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Main Cover Photo: Del's Healey is back

Below: Joe Spear's Grandson, Larry & Diane Gersten and Gymkhana face-off.

Photos by: Mark Goodman & Joe Spear

Ramblings

by Nigel Smart

EDITOR'S NOTE

Well here we are in late August and three weeks since we all gathered in the Poconos....well some of us. For those that stayed away you missed an interesting few days of fun and NO RAIN, yes I said NO RAIN! Really, in the Poconos.

The weather was really great, sunny and not too hot and muggy, so the driving was choice. AND the beer was very nice too. We had the whole clan out on show and Denise and I were very grateful for all the helpers with the twins. PS...if you want a part time engagement, just call any Friday night...OR even all weekend. Thanks anyway!

It was great to see old friends one year on and to share war stories. Everyone looked really well and the humor was just the same. I really enjoyed the tech session dealing with the perennial hot cab issues and the product discussed seemed to really make a difference. Baird Foster was claiming a 10 degree shift in cooling from installation in his 3000. Talk to Baird if you have interest.

For us the highlight of the event was the Valve cover race. This was our inaugural try and we had a lot of fun but we realize that we need to do considerably more R&D to compete with the like of Chuck Ott and Joe Spear. That said we had great fun making the racer and watching Gabby and Jonathan having fun with the other children and the adult children; sorry Joe.hahah. just kidding.

Next year the Philly group is going to bus us to the Simone car museum near the airport and I can't wait to see what new additions may be there a year from now.



Jonathan, my friend Bob and I went last Sunday when the outside temperature/humidity had turned ugly and we were amazed by the extent of the collection. The prize exhibit is a collection of 5 winning cars including a Cunningham, Aston Martin DBR1 and an Alfa Romeo. If you can, take a couple of hours and take a spin down there for a look. Better yet, find out the dates when they take the cars outside for a demonstration. At \$12 door fee it's a steal.

Enjoy my pictures of our tribe with the valve cover racer.

Enjoy the new look FLASH this month and let us know what you think. Please Welcome Jen Woglom Ohs as our new assembler of the FLASH.

Cheers. Nigel.

Lots to talk about in this month's column.

Welcome to the yet again "New Flash". Over the past 30 years "the Flash" has been the communication vehicle for the members. It started as a mimeograph newsletter (Old Yeller as it was printed on yellow construction paper). In the 1980's it moved to the current format and in 2009 it went digital.

Nigel and Denise Smart have been managing and publishing the Flash for the past 10 years and have done a great job. Remember this is the most time consuming job any AHSTC board of director or regional President has and is the job most people do not want. As we moved the Flash to digital delivery with computer graphics and publishing, we have asked for the help of Jen Ohs, who redesigned the AHSTC web page (austin-healey-stc.org), to assist in the electronic publishing of the Flash.

So this is the first redesigned Flash and I am sure there will be others as the Flash moves ahead.

The AHSTC Board of Directors met at Encounter and we had a great turnout of members, past presidents and officers. One of the main discussion points was the election of the officers for the next two year term. There are five officers and six regional presidents and the regional Presidents vote for the officers. I have been AHSTC



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Overdrive Cont...

President for 8 years and have really enjoyed the position and helping the club. In that time AHSTC has made a lot of progress, had some great initiatives, balanced the budget and even reduced the dues. As with any position it should be changed occasionally as new people have new ideas, agendas, and vision. I asked Don Schneider, Baird Foster and Rich Ippoliti (Pres. North Jersey) to help identify a Presidential candidate.

Ray Donovan President of the Philadelphia region has been approached and is interested in running for AHSTC President. Ray has been in the club for many years, held numerous positions in the Philly region and has been a big supporter of the club and cars.

Nigel and Denise, with all the excitement twin children put on your life, have decided to take a break from editing the Flash. I enlisted Jen Ohs to help in the Flash production and I am volunteering to oversee the Flash as Editor.

The AHSTC bylaws indicate that the nominations for the board positions be published and the regional presidents discuss the nominees with their members. Also, any club member can ask to be placed on the ballot for a specific position. If you have an interest in running for one of the positions please contact your regional president or me directly. (steve.jekogian@spcorp.com) by October 1, 2009. The elections will take place at the November AHSTC board meeting to be held November 7 at K&T Vintage Sports Cars in Allentown PA.



*How did he find time? Ken Beck who ran Encounter 2009 still had time to help Larry Gersten with his "troubled Frog eye".
Tammi what were you looking for??*



Valve cover Winners: Baird Foster talks to winners Dennis and Scott Meehan

AHSTC BOARD POSITIONS	CURRENTLY IN POSITION	NOMINATED FOR 2010 - 2012
AHSTC President	Steve Jekogian	Ray Donovan
Treasure	Gerry Kunkle	Gerry Kunkle
Membership	Rick Brodeur	Rick Brodeur
Secretary	Del Border	Del Border
Newsletter Editor	Nigel Smart	Steve Jekogian

The weather was absolutely perfect for Encounter, right up until Saturday night. Sunny days, cool nights, not too hot or cool. In attendance from Brandywine were Joyce and David Stonely (MB coupe), Dave, Ann and Danielle Ehret (in BJ8 and Camry), Nigel and Denise Smart plus all six of the Smart offspring (in Jag and Rover), Pete Roberts and Dee, with Harrison Todd, Trish, Taylor and Graham Roberts (in Pete's BMW convertible and BJ8), Chuck and Randy Ott (in the trusty Mk IV Sprite).

The redesigned Roberts-Ott valve cover racer did extremely well, running very fast and on-course in all runs. It ended up taking second place in the adult division. It will need some additional go-fast modifications in the off season to go for the win next year. The Smart valve cover racer piloted by Jonathan Smart looked really good in the under -13 division but retired early with steering problems.

The car show was on the lawn at the driving range and there were some really nice cars there as usual. Chuck Ott was the only one from Brandywine taking home a car show trophy this time, winning outright the Sprite Mk IV class. It was the only car in this class! Due to a clerical error, he also ended up winning the "Diamond in the Rough" award without even having an entry. It turns out that the communications were the problem. The winning car "63" was heard and written down as "53", the Ott registration number! In the end the trophy got to the correct winner, an original owner BJ8 owned by Diane from Long Island.

There was a little rain on the way home Sunday, but not the torrential downpours that could have been. An excellent Encounter!

The next Brandywine event will be the annual Crab Crawl and Feast. This will be on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 1 pm. We'll meet at the WAWA at the intersection of routes 896 and 13 in Middletown, Delaware. Then, we'll motor along route 9 to the Boondocks restaurant where the crabs will be waiting! Future events are as follows:

October 3rd, Saturday, 1 pm. Brandywine Region Picnic at the Leser residence, Elkton, MD.

November 19th, Thursday, 7 pm. Elections. Matilda's restaurant, Newark, Delaware.

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Membership News

by Rick Brodeur

MEMBERSHIP

Let's welcome our new members this month

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Philadelphia

Jim & Marilyn Leshner
Returning member
Doylestown, PA
'57 BN4 '55 BN1

Lehigh Valley

Noah Delevan
Dallas, PA
'67 BJ8

Roger Ninotti
Returning member
Exeter, PA
'62 BN7



Megan Costa and "the third generation"



Bugeye cranking a turn

For the next 20 months or so I'll be sending out renewals to members who renewed for multiple years. If you didn't get a renewal form for the March 09 renewal, it's because you will come up later in the year. I'll still be sending out renewals 4-6 weeks before they are due. If you have a question about your membership or renewal date, just contact me.

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

My email address for the Club is membership@austin-healey-stc.org. 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 in the directory toward the back and also on our web site.

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Lehigh Valley Region

by Mike Bradley



Hotly contested valve cover race



Old F__TS The Walker women(and husband) who USED to Funkhana!

WOW. The Encounter 2009 was a rousing success. Not that we expected otherwise, but, considering the horrible weather we experienced at our Encounters in 1999 and 2004, this was a definite keeper.

Kudos to Ken and Cindy Beck for a TERRIFIC job, Also praise should go out to Gerry & Ella Jane Kunkle, Bob and Susan Snyder, Bob Messenger, Rick and Sue Brodeur, Bob and Mary Pritchett, Bob and Judy Weaver, Bob Miller, Jerry and Eleanor Cropp, Tom and Debbie Mantz, Phil and Jane Nase and our ever faithful SCCA guy, Tom Knorr, for all of their help. It was a long year, but it was well worth it. Now Ken and Cindy can finally relax. Thanks also to Don and Janel Hagenauer and Greg and Cheryl Delfino for their help with the envelope stuffing on the previous Monday night.

We had a much larger than expected turnout for Wednesday night. People took advantage of the cheaper room rate.

The Rallye went well- again thanks to Bob Messenger for all of his work on this. We had 28 cars participating. The Thursday night Cruise to the Casino Theater went very well with a large turnout for movies, miniature golf and good eats. Our newest members Don and Karen Struckle, the owners of the Casino Theater, put on a grand occasion.

Bob Miller and Tom Knorr ran the Gymkana and we had a nice turnout. Thanks to Bob and Tom for making this event possible. Also thanks to Bob Weaver, Tom Mantz, Bob Messenger and Bob Pritchett for helping. It was definitely a Sprite course and it made it quite challenging for the Big Healeys. But, no one complained and everyone had fun.

Bob Pritchett did a SPECTACULAR job on the Funkana. Sadly, I missed this event because I had a Board Meeting. But thanks go out to his helpers, as well. He is VERY creative and his "Gambling Theme" was a hit (no pun intended)

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Lehigh Valley Cont...

We had the picnic Friday night and gave awards for the first three events, i.e. The Rallye, Gymkana and Funkana. We also held the Valve Cover Races at the dinner.

On Saturday morning, Bob Messenger ran the Trap Shooting event with twenty-one enthusiasts. Our own Bob Snyder won a trophy for marksmanship. The Keytone MG Club joined us for our car show on Saturday and had a turnout of approximately fifty cars of all British Models. They were judged by color, which was a first for me. The weather held out and we had a great turnout for our show, as well.

The event was topped off with our Banquet Saturday night. EVERYONE was VERY pleased with the “Oldies “ Band. This was very unique for Encounter and we owe this idea, again, to Ken and Cindy.

All in all, it was a tremendous weekend with super weather, fine friends and lots to do. GREAT JOB EVERYONE.


I will be sending an E-Flash about the time and location of the next meeting. We missed August, but we should have one soon to discuss Fall events.

Happy Healying everyone.

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Walter Cronkite Owned a Healey

by Baird Foster



Walter Cronkite (1916-2009). Photo courtesy of blog.nj.com

The late Walter Cronkite was a great fan of and participant in motor sports. Denise McCluggage wrote in *AutoWeek*, August 24, 2009, that “on impulse, Walter bought an Austin-Healey that he spotted in a New York showroom.”

Mr. Cronkite took part in racing events driving a Lotus 11 Club racer and a Volvo PV544. According to Denise, “At the 1959 Sebring—famous for the biblical deluge in late afternoon—Walter was both on-air talent and a driver. His car was a little (1,090 cc) red Lancia Appia Zagato. When coverage broke for the Metropolitan Opera broadcast, Walter dashed down to helm the Lancia. ‘I passed Stirling Moss,’ he boasted. ‘Of course, he was walking back towards the pits at the time.’ Walter finished 40th.” And that’s the way it was.

Click on the right image to watch Walter Cronkite drive his Healey.

Video courtesy of YouTube.com.

Watch the video online here.



Long Island Region

by Paul Parfrey

Encounter 2009 was held at the historic Pocono Manor. The weather was delightful; it rained going and coming home but mostly not while we enjoyed the Poconos. Long Island members Bob Markovich, Bob and Diane Squillari, Maureen, Megan, Tim and Kathy Haran, and Susan and myself attended. In spite of our low turn-out, 50% of our registrants managed to win awards. The Squillaris won Diamond in the Rough in the Popular Car Show vote with Diane's first car, their black over red BJ8, and the Parfreys came in fourth in the rally. The region would have done better if I had been able to find the course during the gymkhana!

Mike Haran was in Scotland during the event visiting Loch Ness and such but the Haran clan more than made up for his absence.

Thanks to the folks of Lehigh Valley for a great Encounter! Thursday night we took in a movie, miniature golf and a meal at the Casino Theatre, a nostalgic trip back in time. (They even advertise a Tuesday night dinner and movie for \$10!) Friday night was an outdoor buffet. At Saturday's banquet, the LI Region presented the second annual Quinn award, provided by the Trevino and Barrella families. It was won by Fred and Donna Sherk of the Harrisburg Region who received the most votes by the young people at the Popular Car Show. The banquet was followed by fifties music provided by the group, Reminisce. The music was so irresistible even I got up to dance!

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Squillari's Diamond in the Rough



Diane and Bob with their award!

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It all starts around the end of June or beginning of July – the list of all the items that you wanted to do to your car, but put off, needs attention if you’re going to the one big event of the year – Encounter. This year, the Thursday night crew, Paul Woglom, Jason Tickner, Steve Kirlin, John Payne and Al Tocci, worked on my “Birthday Sprite” to get it ready. They had already addressed the bump steer problem that kept me from driving it. All I asked for were brakes. But the guys wanted to get it running better before worrying about stopping it. So they removed the Weber carburetor and put the rebuilt SU’s back on taking the better part of month to get the carbs tuned properly. After dragging regional meeting attendees from Mariano’s over to the shop to take a look, they finally got it right. Now that it was running great, all we needed were brakes. Around the end of July, the guys were thrilled to be finished so they could work on their respective projects and told me I could take it out for a spin. It ran great, and stopped on a dime (almost), but it lacked a horn. Another couple of Thursday evenings and we had a horn. Thanks to all who put their time and efforts into the project, the Sprite made it to Encounter, ran the rallye without incident, got a first in the Gymkhana, and took 1st Place in the car show (running unchallenged in the Marque II Sprite class). Now I can start driving it again.

So back to Encounter 2009! We arrived on Wednesday; I trailered the Sprite while Paul and Ray Donovan drove their Big Healeys. Thursday morning, we awoke to beautiful weather and after breakfast, wondered around the Regalia Store and got ready for the Rallye. Mike Bradley and Bob Messinger, did a great job and the route was scenic and fun. We saw firsthand what a tornado can do (unbelievable)! And we made it back to the hotel within a reasonable amount of time. Philly region took home some rallye trophies – Dale Kulp and Diane Sarsfield got 2nd place and John and Jennifer Payne got a 3rd Place. Ben Kenion brought notoriety to the Philly Region for not giving up after close to 5 hours of driving, but he did make it back with Angela’s help. After chatting around the Fireside (Hospitality), we decided to head back to Stroudsburg and convene at a neat little Irish Pub (Siamsa) we spotted on the rallye. The Encounter committee had the Casino Theatre (old fashioned malt shoppe, movie theatre and mini golf) on the schedule and from the comments of those that attended, it looks like we missed out.

Friday morning we were up early to head over to the High School for the Gymkhana. Bob Miller and his team did a great job on the course and with each entry having two runs, we were finished in record time. Mind you, this is the event that started the Thursday night crew in the first place. For those of you who may not know “Speed Racer” is a combined effort of Al Tocci, Steve Kirlin, Ray Donovan and Paul Woglom. Again, Philly region did very well, bringing home several trophies and the Teamkhana Trophy for the third year in a row thanks to “The Stig”. Mike Woglom again got the Fastest Time of the Day and Paul got some video footage of the event from a unique angle – check them out at the links above.

All in all, Philly brought home: Paul Woglom - 2st Place Big Healey & 3rd Place Modified Sprite; Mike Woglom

VIDEO

- ▶ [STEVE RACER](#)
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Philadelphia Encounter Recap cont...

1st Place Stock Sprite & 1st Place Modified Sprite; Jason Urban
2nd Place Stock Sprite; Jason Ohs 3rd Place Stock Sprite.

I missed the Funkhana, but heard that it was a fun event. Tim Walker and L J Quig got a 1st Place, Jason & Holly Urban took home a 2nd Place and Tom Walker and Biff Wade brought home a 3rd Place Trophy and we have a little video of the Donovans having Fun – [follow this link](#) - Ray & Char.

Saturday was another gorgeous day – the weather couldn't have been any better. Some went and tried their luck at skeet shooting.

Jason Urban got a 1st Plate Trophy and Steve Donovan brought home a Third Place Trophy. Way to go! We decided to go for a short tour - Paul and I in the Big Healey and our daughter, Jen, and her husband, Jason, in the Sprite. We meandered through the Poconos for an hour or so and then headed back to clean up for the popular car show. The afternoon was a picture perfect day for the car show which was combined with the MG Club's "Lord of the Manor" Car Show. It was nice to see some different cars and meet some different people. The setting on the driving range with the music in the background was a nice touch. Trophies from Philly include Paul Woglom, Baird Foster, Trish Woglom, Pete and Ann Cosmides.

On Saturday night, the food was exceptional at the Award's Banquet and we ate and drank as we watched Mark Goodman's slideshow of the weekend. The Reminisce Band was an entertaining show and a great way to end the event.

Sunday, we awoke to fog and drizzle. It had rained pretty hard throughout the night. We packed up in the rain and headed over to Pocono Raceway for an Enduro go-kart race. We had two carts – Team Woglom (Paul W., Mike W. and Jason Ohs) and Team Donovan (Ray, Mike and Steve). I didn't realize how much fun it would be to watch (even in the rain). Mike Donovan had the Fastest Time of the Day out of all eight teams!

Time to head home. I was trailering the Sprite and went on my own. Mike Woglom drove Mike and Steve Donovan home while Paul and Ray headed out in their Big Healeys with the tops up. After stopping to get gas, Paul made a left turn to get on the turnpike and heard something fall out of his car. He soon realized that it was his E-Z Pass sitting in the middle of the road. He carefully backed up, hopped out and ran across a couple lanes of traffic to retrieve the transponder. Now he lost Ray and was driving fast to catch up to him. That's when the overdrive quit! It was a long, hot ride home in the phone booth (that's what Paul calls it with the top up), but they both made it. Now we can start a new list of items to get ready for next year's Encounter.

Encounter is the one time a year to meet, see and catch up with Healey people across the regions. If you missed this year's event, make a point to Save the Date for next year – August 11 – 15, 2010. It's going to be held at Normandy Farm in Blue Bell, PA. with a theme of Food and Friends (and cars), what more could you ask for! Thanks, again, to all in the Lehigh Valley region for their hard work in putting together a fun and relaxing weekend.



Click on the image above to watch a video of the Donovans in the Funkhana. Can't see the video? [Go here to watch.](#)

FEATURE

OIL FOR YOUR OLD CAR, AT A NEAT PRICE DEAL

by Whiteman Ball

As you most likely know, oil with ZZDP was no longer allowed to be sold by stores that sold oil for “normal” cars as of Jan 2009. The reason they gave is that the “old” oil broke down the catalytic converters and allowed real gasses to pass into the now “sacred” air.

All of our cars, especially the race cars need racing oil, here is the answer to that.

American Refining Group in Bradford PA (makers of Kendall GT racing oils for years) have discontinued that brand name. They are NOT making oil that is marketable by other than specialty stores--like engine builders, hot rod or racing shops, or other supply stores of that type.

Enter the Bentley Drivers Club tour (the annual NAVBM--vintage Bentleys only). One day this year was a stop at Bradford, and the introduction to their oil. The new name used is BRAD PENN HIGH PERFORMANCE OIL. 100% Pennsylvania oil, refined to the same standards applied for the past many years--no additives required--they are still in there.

Robert Franz (a fellow Bentley driver) and I decided that we could involve one of the best Phila area charities with the sale of this oil.

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What a great event Encounter 2009 was! The Lehigh Valley Region did an excellent job. The weather was one of the best at Encounter in many years. It was more like September weather (cool and clear) than August (hot and humid). Kenny Beck, Mike Bradley, Gerry Kunkle, Bob Snyder, their wife's and countless others keep the whole event on time and fun. The rallye on Thursday was perfectly timed as

it started at 1:00, which gave you time to drive to the event that morning, gas up, stretch and run the rallye.

The tour to the ice cream stand with all the Healeys parked in a row was great as was the heavy betting on the miniature golf games. Friday brought a great gymkhana course in a real open parking lot with some real completion. It was nice to see the "beast back" on the track. Yep, Del Boarder's car was out at Encounter and the smell of burning rubber and un-burnt fuel is just intoxicating.

The funkghana played up the gambling in the Pocono's and really made both the driver and navigator run around a lot. But it was really fun. A new idea this year was awarding the rallye, gymkhana, and funkghana trophies at the BBQ. That was great for the "Bragging" rights at the bar later. Saturday was the car show on the grass in conjunction with an all British car show, music and a big tent with food. Also, a lot of us went skeet shooting which was really fun. Does your shoulder still hurt?

Again something different at the banquet was, short awards, and time for "dancing" That's right "dirty dancing" to a really great 10 piece 50's band. Yes Virginia, I can still Cha Cha, and jitter bug, with a little hustle thrown in for good measure.

The rallye took us all by a farm that was destroyed by a tornado a few days before Encounter. The destruction was unbelievable, like something out of a Hollywood movie set. As AHSTC always donates some Encounter money to charity, this year the AHSTC portion of the 50/50 and member donations provided \$290 to the Blakeslee Family Tornado Relief Fund c/o First National Bank of Palmerton. Also, as a result of the silent auction: *\$50 was donated to the American Cancer Society; \$45 was donated to the Salvation Army*

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Encounter 2009 Results

ENCOUNTER

RALLYE

1. Sue & Ian Kesson
2. Dale Kulp & Diane Sarsfield
3. John & Jennifer Payne
4. Paul & Susan Parfrey
5. Shawn & Tami Miller

VALVE COVER RACE

Adult - Scott Meehan
Child - Drew Lavery

GYMKHANA

Big Healey

1. Jim Cox
2. Paul Woglom
3. Ian Kesson

Sprite

1. Mike Woglom
2. Jason Urban
3. Jason Ohs

Modified

1. Mike Woglom
2. Del Border
3. Paul Woglom

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Mike Woglom

TEAMKHANA

Philadelphia Region

FUNKHANA

1. Tim Walker & Jennifer Quigg
2. Jason & Holly Urban
3. Tom Walker & Biff Wade

CAR SHOW

100-4

1. Joe & Marge Costa
2. Ben Kenion

100-6

1. Jim & Linda Cox
2. Mac Holt
3. Richard & Barbara Ippoliti

3000 MKI

1. Herbert & Margaret Sailer
2. Ian & Sue Kesson
3. Paul & Trish Woglom

3000 MKII

1. Charlie & Eileen Baldwin
2. Baird & Margo Foster
3. Don & Karen Struckle

3000 MKIII Single Light

1. Steve & Lynn Jekogian
2. Don & flora Schneider
3. Joe & Edie Arndt

3000 MKIII Double Light

1. Fred & Donna Skerk
2. Anton Bonifacic
3. Larry & Barbara Griswold

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2. Bob Snyder
3. Steve Donovan

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1. Neal & Jackie Brewer
2. Phil & Jane Nase
3. Peter & Anne Cosmides

Sprite MKII

1. Paul & Trish Woglom

Sprite MKIII

1. Angela Kenion
2. Bob & Pam Preston
3. Morgan & Michael Perna

Sprite MKIV

1. Chuck & Sue Ott

Special Interest

Del & Liz Border

Diamond In The Rough

Louise Squillari

Photo/Model/Handicraft

Shawn & Tammy Miller

Quinn Award (Children's Choice)

Fred Sherk

Best of Show

Dave Venezia

Award

Anton Bonifacic

Encounter Special Awards & Recognition

GEORGE NULL CLUB PERSON 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
Larry Gersten	2009

GEORGE NULL CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Special congratulations and thanks for years of supporting the club and the Marque go out to Larry Gersten.

Larry was voted as Club person of 2009. Larry has been a North Jersey member for over 15 years and has been president of the region and is always willing to get his hands “dirty” helping other members with their cars. His enthusiasm and contribution to AHSTC is invaluable and much appreciated. Congratulations and thanks.

QUINN AWARD

Neil Barrella, and his wife Toni sponsor this award in honor of their Grandson, Quinn Trevino who passed away at 9 years old. This award is based on children’s voting for the car they like best. It is a great idea and it is fun to watch the kids going around the car show field with “their own ballets”. The trophy was awarded to Fred and Donna Sherk presented by Healey Miller.

Larry Gersten Receives the George Null Award



Fred accepts the Quinn Award from Healey Miller



Encounter Special Awards & Recog Cont...

DAVE VENEZIA BEST OF SHOW AWARD

Dave was a big supporter of the club and the car and passed away too early. Dave's father and mother Mickey and Ceil Venezia sponsor the Best Of Show award every year which is the car you vote for as the best of all the cars in the popular car show. The trophy is specially made by the Venezia family and awarded by them to the winner. As with Dave, the Venezia family is still very involved with the club and the cars.

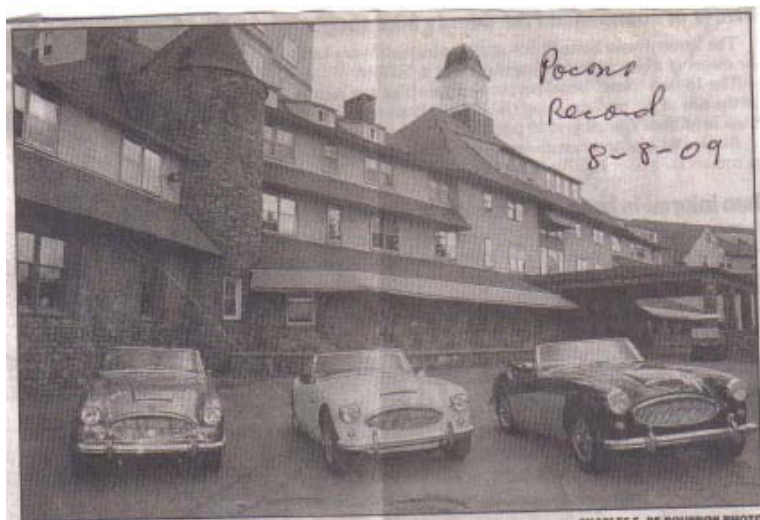
Congratulations to Anton for his beautiful 3000 MKIII.



Presentation of Best of Show Mickey and Ceil Venezia, and winner Anton Bonifacic

BEST OF SHOW AWARD WINNERS

Don Schneider	100	2002
Dave Stonley	100	2003
Steve Jekogian	3000	2004
Jim Cox	100-6	2005
John Hodgeman	100	2006
Tom Mulligan	3000	2007
Neil Brewer	3000	2008
Anton Bonifacic	3000	2009



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Classic Austin-Healey sports cars will be among the automobiles on display at the Lord of the Manor all-British automobile show today at Pocono Manor. The show is part of the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club convention being held at the Inn at Pocono Manor.

A British invasion in the Poconos

POCONO MANOR — If you are looking for an entertaining way to spend your Saturday, join British car enthusiasts at the "Lord of the Manor" All-British Car Day show at Pocono Manor.

Varied models of British cars and motorcycles, both old and new, will be shown today at The Inn at Pocono Manor from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The show is being hosted by the Keystone Region MG Club. This organization, established

in 1977, is Lehigh Valley-based, having a hundred members alone from eastern Pennsylvania, plus additional members from western New Jersey. Members of the Keystone Region MG Club include people who own and operate British cars to those who are simply British motor enthusiasts. The group meets once a month, going for drives in the country, having community picnics and even helping each other fix up their prized British vehicles.

The All-British Car Day is just a part of the three-day Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club convention titled "Encounter 2009." This convention is specifically for Austin-Healey owners and has invited the Keystone Region MG Club to show off their many different cars, adding variety to the convention.

The show expects to have at least 100 restored British cars,

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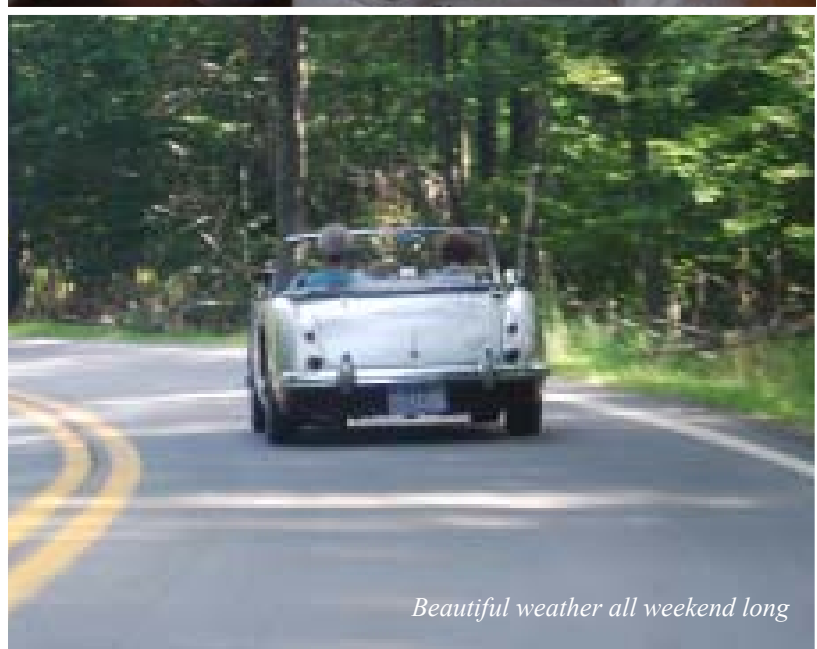
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Awards Banquet



Car Show



Gymkhana Awards at the BBQ

Substituting for Don Hoffer is not an easy task. His wit and vocabulary cannot be duplicated. So as a substitute for our eminent scribe, I will report “just the facts.”

