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Main Cover Photo: Sawn & Tammi Miller's 1959 Healey waiting for the snow to melt.

Below: Snow Healey; Austin Healeys on the Screen; Last Year's Encounter

What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian

EDITOR'S
NOTE

We hope the snow is gone by the time you are reading this and you are starting to think of the Healey tucked under the cover in the garage. In this issue there are a few articles to help you get your car ready for spring and an events calendar to let you plan your weekends. Please e-mail me any other events you are aware of and we will publish them in the Flash.

Speaking of the Flash, what do you think of the last few issues? Are they TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL? Jen Ohs is keeping the size down to 5 MB so it can be downloaded easier. Please contact me if you are having difficulties and we will try to address them. (steve.jekogian@spcorp.com or 201-213-8217)

We will have a letter to the editor section in the Flash starting in April. It is open to the members and you can send me an e-mail or letter about anything Healey related and we will publish it. Have a question about an article, how to fix something, what the club is doing, or a story, send it along. (steve.jekogian@spcorp.com or mail to Steve Jekogian 8 Cypress Circle Morristown NJ 07960).

Racing and production - how did the Healey family find the time? This months Healey history compiled by Baird Foster gives you a glimpse of what it was like in British motor and sports car circles in the 1960's.

Enjoy!

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I didn't have the opportunity to thank Steve Jekogian for his dedication and guidance during his eight year Presidency in my last article. His hard work has allowed the Club to solidify itself as an important part in the history of the Austin-Healey Marque. He will continue to help lead this Club forward as the new editor of The Flash. Steve was instrumental, working with Nigel and Denise, in developing the 'new' Flash and making it easily accessible over the internet.

I also want to thank Nigel and Denise Smart for the many, many years they have spent editing The Flash. I have no resources available to me as I write this article, but if my memory is correct, Nigel and Denise were editors of our monthly newsletter when I joined the Club in 1995! They have assisted with controlling production and mailing costs while continuing its evolution from newsletter to monthly magazine. They are involved with family and business matters at the moment, but I know Nigel will step back into the breach shortly. Nigel and Denise are, and always will remain a part of the Club's leadership. I look forward to the many articles from Nigel covering his Healey racing adventures.

Your leaders work very hard (on your behalf) to control costs, plan events, grow the club and help you enjoy your Austin-Healey with friends and family. We have managed to lower our dues while increasing the regional reimbursement (at least for fiscal year 2009) to seven dollars and fifty cents per regional member.

Fiscally speaking, the Club is matching expenses to income while membership has stabilized at around three hundred member families. Shrinking and aging membership is the number one challenge for the Board. We strive to balance decreasing income against increasing costs while providing quality services and products for our membership. I hope you will agree our newsletter's revised look is quite spectacular considering our membership fees of thirty dollars a year. Do you realize that the two 'other' Austin-Healey Clubs' membership dues are forty-five and fifty dollars (including region fee)! The Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club is a great value for the money. The true value lies in its membership, as a good friend of mine (and member) says, "It's the car that gets you here, but it's the people who bring you back".

If you would like to help, attend your region's monthly meeting, the folks are friendly and are willing to help you find, fix and enjoy your Healey while minimizing your anxiety over driving a fifty-plus year old automobile.

Speaking of meets, how about coming to Encounter this summer, I know it is going to be a very special Encounter. The venue is unbelievably appointed, the food is fantastic, the trip to the Simone Foundation will be incredible and our guest speaker, Mr. Gordon Whitby, will certainly be memorable. I hope to make new friends and see all old friends this August in Blue Bell.

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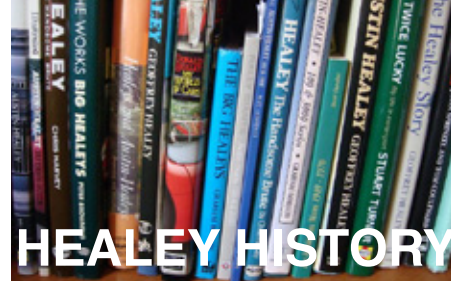
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This Month in Healey History

MARCH

by Baird Foster



1954—All-Female Team in Rally

An Austin-Healey 100, driven by Miss B. Haig and Miss E. Riddell, was 1st in Class and 7th Overall in the Paris-St. Raphael Rally in France.

1954—Sebring Class Win for 100S Prototype

In the Sebring 12-Hour Race, co-drivers Lance Macklin and George Huntoon finished 1st in Class and 3rd Overall in an Austin-Healey Prototype 100S. The car was running second to an OSCA driven by Stirling Moss until near the end of the race, a rocker arm broke, dropping the A-H to third. The Prototype had the normal 100 bodywork but incorporated many changes, such as non-standard Dunlop disc brakes front and rear. Also, there were extensive modifications to the engine, which would later form the basis for the 100S series of race cars built by the DHMC factory.



The Austin-Healey 100S prototype in the pits at night, Sebring 12-Hour Race, 1954.

1962—BJ7 “Test” Production Ended

A limited “test” run of the 3000 MK II, Series BJ7, Sports Convertible was completed; full production began in June. This was the first Austin-Healey model to have windup side windows and a true convertible top (hood).



The Austin-Healey 3000 MK II, Series BJ7, showing wind-up side windows and a true convertible top. Its interior retained the style of the previous models.

1964—Sprite MK III Production Began

Production of the Austin-Healey Sprite MK II (about 30,500 built) ended, and the Sprite MK III production began. Major changes for the new model included windup side windows (no more side-curtains!) and half-elliptic rear springs, replacing the quarter-elliptic springs of the previous models, for improved handling.



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An early MK III Sprite publicity photograph taken on Mill Stree, Warwick.

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When I was mentally drafting this month's article I swore to myself that I would make no mention of snow – too predictable, over-discussed and many have frankly had enough. Yet here I am, writing an article with the impending threat of power loss as a result of another storm bringing heavy snow and wind. And this past week's monthly Philly regional AHSTC was lightly attended, partially due to snow showers impacting road conditions. Despite the occasional aggravation and the likely need to make up multiple school snow days well into late June, it is the Northeast and nice for some, myself included, to have a real winter every once in a while (coming from a guy who spent a few years as a kid growing up in Syracuse, NY). Just think how much more we'll appreciate spring and our Healeys, once the thaw hits!

As I mentioned, we had a lower than typical turn-out at our meeting this month. Nine members got themselves to Mariano's for a few hours of camaraderie. Given the low turn-out, not much business was discussed other than a few upcoming events, including the Atlantic City car show and auction. Although it won't fit into my school schedule, it sounds like a group of 5 or 6 guys are meeting to head down together. Typically, it tends to be a nice mid-winter car function although not much Brit iron representation.

Another factor likely affecting meeting attendance was that we were scheduled to meet two days after our

regular monthly meeting for an Encounter meeting (and Trish cooks dinner for Encounter meetings). I believe details of the Encounter meeting will be covered elsewhere in the Flash, but needless to say, it was a productive meeting and Encounter 2010 specifics are developing very nicely.

For those craving sports now that the football season is over, Speed tried to satisfy your cravings with 123 hours worth of 'Speedweeks' coverage. Each time I tuned in, the topic of discussion seemed to be restrictor plates, bump drafting or Danica. What caught my attention more than anything though was the number of vehicles without sponsor names on the hoods. I'm not sure where I'm going with all that so let's just call it a random observation.

Not much else to report; perhaps March will bring some warming temperatures and increased enthusiasm.



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Lehigh Valley

by Mike Bradley

LEHIGH VALLEY

As the Proverb says: No matter how long the Winter, Spring is sure to follow.

Well, I'm ready for it, aren't you?

We had our February AHSTC Board meeting last Saturday hosted by the Wogloms at their Trailer Store in Lansdale. If anyone needs a trailer or accessories, this is the place. They even have small video equipment that you can attach to your car to take videos of your driving. Really cool.

Cudos to our new President, Ray Donovan. He did a great job of guiding us through the meeting and, despite it being budget time, we still managed to finish by 3 PM.

You'll be happy to know that the club is solvent and all is well with the Healey world.

Be sure to read the Flash and check out the website @ www.austin-healey-stc.org. Our webmaster, Jen Ohs has done a terrific job managing and improving the site. Let me know if there is anything you would like to see added to it and I will pass it along.

In addition to the website, Jen has done a bang-up job on the FLASH, as well. And let's not forget Steve Jekogian stepping in to Edit the magazine to give Nigel and Denise a break. Be sure to thank Nigel and Denise the next time you see them for their MANY years of hard work on the Flash. This is a momentous job, especially in print format, and they deserve our gratitude for an outstanding job throughout the years.

Ray and Steve are putting together an all encompassing events calendar for an upcoming Flash. If you know of any events, please pass them along so we can include them in the schedule.

Trish Woglom has aksed for suggestions regarding Regalia. If there is something you wish to have available, let me know and I will send it to Trish.

Encounter is progressing nicely with forty-nine registrants so far. Be sure to get your registration in asap. In addition, get your hotel reservations in soon so you don't miss out on what promises to be an super event. Philly has asked that the other Regions contribute items for the Charity Auction. If you are not attending and have something you wish to contribute, please get it to me and I will take it.

Our current overall membership stands at three hundred twenty six. Our LV Region has forty members, which is eight more than we had last June. A good sign. Now we have to put together some good events to keep it interesting. This is now in progress, but we can always use suggestions, so let me know. I have the membership list for the entire club and I will bring some to our next monthly meeting which will be at the Top Diner on Monday March 15th. Dinner @ 6:30 PM, with the meeting to follow.

That's all I can come up with for the moment. Please contact me @ mkb1983@aol.com with any questins or issues and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

The annual Pizza Party was held at Pete Roberts house on Saturday, February 20th. In spite of the heavy snows of the previous two weeks, the weather was gorgeous for this very popular event as evidenced by the good turnout. In addition to Pete and master pizza chef Dee Caffery (thank you Dee!), Pete's son Todd, his wife Tricia, and their two children were visiting from New Hampshire. They were responsible for the two beautiful snow sculptures displayed in Pete's front yard. One was a giant (about 10 ft.) snow man with an oil can hat, the other a full size Austin Healey 100. Check out the photos – great work!



Austin Healey 100 snow sculpture

Other attendees were Dick Doherty; Jim Bewley (recovering from knee surgery); Nigel and Denise Smart with children Jonathan, Gabriella, Haley, and Dylan; Steve and Kris Garrett; Dave, Bryan, and Katie Ehret; Chuck, Randy, and Gina Ott; Joan and myself.

The group enjoyed a wide variety (14 pizzas!) of pies and brews. In addition, we all were once again able to tour Pete's fabulous collection of restored Healeys and intricate ship models.

March's event will be our "Brandywine Social". We will meet at The Whip British Tavern on 1383 North Chatham Road in West Marlborough, PA on Saturday the 27th at 1 pm. Authentic British food and brew on tap should make this a very enjoyable afternoon to spend with your fellow club members. Hope to see you all there!

Saturday, April 17th at 1pm we will be at the New Jersey Motor Sports Raceway in Millville N.J. to kick off planning for Encounter 2011. More details will follow. Healey on!



Master Chef Dee Caffery. In background is Joan Leser, Pete Roberts & Chuck Ott (left to right).

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Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

LONG ISLAND

As I write this on February 25, it is snowing again. I am including no photos of snow or anything resembling snow for this issue as you all probably know what snow looks like. I also will stop writing about snow for the same reason. This column will look forward to better days. Spring is 23 days away as I write and will be maybe 10 days away when you read this. There are car related events on the horizon (see box).

The LI Region has been planning a driving event for late spring. Watch for E-Flash updates. Finally, Encounter 2010, August 11-15, should not be missed. If the information provided by the Philadelphia Region in this issue is not enough to motivate you to fill out the Encounter registration form, I have included a photo of a little-known Philadelphia attraction. Along the waterfront in Philly, opposite IKEA, is an American icon, the SS United States. The United States was completed in 1952, and is the fastest ocean liner of all time and, at 990', the largest ever built in the U.S. It still holds the Blue Riband for both east and west crossings of the Atlantic, taking the award from the first Queen Mary in 1952. Its maiden crossing took 3 days, 10 hours, 40 minutes at an average speed of 35.5 knots or 40.9 mph. Its true top speed was a military secret for years as it was designed to be converted to a troop ship in time of war. Out of service since 1969, it has been the focus of many schemes to put it to further use; the latest of which is to bring it to NYC for use as a floating hotel.



Bob Shaffsick dressed for the weather, last August at the Scottish Games



Lovely evening at last year's Encounter



SS United States, opposite Philly IKEA

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18: Jaguar Club Spring Dust Off

April 24: The ENYMGA Spring Gymkhana & Lobsterfest @ Floyd Bennett Field

April 25: Long Island Triumph Association Spring Dust Off

May 1: Britfest in New Jersey

June 13: MG LI Centre British Are Coming Show (no venue announced yet)

I had a frantic phone call from Auntie Em last night. She is a long lost member of the clan Don Hoffer was trying to locate to update his genealogy who lives in Kansas. It was hard to understand her because of the background noise. It sounded like a train. The gist of the conversation was that our honorable scribe and his lovely damsel heard a rumor about a tin man getting a new heart in Kansas so they stopped there on their way home to visit Auntie Em and check out the rumor. Auntie Em said that Don was standing in the middle of a corn field with his niece Dorothy and her dog, Toto waiting for a tornado which struck as we were talking. So as of this writing Don is wandering up and down a gold brick road, wishing he had his 100, talking with people who sound like they just inhaled some hydrogen from a balloon. I just wish Don had "Snoped" this out first.

Back in land of "global warming" 19 members and moi enjoyed great food and good times at Culhanes Steakhouse on February 16. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation of the Carlisle Import and Kit Nationals from Ed Buczeskie, the Events Coordinator for the show. A club needs a minimum of 25 registrations in one year to be eligible for a free tent the next year. Since our numbers have been dwindling our chairman of the show, Dave Hooper from Harrisburg Region, has been working hard with Ed and his staff member, Val, to ensure a free tent each year. So far Dave has been successful because some of the Harrisburg members register more than one car. We suggested

lowering the number of registrations to 20, but Ed told us his managers would not allow this. We're exploring other avenues with Ed to ensure a free tent each year. You can help by registering a car with the show if there is any chance you might attend. If you feel magnanimous, you can register a car even if you don't plan to attend. You don't have to even pick up your registration packet. Simply register. It saves the club about \$165.00 a year. We'd like to see a lot of you there because we do have a good time and it is a good show. Register early and save \$10.00. Use the online registration form and use the "drop down" to register as a member of the "Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club." Click on carsatcarlisle.com. and follow the directions to register.

Shawn drove his bug eye, Charlie took the pictures and Barb Spear and Sandy Rischell were two of the 50/50.

As you know, two of our members have cars undergoing complete restorations. They are Don Schneider and Don Hoffer. Don S's is at Ken Beck's for the body work which is



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almost complete and will soon be heading to that famous Spanish painter Salvador Dali's for a paint job. Don spares no expense on his cars. He told us when we had lunch with Flora and him last week that Ken sends him pictures of the progress being made and he sends Ken checks. Sound familiar? Don Hoffer's tri-carb is in Kelby Steele's shop. Not sure of the status of that car or payment there of, but Kelby is not a non-profit organization.

Next month's meeting is at Culhanes on March 16th at 6:30. Remember to wear something green, preferably a lot of green to win the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day fashion statement There is a fine of \$1.00 if you do not wear something green. There is a prize for whoever best exemplifies the spirit of the "wearin' of the green." Jack Sanders who was last year's winner is not eligible to win two and maybe even three years in a row. Thus the competition is wide open.

Well it's time to go gas up the snow blower as they're predicting six to ten inches of snow tonight and tomorrow in central Pennsylvania. Ah well, let it snow, let it snow.

Joe, the substitute, Spear Hurry home Hoffer!!!



