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*Main Cover Photo: A Healey Wedding (submitted by Brian Ehret)  
Bottom: Our newest LI Healey fan - Maya Shea Parfrey; A Brandywine  
Region Outing; Tommy Knorr about to make a run at the Giant's Despair  
Hillclimb*

# What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian

In recent issues of the Flash, articles have been written about tires breaking down due to age.

Below is an e-mail thread dealing with the subject between Dave Hooper and Baird Foster. Dave's explanation of what was occurring just prior to the tire failure—"wobbling car" and then the "tread separation" can give you some idea of the importance in paying attention to the age of your tires.

Luckily, no damage to the car or passengers, but there could have been. Check your tires before you start off for Encounter!

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## E-MAIL EXCHANGE


**From Dave:** No damage to car or passengers Baird . Your article was correct though, and ironic. I was alone a mere half mile from my house. Drove home very slowly. Only symptom was a wobbling car for the past month, while I thought ( it) was shocks or unbalanced tires. Not a tire with tread separating from the steel in the tire.

**From Baird:** Hi Dave, I hope no damage came to car or passengers. As I noted, it is not a matter of "if", but "when". Maybe Steve could publish your note and photo in the Flash; it may encourage others to check their tires. Thanks for your update, see you in a few weeks on your new tires! Baird

Photo: Sprite tire separated after 22+ years per Baird's recent article. Happened yesterday. New tires are below.




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# Membership

by Rick Brodeur

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THOMAS HARRIS

DOVER, PA

'66 BJ8

## NORTH JERSEY

MATTHEW CLOTT

WARREN, NJ

'65 BJ8

If you have a question about your membership or renewal date, just contact me.

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My email address for the Club is [membership@austin-healey-stc.org](mailto:membership@austin-healey-stc.org). If you have any questions about your membership please contact me. Contacting me is the quickest way to solve a membership problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page of the Flash and also on our web site.

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# Lehigh Valley

by Joel Keefer

Getting older sucks! That might seem like a blinding flash of the obvious to many, but the fact was reinforced in my mind last Sunday at the British Car Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania's car show in Clark's Summit, PA. Mike Bradley and I drove up to the show in Mike's BJ8, my Bugeye having decided to be uncooperative on Saturday (and that's another story). Wanting to take some photos for The Flash, I stuck my camera battery in the charger Saturday evening so I'd have a fresh charge. Since we were leaving early in the morning, I laid out everything I'd be taking along – camera, sunglasses, directions, etc. When we arrived at the show and got Mike's car in position, I went to take a photo of the line of Austin-Healeys (five Big Healeys and three Sprites) – turned on the camera and nothing happened. You got it – I left the battery in the charger and since I didn't take the full camera bag, the spare battery was back at the house, too. Aaaarrgghhh!!! So...you'll have to take my word for it that there were some very nice cars at the show – including those of Lehigh Valley Region members Glenn Abello, Jim Nicholas (BJ8s) and Sarah Carr (MGB/GT). It was good to see and talk with these three geographically-separated members, whom we don't get to see often enough. Glenn's 1967 BJ8 bears special mention, as it is an absolutely stunning car that features several interesting and creative innovations and details that make it stand out from the crowd. Glenn won the Austin-Healey class and Mike took 3rd place. Too bad the Bugeye didn't make it – would've been a shoo-in for Diamond in the Rough! Though Sarah had her MGB/GT at the show, she showed us a photo of a BN2 (or what's left of it) that she recently rescued from years of sitting in a field. Sadly, the car looks too far gone to restore, but Sarah hopes some parts can be salvaged.



*Chef Mike grilling up burgers to order.*

Our monthly region meeting in July was a very brief interlude during our summer picnic, held Monday, July





## Lehigh Valley Cont...

18, at Region President Mike Bradley's home in Coopersburg. We had a pretty good turnout of 19, with everyone bringing a side dish or dessert and the region furnishing burgers, dogs and drinks. What a spread of foods we had, and Chef Mike actually cooked burgers to order, which impressed most of the men in the crowd. Threats of thunderstorms did not materialize, fortunately, but they did deter most from driving their Austin-Healeys that evening. On July 10, Mike Bradley and I drove up to watch the Giant's Despair Hillclimb in Laurel Run, PA, just outside of Wilkes-Barre. I have to confess that we drove up there in an air-conditioned truck, neither of us wanting to take our LBCs for a run on that very hot Sunday. Finding the course after a run up the NE Extension proved interesting, despite having Mapquest directions in hand; Mike proved Giant's Despair is very likely one of the oldest hillclimbs in the nation, having first been run in 1906. Taking one look at the hill, I could hardly imagine how cars made it up in 1906 – I think the Bugeye would have a hard time making it up today! We saw only two Healey products, both Sprites, running that day. One was driven by former Lehigh Valley Region member Tommy Knorr. Tommy beat his own class record this year, with a best time of 58.565 seconds.

We're looking forward to coming down to PA Dutch country for Encounter! Next region meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 6:30 pm, at the Top Diner. Since that's right after Encounter, that may change, so watch for e-Flashes for any updates and event announcements.



*Yes, Mike did conduct a brief business meeting during the picnic. Bob Weaver and Bob Pritchett are paying attention; Mike's great dane, Chloe, is wondering where the burgers are.*



*Tommy Knorr and his Sprite in Devil's Elbow at the Giant's Despair Hillclimb*



*Tommy Knorr about to make a run at the Giant's Despair Hillclimb*

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# Harrisburg

by Don Hoffer

I planned to share all the rowdy hilarity that the region picnic usually generates, but this year's edition was as quiet as the local graveyard. Our on again, off again, twice cancelled "stealth event" never saw the light of day. In spite of this illustrious record our undaunted prince of planning threw caution to the wind and rescheduled it yet again. He thereby singlehandedly resurrected this gem from the cancellation bin and willed it to rise, phoenix like, to its original prestigious position preserving a long standing tradition and avoiding our July heat wave. Now go and mark your calendars (ok, so mark it tentative) for September 17th, 2011. Remember – third time is the charm! All's well that ends well – see you all there.

Speaking of heat, the top down drive idea leaves you two choices – top down for sun poisoning, top up heat stroke. Remember last winter when we couldn't wait for summer? Too much of a good thing can bring its own grief!

I visited my restoration project to drop off the Kool Mat Kit I just received and some other parts. Staring out at me from my refinished dash are 2 holes reminding me that the Speedometer and Tach are the last of the missing parts I need. If you're looking to unload a pair to fit a BJ8, Call me at (717) 761-1254. These were a dime a dozen not that long ago at Carlisle – not anymore.

In other events, reports I got indicate the one day British car show at the Gettysburg Outlet Complex on US Rte 15 was larger than ever before. Estimates ranged between 250-350 cars. The shop owners must have loved this. You think your driving a chick magnet? Well back in the day you were. Fast forward to 2011 and your chick has morphed into a woman who, in all likely hood is more magnetized by those outlets than the conveyance that got her there. You set out for a nice summers day drive and suddenly your retirement account is in jeopardy!

Encounter is the big attraction for August and you have probably already been there and back by the time this reaches you. We've been doing this for 33 years, and it remains our marquis signature event. Practice may not yield perfection but is sure helps. Most of the attendees only see each other once a year but after 3 decades they are familiar as members of your own family you only see on holidays. I don't know about you but Encounter is my favorite weekend of the year. Hope you all had the kind of event I anticipate.



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# Long Island

*by Paul Parfrey*

The LI Region went to the beach on July 14th. The weather turned out to be perfect for our annual Beach Run/Sunset Tour to Jones Beach, Oak Beach and Fire Island. It was a beautiful afternoon and evening with low humidity and the temperature in the low 80's. It was actually cold in the Healey on the way home! The sunset over the water was beautiful, and afterwards we had a good meal together.

This July I also visited the Strasburg Railroad, the location of Encounter's first evening dinner train. I look forward to going back there in August.

On July 4th I introduced my eight-month old grand-child to the Big Healey for the first time. Might as well start early!

