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*Main Cover Photo: Healeys outside the St. James General Store by Long Island
Bottom: Harbor Road, Head of the Harbor by Long Island; Healeys at Blue Mountain Vineyard by Lehigh Valley*

What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian

I thought we had a few more weeks of OK driving weather but as I look out my windows on Halloween weekend there is snow and in New Jersey lots of it –over a foot and trees down no electric power. Oh well, the Bugeye in the garage will just have to wait till the power comes back on so I can drop in the motor and trans.

Since we can not drive our cars I thought seeing cars would be a good pastime so check out these links that members sent me. I generally do not like cars like this on the street BUT the driver is really doing some cool things. If you can make it to the end look at the tires.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=4TshFWSsm8&vq=medium#t=35

How about this beauty? I particularly like the Cadillac tail lights and the “flip up”

Front shroud.

Please send me any other “Modified” Healey pictures, it might be interesting to see what people have done to the cars.

Also as we get ready for winter and are putting our cars away I came across this link from Moss explaining how to store you pride and joy. www.mossmotors.com/storage



Caught at the Curb

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Membership

by Rick Brodeur

We have 2 new members and one returning member

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When you sign up on the website as a member I'll get an email. Within a day or two I'll verify you're a member and authorize access to the member only area.

In the next few months we'll be revising the website to make renewals and new member applications easier. I'll be working with a web designer to make it easier for our Region Presidents to add content to the website for everyone to enjoy.

If you have a question about your membership or renewal date, please 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 of the Flash and also on our web site.



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Harrisburg

by Don Hoffer

Unlike the regional picnic, the Fall Tour occurred as scheduled. The tour route was very well done with the weather even better than could be wished for. Our fall venture was actually warmer than the summer picnic – go figure. Eight sports cars and an SUV caravanned the distance, all with route instructions in case of separation. Four big Healeys, 2 Sprites, 1 MG and Scott Brockman's festive orange road rocket, plus an SUV carried the 23 (plus or minus) caravaners thru York and Adams counties. Churchtown and Boiling Springs, my two favorite small towns, were en route as well as Peters Orchard where we stopped for ordinance for the now famous pumpkin roll competition at Brockmans.

Arriving at Brockmans, the first priority was to sample the beer supply, next was to get acquainted with the two friendly canine residents and three was to chow down on a great food selection. Soups, dishes brought by attendees and selections from the grill by Chef Bruce were 1st class. If you had room left in your on board food locker after all that, dessert topped it all off.

After a brief respite to absorb the above nutrients, it was time for the Pumpkin Roll completion. