipers that were later developed for the 100S production racers. As originally the Streamliner will be super-charged and fitted with a variant of the original David Brown 5-speed gearbox. As the two cars have been reconstructed around the remains of what has been left, the souls of the 1954 cars have been brought back to life.

The team behind this most exciting Austin-Healey venture have set-up a website so that Austin-Healey enthusiasts around the world can keep across the events as they occur.

The site address is:-

[www.healeysreturntobonneville.com](http://www.healeysreturntobonneville.com)

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### **Celebrating Fifty Years of the Austin Healey 3000**

Midlands Centre is to hold a 3000 Birthday Celebration in Warwick, home of the Healey, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2009.

A whole weekend of fun will be had.

Arrive on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, including supper.

A full day on **Saturday**, including a visit to the workshop of **JME**, now situated on the premises where the Healey was born.

Back to the Hotel in the evening for a Celebration Dinner.



**Sunday** is to be spent in the Market Square, centre of Warwick (See Photo) where the club will have exclusive use for staging both the Midland Centre and National, annual Concours. There will be a special award for the best 3000.

Whilst the Lads are drooling over cars etc., the Ladies can spend time wandering around Warwick and relaxing in the shops, coffee houses and pubs in the square.

Further information and booking forms will be available in the next Rev Counter. In the meantime, you can contact Mell Ward on – 01827 260644, or e mail – [russward@lineone.net](mailto:russward@lineone.net)





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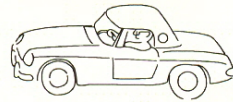
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