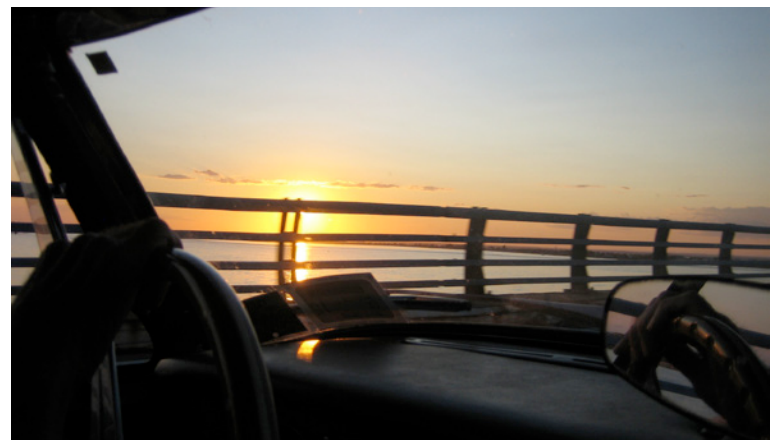
Less writing this month to make room for more photos.



*Our newest LI Healey fan - Maya Shea Parfrey*



*Beach Run on the way to Fire Island Lighthouse*



*Healey Sunset*



*LI group at the diner after Beach Run*



*Strasburg RR this July*



# Philadelphia Region

by John Payne

The question of the day “Is age a deterrent to performance?” At a recent Sports Car Club of America regional race at Summit Point Motors Sports Park in scenic Summit Point, WV, a 1960 Austin Healey Sprite came within 3/10s of a second of resetting a long standing lap record. This in a class with fuel injected, computer controlled, front wheel drive Hondas and VWs. Not only that, the car was on the pole in a larger group that included Miatas, RX-7s, a BMW 325 and other late model cars, all with larger displacement engines. Oh yes, did I mention the driver is 82 years old! Sure makes you enjoy these “old” cars when you know they can still take the new kids’ lunch money. Now for an update on Philadelphia Region this summer.

Our annual picnic took place on June 5th at the Paynes under near perfect weather conditions. Some 30 people attended bringing with them a variety of cars (mostly non Healeys) making the front yard look more like an exotic car show than a Healey event! Yes, we had Jags, Porsches, BMW’s and an Audi or two, along with a lot of food and spirits to assist in the celebration of warmer weather and NO rain. Mostly people parked themselves in the side yard under the big trees and talked. Subjects ranged from annual vacations to racing to grandchildren. John Morrison, cigarette in hand, served as chef while the lovely ladies prepared all sorts of associated goodies. There was plenty! Leo and Marty Kob showed up at 1:30 to help set up and the last party goers didn’t leave until dinner time. Several of the region’s racers discussed their current year’s activities and “challenges” and there apparently are a lot of challenges. Jason Urban is highly involved in necessitating the Hershey hill climb which will occur before going to press.

Nothing to report on from the June monthly muster as your faithful scribe and bride attended a softball game at the Mrs.’ church. No reports of any major business being conducted since they were touring a shop and looking at cars (see last month’s FLASH).



*John Morrison @ the Grill*



*Healeys at the Picnic*



*Philadelphia Picnic*



## Philadelphia Cont...

Oh, yes. Hero Racer will be re-entering the competitive arena with a new toy. Feeling a need to re-confirm my credentials, I am purchasing a new racer. It seems I was crewing for my brother in law at VIR (Virginia International Raceway) and given the fact that he was hit for the 3rd time in 3 races, I had nothing to do. He races a Miata and those Spec -Miatas act like magnets to the point that the seasoned drivers refer to the class as Spec Piñata. So I was touring the paddock and spotted a nicely prepared Datsun B210. “Nice car”, I said to the owner. “It’s for sale”, said he. “Oh-h-h-h-h?” That started the conversation. The car is slow. How slow you ask? To put it in perspective, a kid on a skate board lapped him twice during the race – or so it appeared! It is a neat car with no potential other than having some fun. After a bunch of wins and class championships over the years, it will be fun to simply be there. The new mount will show up in August and I hope to run it in September at a driver’s experience event. No racing or trophies. Just driving.

The July monthly muster was a smallish affair with only 10 people braving the extreme temperatures. There was much discussion about the upcoming Encounter and how Team Philly was preparing to defend the

Gymkhana Team Trophy which was, by the way, PROMINENTLY displayed at the meeting. Attendance at Encounter looks good from the region. A few familiar faces still haven’t anted up though. Hint, hint! Don’t wait until the last minute – you’ll be sorry! Several members are planning to caravan out on Wednesday afternoon so watch the e-FLASH for more details. And don’t forget that there is a charity auction so bring an item to donate – funds go to Multiple Sclerosis.

Ray and Lois Dunckley DROVE their Healey to Conclave in Colorado Springs and shared their adventure and some photos with us. We are encouraging them to write an article for the FLASH. Jason Urban shared stories from the Hershey Hill-climb and he, too, should do an article for the FLASH.

Yr Obt Svrt,

*Hero Racer*



*Enjoying the Picnic*



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# North Jersey

by George Crombie

I'm going to try to get this article done in record time; for me, at any rate. Normally, I do my best to invoke my right to procrastinate and try to beat the midnight deadline on the 25th of each month to scurry around trying to recover my scribbled notes from the past few weeks, put them in some sort of recognizable order, and get them off before the Enforcers come banging on my door threatening my kneecaps. This month, I know ahead of time that my next couple of weeks or so are going to be rather hectic, so I am planning ahead. Yeah, right.

My mind is just a little foggier than normal, but to the best of my recollection, not a whole lot of Healey-related activities crossed my desk in the past few weeks, even though this happens to be the peak of the Healey Season. I have been kept rather busy, of late, and kind of out of circulation. One activity of particular note was Conclave 2011, held this year in Colorado Springs, Colorado from July 3rd (DMH's birthday) through the 8th. I didn't notice any other North Jersey (or even AHSTC) members attending this annual event, but Denise and I flew out and met up with our daughter, Sarah, who had caught a ride up to Colorado Springs from Texas with some friends in the South Texas

Austin-Healey Club. Even without one of our Healeys, we still had a great time of it. We were blessed with thundershowers every day that we were there; the locals actually thanked us (the British sports car group as a whole) for ushering in some much-needed rain (the hail they could have done without). In all the dozen or more Conclaves that I have attended over the years, I don't think I have ever brought a Healey, either driven or towed; but that has not stopped us from attending and meeting up with old friends and having a good time of it. We see it as one way to see different areas of the country and catch up with old friends from all over. The only negative of the whole trip was when I got nailed in a local speed trap outside of Colorado Springs on our way to Canon City to do some whitewater rafting. The State Trooper said he got me doing 80 in a 55mph zone. He did me a favor and knocked it down to 75 in a 55 (I really thought I was in a 65 mph zone). He said that at 25 over the posted limit, it would be a mandatory court appearance, and he didn't think I would be too happy about





## *North Jersey Cont...*



coming all the way back to Colorado just to go to court. I told him that he was right; I wouldn't mind coming back out to Colorado for the beauty of the area, but a court appearance would not be among the highlights.

Anyway, we got back into New Jersey, and the next Healey club event I had circled on my calendar was the North Jersey monthly club meeting, scheduled for July 19th. I ended up being about 45 minutes late for the meeting proper, as traffic coming up from Fort Dix was a bit heavier than expected at 5:00pm. I did manage to get to the Long Valley Pub and Brewery in time to place my order for a great pulled pork sand-

wich and never ending iced tea. That, along with some socializing, made the aggravation of the traffic a distant memory. Of course, by that time, almost everything was a distant memory. Pulling into the parking lot at the Brewery and scouting the cars, I counted five Healeys (Andy and Martha Smith drove theirs; Richard Ippoliti's was there; as were Ian Kessen's, Steve Feld's, and Jim Vollmuth's). I think I noticed that all five of these Healeys were either 100-6 or Mark I 3000 models; but I was in a hurry to make the meeting (and rather hungry, as well), so I might be wrong. There was also a white XK120 (I think) Jag that may have been driven by Skip Huising. Allen Rosenberg and Bob Pense were there in a Jag, as well. Ralph Scarfogliaro and I drove BJ9s, just to be difficult. Near the end of the meeting, Jim Krous came roaring in with his Modified Healey Monster, making an even dozen in attendance. I understand that most of the groundwork has been done in setting up for Encounter 2012, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Somerset, New Jersey. More information on this will be available of this event at this year's Encounter in Paradise, PA this August.

Andy and Martha Smith will be hosting their annual Post-Encounter Pool Party at their place in Chester, on Saturday August 27th. Be sure to read your e-Flashes from Richard to get the latest on this and other events before they happen. Please let the Smiths know if you can make it to the Post-Encounter Pool Party. Contact information will be forthcoming shortly in an e-Flash; stay tuned.

Of particular note, future upcoming events include:

SEPT 10-----British Car Show at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater

SEPT 11-----Warren Car Show in Warren

SEPT 20-----Monthly Meeting at LaCucina in Denville

OCT 18-----Monthly Meeting and Officer Elections at LaCucina in Denville

I hope to see you in Paradise!

# Brandywine

by Ernie Leser

**T**welve thirsty Brandywine members descended on the Victory Brewing Company in Downingtown, PA on Saturday July 19th. Two BJ8's (Bryan Ehret and Jim Martin), one 100 (Dave Ehret), and a Jaguar XKE (Nigel and Jonathan Smart) made up the British fleet. Others chose AC (hmm ---). Also attending were Kris and Steve Garrett, Pete Roberts and Dee Caffery, Jim Bewley, Joan and myself.

A number of Victory brews were sampled. Some people ordering the "sampler" rack of six selections, others had decided to go directly to a pitcher – wow! My favorite turned out to be the Lizard Bock – excellent. After a hearty lunch, Dave went over various items concerning Encounter. All appears to be in order. Lets hope the weather cooperates! The group had a great time as witnessed by the accompanying photos courtesy of Dave and Bryan.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, August 6th at noon at the Leser residence in Elkton, MD. We will be getting the registration packets put together for Encounter and taking care of any last minute details.

Upcoming events:

- ENCOUNTER 2011 - "Healeys in Paradise", August 10-13th, Paradise, PA.
- Crab Feast, Saturday Sept.10th, St.Michaels, MD. Details TBD.
- Brandywine Picnic, Saturday Oct. 8th, I pm, Leser residence, Elkton, MD.

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# Encounter 2011 update

by Chuck Ott

**Encounter is almost here!! Here are a few FAQ items to prepare you for Encounter 2011:**

**Q. I'm signed up for the dinner train – how do I get there?**

**A.** Turn right out of hotel heading west on route 30. Travel about 0.5 mile to next traffic light. Turn LEFT onto South Ronks Road. Proceed on Ronks Road --- it turns into Paradise Lane. FOLLOW TWO LARGE SIGNS TO RED CABOOSE MOTEL ALONG PARADISE LANE. At next cross road (PA 741) --- which has a stop light -- make RIGHT turn and proceed to the Strasburg Railroad. Meet outside the Dining Car ticket office. This route is about 4 miles and takes about 15 minutes.

**Q. I missed out registering for the dinner train, what can I do on Wednesday night with other Healey and train enthusiasts?**

**A.** The Brandywine region has arranged an alternate RR dinner for Encounter. We are organizing a dinner Wednesday night at the Red Caboose restaurant. It is a real dining car, but it does not move. If we get enough people there is a private car that we can reserve for the group. E-mail Chuck Ott (chucknsueo@aol.com) if you plan to attend so we can make the reservations. You can order from their regular menu and pay them - we will not be collecting money for this one like we did for the train that moves. The Strasburg train goes right by the Red Caboose Restaurant, so you can wave to the people on the train as they go by!

**Q. I have items to donate to the Thursday night charity auction – where do I donate?**

**A.** I signed up for Flea Market space – how do I set it up? See Kris Garrett in Regalia and she will accept your donations and help you set up flea market space.

**Q. What kind of tech sessions will there be?**

**A.** On Thursday in addition to our usual activities, we have a special guest – Dr. Richard Stevick, professor emeritus of psychology at Messiah College. Dr. Stevick will give some rare insights into Amish culture, so prevalent in the Paradise area. On Friday our own Ken Beck will give a tech session on wire wheel repair and maintenance. On Saturday our own Mike Jennings will give a presentation on lubricants for your Healey from a lubrication engineer's viewpoint. There may be other surprise tech sessions added between now and then!



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**Q. Is there a Charity auction?**

**A.** Yes, on Thursday night. Proceeds benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Bring items to auction and get a receipt for your taxes, and /or bid on donated items.

**Q. What's the deal with the Friday night Luau?**

**A.** The Brandywine region is providing the Hawaiian cuisine and atmosphere – you wear your Hawaiian shirt and come hungry. First you have to remember to pack your favorite Hawaiian shirt! The chef at the Revere Tavern is from Hawaii and will be roasting a pig for the event. We also have live entertainment – the “Drum Lady” band. Two women who sound like a full band. You won't want to miss.