The Harrisburg region was well represented at Encounter and we all send along our thanks to the Lehigh Valley Region for a job well done.

There was plenty to see and do. My personal favorite activity was watching Del Border put his Healey through its paces during the gymkhana. His car was fast and he was smooth as silk through the cones. The hospitality building was a good place to relax and catch up on Healey news with friends. The show field was an excellent venue with a refreshment tent, good music and food. The band after the banquet was awesome. Hearing those 50's & 60's songs brought some creaky old bones off the chairs and onto the dance floor. The last time I danced to some of those tunes, Healeys were in car dealers showrooms across the country,

We recovered enough from Encounter to have 20 members attend our August meeting at Steele Motors in Enola. President Joe Spear brought the stuffed pizzas and condiments. Shawn Miller hauled the cooler of soda and beer to wash it all down. Dining under the stars is nothing compared to dining under Don & Dot Hoffer's BJ8. Surprisingly there were no oil drips to add extra flavor to the food. Charlie Baldwin and Dave Rishell photographed the event. President Joe Spear then called the meeting to order. There were favorable comments on the

Kelby Steele describing his shop's capabilities below Hoffer's BJ8



Harrisburg Region Cont...

new format for the Flash. Treasurer Priscilla Hooper reported the region is financially sound. It was brought to the region's attention that some corporate offices may be opening and anyone interested in a position should let Joe know.

The September meeting at Carlisle Sports Emporium is shaping up. A miniature golf tournament and go kart racing are on the agenda. There is a rumor that President Spear went to New York to take a few practice laps at a go kart track.

Kelby Steele, proprietor of Steele Motors, opened the doors to his business for a self guided tour. Founded in 1973, Steele Motors moved to its present location on Rt 15 in Enola in 1985. Using five service bays, Kelby and his two employees do repairs, service and restoration work on all British Marques. Steele Motors also buys and sells used parts. When asked how many collector cars he owns, Kelby wasn't sure but he said he had acquired at least one car a year since he opened his business. It was clear to all in attendance that Kelby has a real passion for British cars, especially Healeys. He pointed out that virtually every facet of a restoration can be done in house and he has the unique factory tools to do whatever is required, including special fixtures to spin balance wire wheels.

Kelby also offered some insights into the quantity and quality of the spare parts supply now and in the future. The bottom line: it is going to be more difficult to find good quality parts. Thanks to Kelby for hosting our region.

Hope to see you at the September meeting in Carlisle.



Attentive members Priscilla Hooper, Del Border Mary Ann Waltz & Bob Sweeney



Dave Rishell, Del Border, Joe Spear, Don Schneider, Shawn Miller, Kelby Steele - MGA above



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Thirteen members made it out to our August meeting at Mariano's in Lansdale; not bad considering that some folks were on vacation while others were together just one week prior at Encounter. We must actually enjoy being together! What some unsuspecting members didn't realize was that our regular monthly meeting was really a 2010 Encounter planning meeting with formal agenda and all. I guess that's one way to try and increase our committee size! We did a nice job of making it through all agenda items although I am not sure that tabling an item for future agendas really counts. Truthfully, the dedication of the core group of planners continues to be phenomenal. Hopefully that was apparent to those at Pocono Manor this month as the early marketing has already begun for next year.

With this year's event now behind us, it sounds like another overall success. What a blessing and a rarity to have the incredible weather (other than the Sunday drive home for some). Perhaps that keeps things in balance from our prior Pocono Encounter. Look elsewhere in the Flash for trophy results from the region. I don't have a complete list but congrats to all as I know it was another good year for hardware in the region. I saw one of Mike Woglom's gymkhana trophies and it was a unique piece that I am sorry I didn't have the opportunity to compete for this year. God willing, I'll be there next year!

On the home front I decided to part ways with the modern roadster this past month. I don't know if it was my desire for something else or the way it was cutting into my Sprite time (okay it was my desire for something else) but I woke up one morning and decided that the Miata was going up for sale. After 10 months and 3,500



miles I was a bit sad to see it go but it served me very well, albeit for a brief period of time. My momentary grieving ended last Wednesday when my son and I found a 1991 Wrangler that now sits in the driveway (when we're not cruising with the top and doors removed). Even though the Jeep is killing us at the gas pumps and the soft top makes the most arcane British roadster top installation look simple, we are happy with our latest 'modern' toy; side curtains and all. We actually sold the Miata specifically with the intent of purchasing a Jeep. I was a Jeep owner when my wife and I married, but then our oldest daughter came along. Since infants and Wranglers don't go together so well, the Jeep was sold but now that daughter is starting her senior year in high school. Kinda ironic that the reason I sold my first Wrangler is now fighting me for the keys to my subsequent one! Also really scary how quickly that time has passed.



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Philadelphia Region Cont...