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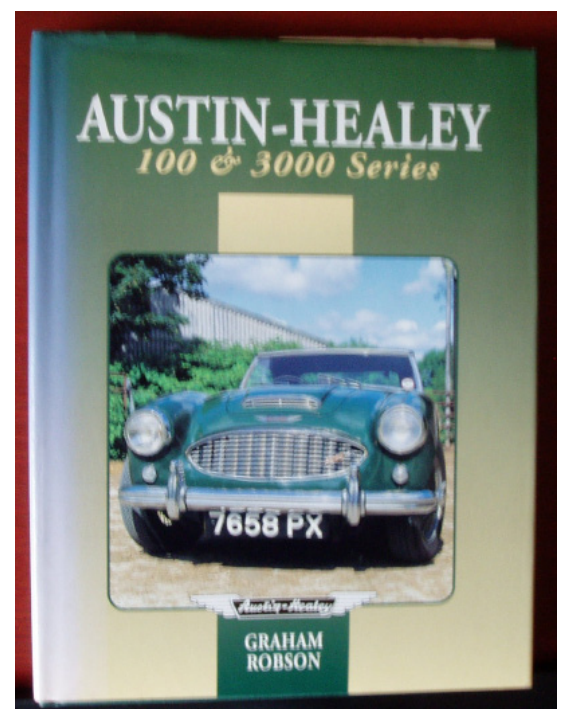
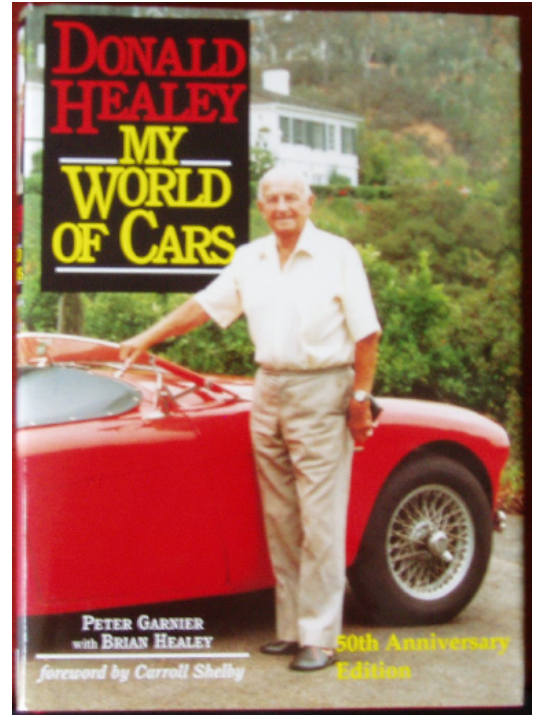
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Our February meeting was scheduled for Tuesday night, Feb. 16th at the home of Frank Valente, in Denville. On tap was to be the overhaul of the brake servo on Frank's BJ8. It seems that the brake fluid would magically disappear from the brake reservoir and not leave a tell-tale puddle on the garage floor. The brake servo was the prime suspect. We were all set to descend on Frank's garage to interrogate the subject when we were brought up short by Mother Nature. Yup, we got hammered by an additional 18+ inches of that nasty white stuff over a good 30-hour period starting around mid-Tuesday after-noon. This on top of the 8 to 12 inches (depending on the area) we had just received the previous Friday night.

I guess now is as good a time as any to let you know that my wife left me. She took our daughter, Sarah, and went "home" to her mother's in Florida. I took them to the airport in Allentown, PA a few hours before the snow started on Friday, the 5th of February. I got them there by 5:40 AM just so they could wait around to catch a shuttle to go back to Newark for their flight to Orlando. But we saved close to \$80 on the ticket. Okay, they were only going for a five-day vacation, but still! I felt abandoned, what with the nasty weather coming in and all. Then their return flight was cancelled due to the next big snow storm on the 9th/10th, and they were forced (yeah, right) to stay in Florida for another two days! Likely excuse. I'll bet you can guess who got stuck with all the shoveling!

I did manage to get the Sprite out and around the neighborhood in late December, and again a few days before the snows hit in early February, to stretch her legs while the sun was actually shining. It was a little cool, but quite refreshing. I'd rather get Little Red out for a quick run every two or three weeks than to prepare her for a long winter's slumber. She is temperamental enough that she might just be a snot come spring if I were to ignore her all winter. I'm actually due to take her out again in a few days, weather permitting, of course.