**Q. Will there be an awards banquet?**

**A.** Yes, on Saturday night we will have a cash bar beforehand, hand out trophies, hear a recap of Encounter 2011 and preview Encounter 2012. This is a family style banquet featuring many of the Lancaster County favorites. Eat what you want from the big serving bowl on the table. If you empty the bowl, they'll bring more!

**Q. I have last minute questions - who do I contact?**

**A.** Contact Chuck Ott, pre-registration coordinator at [chucknsueo@aol.com](mailto:chucknsueo@aol.com) or (302) 378-7287.



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8/13-8/14	New Hope Auto Show, New Hope, PA	<a href="http://www.newhopeautoshow.com">www.newhopeautoshow.com</a>
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# Encounter 2011 valve cover race rules

by Chuck Ott

The attached rules will be used as the official sanctioned rules for the 2011 valve cover races. Participants are reminded that this is a fun event, not a serious competition, so please treat it as such. Also be aware that any and all decisions by chief judge Jim Cox are final and not subject to debate.

## HISTORY:

The AHSTC has been running valve cover races at Encounters since 2005. John Davies is the father of this heralded competition. The original rules were derived from those established in England by the Druids while taking breaks building their stone henges all over the hinterland. John constructed the regulation ramp with highly-automated starting gate.

Due to the popularity and creativity generated over the past few years (particularly by our younger participants), the 2011 competition will be expanded as was done in 2010. Our goal remains to involve the club's junior participants and encourage family projects in the construction of a valve cover racer (VCR). Therefore each racer class will have two divisions, Senior and Junior.

Competition under the original rules will be known as the Regulation Class. Here is a quick summary of those rules:

1. The VCR can be any length but the width must fit on the official AHSTC 14 inch wheel track;
2. The car must be constructed from a BMC valve cover and have 4 wheels;
3. Any style of wheel, bearing or lubrication is allowed. Wheel diameter is limited to 6 inches;
4. All motive force must be provided by gravity;
5. Wheel base is not to exceed 24 inches;
6. A part of the front wheels must cross the finish line ahead of the body;
7. No electrical or magnetic devices allowed on the VCR;
8. There is no construction material, weight or height limit on VCRs;

The Open Class offers more latitude in creativity and construction: Cars that do not qualify for Regulation Class will compete here. Modifications that would put your VC racer in this class include:

1. Any VCRs with other than 4 wheels;
2. Any VCRs with wheels larger than 6 inches;
3. Any VCR longer than 24 inches but still able to rest properly at the starting line;
4. Any VCR with a body extending beyond the front wheels;

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## Valve Cover Race Rules Cont...

5. Any VCR deemed in the opinion of the Chief Judge to offer an unfair advantage against the participants in the Regulation Class;

### GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

1. In order to classify each VCR, a "Tech Inspection" will be held beginning 1 hour prior to the race. In true Gymkhana fashion, inspection stickers will be affixed prior to queuing up. Driver's names will be collected and driver classification assigned at that time;

2. In order to assist the Chief Judge and other personnel, name tags will be provided to the drivers which must be worn during the competition;

3. VCRs can continue to be shared among drivers of both Divisions within the same Class with appropriate notice to the Chief Judge for ease record keeping;

4. The double-elimination system will continue to be used for each Class/Division

5. The results of the registration, classification and heat winners will be recorded on official forms to create a permanent record and reduce any clerical errors on the part of the organizers;

6. One award for each age division will be presented in both the Regulation and Open classes for a total of four awards.

7. Junior Division drivers will be under 12 years of age, Senior Division includes 12 years and older. Men and women are in the same class in both divisions for this competition;

8. The VCR must fit on the starting area of the AHSTC track (with the present hinged extension) in order to qualify to run;

9. VCRs must run through the finish line within the marked course for a valid run;

10. Creative design, decoration and personalization is encouraged!

11. The Chief Judge will review the conduct and results of the overall event annually and suggest any needed changes as appropriate for the next Encounter. Suggestions are always encouraged. The Chief Judge will be available to address any concerns. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be considered final.

If you need a valve cover, contact Leo Kob: [leo.kob@villanova.edu](mailto:leo.kob@villanova.edu). Price is \$15.00 which will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation.



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