Since the Sprite had limited use this summer and because it's now again the only running two-seat roadster in the stable, my wife and I decided that we would check out one of the weekly cruise nights at Shady Brook Farms in Yardley. We had a nice trip there along the Delaware River last Tuesday night and knew that 300+ other classic cars and fresh made banana chocolate chip walnut ice cream awaited our arrival in Yardley. What we didn't know was that 90 minutes off to the west was 60 mph winds, cloud to ground lightning and torrential rain. Well the rest of the story becomes a bit predictable but the short version is that through gusting, swirling wind and lightning we made it within 5 minutes of home before the torrential rain started. Did I mention that I have no wipers and the top was home in the shed? We made it home safely but drenched and perhaps a bit frazzled. I literally needed a shop vac to remove the water from the car, and days later was still blowing water out of crevices with compressed air. I suggested that we try again the following week (gorgeous weather, no threat of rain whatsoever) but there was no chance at all of convincing Susan. Not even the latest ice cream flavor of pumpkin could sway her so it's clear that the experience had an indelible impact. The good thing is we can now laugh about it, the car seems no worse, and it was good for a paragraph in The Flash!

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Well, it looks like the topic of the month is Encounter in the Poconos at The Inn At Pocono Manor, PA. How many North (New) Jersey members were among the 75+ registrants at Encounter? There were quite a number, according to my notes.

Larry & Diane Gersten (bugeye), Larry & Barbara Griswold (BJ8), Art Herkomer, Ian & Sue Kessen (BT7), Mark Goodman (BJ8), Steve & Lynn Jekogian (BJ8), Frank & Loretta Daparien, Richard & Barbara Ippoliti (BN4), Herb Sailor (3000), Joe & Marge Costa (100-M), Mike & Megan Perna (Sprite MKII), Nick & Alice Ferrant (bugeye), Gene & Louise Manning, and Vito & Alice Buccarelli were all in attendance. I showed up for the popularity car show on Saturday afternoon, sans car, to see who all was there and to get a look at the British iron en masse... also, to get a couple of pictures. Pocono Manor was a lot closer than I thought it would be; only about 85 miles away, it took me less than an hour and a half to get there.

There might be something to be said for less resistance with less contact area where the rubber meets the road... The highlight of Friday night's action was when 13 year old Scott Meehan beat out Chuck Ott in head-to-head competition in the valve cover races to become the Adult Division Champion. It seems that Scott had "retired" from the Junior Division after smoking the competition and winning it all last year. Way to go, Scott!! An interesting side-note: both Scott and Chuck's racers were 3-wheelers. There might be something to be said for less resistance with less contact area where the rubber meets the road.

Ian Kessen scored 3rd place in the gymkana on Friday. Ian & Sue Kessen took 1st place in the rally on Thursday. Placing in Saturday's popularity car show were: Ian & Sue Kessen (BT7), Steve & Lynn Jekogian (BJ8), Joe & Marge Costa (100-M), Herb Sailor (3000), Larry & Barbara Griswold (BJ8), Richard & Barbara Ippoliti (BN4), and Mike & Megan Perna (Sprite MKII). The Kessens also collected the Kids' Award for car color.

The George Knoll Award was awarded to our very own LARRY GERSTEN. This is a very prestigious award recognizing an individual who gives of his time and effort in support of the Marque. Well-deserved congratulations go to Larry!!

The post-Encounter pool party has been rescheduled from August 22nd to Saturday August 29th, due to a bit of un-cooperating weather from Hurricane Bill. Same time and place. Sunday August 30 will see an ice cream social at Polar Cub on Route 22 West in the Readington/Lebanon area, close to White House (no, not the one at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in D.C.) After that comes FallFest on Saturday Sept. 12th at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater.

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Saturday, we'll feature the Popular Car Show and Awards Banquet.

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Note: The scheduled events referenced above are tentative and therefore subject to change



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News & Notes

REGION

Happy Birthday!

What a way to celebrate a big birthday! And what a weekend Ron Mitchell had.

First Ron drove from Michigan on Thursday, second he lost his brake master cylinder and hit the hotel building, which bent the bumper, rear shroud, and trunk lid. Third he celebrated his 75 birthday Friday night at Encounter surrounded by 150 friends at the BBQ. A great time was had by all and we continue to thank Ron for his love of driving his car, his love of life and AHSTC.



Ron Mitchell's 75th Birthday Celebrated at Encounter

Welcome back and thank you Ben

Ben Kenion returned from Iraq after a long tour of duty. When Ben was in Iraq he spent much of his time working with school children and asked the club to help with donations for school supplies. At previous Encounters, collections were taken to help Ben get Iraq school kids back to learning and a "normal" way of life. Many club members especially Baird and Margo Foster and the Woglom's and Dovovan's contributed time and their own money to purchase school book backpacks and Ben distributed them.

We have so much to thank Ben for, but he thanked AHSTC members by bringing back and presenting to the club the American Flag that flew over the US Embassy Office in Iraq during his time there. Ben thanks, from all the members of the club, for all you have done for us and the country. You are truly a Gentleman.



Ben Kenion, back from Iraq



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