One of the things I have been doing lately, thanks to the weather being so crappy this winter, has been to re-read some of my Healey books. I've made it through a few of them so far. One thing I noticed as I started was I can't find a couple of them. I'm pretty sure they weren't loaned out and not returned; I'm sure they are probably still packed in a box somewhere. Maybe I just hadn't bought them. No way; they've got to be in a box. I wasn't expecting to be in New Jersey this long (no offense), so there are a few boxes that haven't been unpacked yet. I'm still looking for Geoff Healey's first book, "Austin-Healey: The Story of the



North Jersey Region Cont...

Big Healeys”. That and “Healey: The Handsome Brute” are among the missing.

Another thing I noticed is that reading some of these books is just like sitting in the room with some of these guys during a Q & A session at Conclave or Encounter. I also found bookmarks in a couple of the books where I apparently stopped and put the book down for one reason or another those many years ago. One of the books, “Donald Healey: My World of Cars”, by Peter Garnier and Brian (Bic) Healey, I had made it to Chapter Six before I had put it down. I forgot to bring that book along with me when I went down to Conclave in San Antonio, Texas in 2004. Bic Healey was there; I just had to get Bic’s autograph, so I bought a 50th Anniversary Edition to have him sign. One mistake that I had noticed from the first edition that was still in the latest one was having the 1982 International Healey Meet in Snowmass, Colorado mistaken for Snowmass, California. I would have thought it would have been corrected in the up-dated version.

I just finished reading Geoff’s fourth (and last) book, “The Healey Story”, where his goal was to “set the record straight and dispense with many of the myths...” surrounding the cars and people involved. I could almost smell his pipe-smoke while reading that book. I have a feeling he didn’t much care for Japanese automobiles (a comment about “helping the ‘enemy’” might have had something to do with that feeling). He didn’t seem to mind German cars or engineering, though. I found this a bit odd, as he served in WWII against the Germans. He was writing this book when he died; had actually gotten the first draft done. Margot and their two daughters, Cecilia and Kate, put the finishing touches on it and got it published. My thanks to them, and to Bic for finishing DMH’s “My World of Cars”: without them, the “story” wouldn’t be complete.

Truth be told, there were actually a couple of other reasons that I had dusted off these old books, and once dusted, I decided to re-read some of them.

Why let a good dusting go to waste? Maybe I’ll get to those reasons next month, when I figure out what they were.

The Brake Servo Tech Session was cancelled; Frank will attack that project on his own and let us know how it turns out. Otherwise, it could end up like last year’s Spring Tour that took eight or nine weeks to pull off. Next up will be a Tech Session at Art and Joan Herkomers’ in Oakland, NJ on Saturday, March 27th, where we will try to resurrect Art’s Big Healey. This could be titled “It Won’t Start”.

As always, check your e-Flashes from Richard Ippoliti for the latest and greatest, most-up-to-the-minute memos and messages...



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A Unique, Chrome Shift Knob...

by George Crombie

When I got my 1956 BN2 from my grandfather in July of 1978, it had a rather unique gearshift knob. It was fifteen years, at the Texas Healey Roundup in Lufkin, Texas in 1993 before I saw another shift knob like it. I saw another one on a modified 100 at Fall Fest in Duke Island Park in September of 2008. That was three in thirty years. It is a chrome knob with the Austin-Healey wings in the center with a stylized "A" above it and an "H" below. It very closely resembles the logo for the Oklahoma Austin-Healey Owners' Club. If I remember correctly, Rocky Santiago had driven the one to Round-up.

About a year ago, I came across several issues of older car magazines from the mid-fifties to the late sixties. Some of them had interesting articles. On pages 42-43 of Sports Car Graphic of July 1967 was a Road Test of the MG Midget Mk III (which is also the Mk IV Sprite), while on pages 76-77 was a Track Test of the Triumph GT6 Prototype. "The Mystery of the 200-miles-per-gallon Pogue Carburetor" was in the September 1953 issue of Cars. Also in this issue was "How to fix a ticket" and "...your suicide impulse."

What I found of more importance, though, were some of the period ads. For instance, on page 70 of the August 1966 issue of Sports Car Graphic was a full-page ad on the Austin-Healey Sprite (Square body) "...for under \$2000."


On page 14 of the April 1956 issue of Motor Trend was an ad for "...The New Austin-Healey 100...with 4-speed transmission and bigger brakes..." introducing the BN2. That's a keeper.

Also, on page 78 of Sports Cars Illustrated for February 1960, there was an ad from Denis Ferranti Laminations, Ltd. offering detachable hard tops (from \$127.85) and sliding side curtains (at \$42.15 and \$46.36) for Healeys (both Sprite and 100/6), MGAs, and Jag XK150. On page 23 of this magazine was a full-page ad from BMC promoting the

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Chrome Shift Knob Cont...

new Austin Healey '3000' and the Sprite.

A full-page ad of the Austin-Healey "Love at First Sprite" Bugeye, with its big sister the 3000, was featured on page 77 of the April 1960 Road & Track. I turned the page, and saw this little gem: A chrome, crested shift knob available from AMCO! The fine print also offered "windwings, sunvisors, floor carpets, luggage racks..." You get the picture. I wonder if the company is still in business? I wonder if they have any NOS? It seems that the gearshift knob was a period, after-market accessory. How much was it? In two different ads (pages 9 & 19 of Sports Cars Illustrated of 02/60), it listed for \$2.95. A gold-plated version could be had for \$5.95. Mystery solved. Does any one else have a car with this kind of knob on it? Does anyone have the gold-plated version? They were also available for Jaguars, MGs, Triumph Let me know. george_crombie@yahoo.com

Adjusting Car Mirrors Correctly [video]

Here is a great video clip sent in by Mark Goodman (NJ Region) that can help you in everyday driving as well as in your Healey. And we all know that any help seeing the big SUV as we are driving the Healey can only be a good thing.



If you see other clips like this send them to me (steve.jekogian@spcorp.com)

John Morrison came across an interesting web site that lists cars in movies, TV shows, music video and the list for Healeys went on and on and below is a partial list. I wonder why many of the late 1050's and 60's movies were B horror flicks. I guess they knew what driving a Healey was all about.

Check out the site at <http://imcdb.org/>

- Austin Healey 100 The Invisible Man, TV Series, 1975-1976
- Austin Healey 100 Roadracers, Movie, 1959
- 1953 Austin Healey 100 The Fast Lady, Movie, 1962
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- 1955 Austin Healey 100 [BN2] Earth vs. the Flying Saucers, Movie, 1956
- Austin Healey 100/4 Danger Man, TV Series, 1960-1961
- Austin Healey 100/4 Checkpoint, Movie, 1956
- Austin Healey 100/4 State Fair, Movie, 1962
- Austin Healey 100/4 30 Years of the RAC Rally, Documentary, 1991
- Austin Healey 100/4 A Bucket of Blood, Movie, 1959
- Austin Healey 100/4 O Lucky Man!, Movie, 1973
- Austin Healey 100/4 The Saint, TV Series, 1962-1969
- Austin Healey 100/4 On the Beach, Movie, 1959
- 1953 Austin Healey 100/4 [BN1] The Fast and the Furious, Movie, 1954
- 1954 Austin Healey 100/4 [BN1] Mission: Impossible, TV Series, 1966-1973
- 1955 Austin Healey 100/4 [BN2] The New Avengers, TV Series, 1976-1977



1961 Austin Healey 3000 MkII in Transformers, 2007



1958 Austin Healey 100/6 in School for Scoundrels, 1960

Healeys on the Screen Cont...

- 1958 Austin Healey 100/6 [BN4] School for Scoundrels, Movie, 1960
- Austin Healey 3000 The Love Bug, Movie, 1968
- Austin Healey 3000 The Thomas Crown Affair, Movie, 1968
- Austin Healey 3000 The Simpsons, Animation Series, 1989-2010
- Austin Healey 3000 See No Evil: The Moors Murders, Made for TV, 2006
- Austin Healey 3000 Father of the Bride, Movie, 1991
- Austin Healey 3000 Clash by Night, Movie, 1964
- Austin Healey 3000 Arrested Development, TV Series, 2003-2006
- Austin Healey 3000 Escape to Witch Mountain, Movie, 1975
- Austin Healey 3000 Bewitched, TV Series, 1964-1972
- Austin Healey 3000 McMillan & Wife, TV Series, 1971-1977
- 1959 Austin Healey 3000 MkI The Bank Job, Movie, 2008
- 1960 Austin Healey 3000 MkI Kojak, TV Series, 1973-1978
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Membership News

by Rick Brodeur

We didn't have any new members this month.

Renewals were sent out on the 16th of February. I've been receiving lots of renewal forms, thanks. Second notices will go out around 15 March, so if you haven't sent your renewal in yet, please return your renewal right away so I don't have to send out a second notice.

For the next 20 months or so I'll be sending out renewal notices to members who renewed for multiple years. If you don't get a renewal form for the March 2010 renewal, it's because you will come up later in the year or next. 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 on the inside front page and also on our web site.



***The Austin-Healey Club of America
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Conclave 2010 is being hosted by the Midwest Region of the Austin-Healey Club of America and features a full week of activities starting with a car show set on Galena's historic Main Street. There will be a gymkhana, funkhana, gimmick & TSD rallies, tech sessions, a track day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway, arts & crafts, concours judging, tours, a dinner & dancing cruise on the Mississippi River and more.

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**Take a look at the full schedule of events and registration information on our website
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Simeone Museum's Founder Publishes *The Spirit of Competition*

by Leo Kob

ENCOUNTER 2010

The Simeone Museum isn't just a collection of winning sports cars, rather it delivers a narrowly-focused concept: how competition improves the breed through [amateur] racing. On display are champion classic and sports cars produced between 1900 and 1975. This period preceded the era of corporate sponsorship, when the cars & teams became totally separated from what was being sold to the public, conceived for an isolated purpose- corporate publicity. Little benefit from modern racing is derived by the motoring public.

The racers in Dr. Simeone's collection only bear the manufacturer's name: they are not adorned with sponsorship stickers plastered everywhere a camera's eye can see. Many were raced by the car company's founder(s), relatives, or a design-team member; but most competitors raced models purchased from a dealer's showroom, then modified to meet whatever class regulations were in effect at the time. Racing was for the pure enjoyment of competition or advancements in technology.

And the stories generated over this seven decades could go on forever. Having only opened the museum in 2008, the Doc has still found time to put down several hundred pages of lavishly-illustrated legend derived from personal interviews and his extensive library (not yet transferred to the museum). His book, appropriately entitled *The Spirit of Competition* has less than 200 unsold copies left in its first printing (which was released last fall).

Rather than shell out the \$175 for the non-leather bound version, you can capture many of the themes depicted there by viewing denoted enlarged photographs on display throughout the museum's tour route between the 16 dioramas depicting the world's most famous racing circuits of the era. Almost 25% are devoted to women in racing. One of the two quotations facing entrants to the museum in raised, bold letters is by Janet Guthrie: "Racing is a matter of spirit, not strength." The 1938 Ford driven by NASCAR's first lady, Louise Smith, is on display- she won 38 races in it between 1945 & 1956.

Our Encounter kick-off bus trip to the Simeone Foundation Museum on Wednesday, August 11 will not only be a tour of fabulous cars, but a story-telling experience as well. As a for- instance, it was a quirk that put Craig Breedlove behind the wheel of the first Cobra Daytona produced, but ended up garnering 23 speed and endurance records at Bonneville in 1965. He was actually there to shake out the Goodyear-



The Doc's Book



Excerpt: Craig Breedlove beside the CSX2287 Cobra Daytona @ Bonneville



Simeone Museum's showcase 'Winners Circle.' All first-place winners at Sebring, LeMans, the Mille Miglia and Nurburgring.

sponsored Spirit-of-America...but circumstances (I won't tell the whole story) got him in CSX2287 despite the fact he had never driven a stick shift! This road warrior is now on display carrying all the salt in its wounds.

You will return home with many such ditties that can be retold to those unfortunate enough to have not read the Doc's book or enjoyed his museum's unique ambience and chin-scratching concept.

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Matt Bakes



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So, please join us, "Savor the Flavor" and "Savor your new and old friends."

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



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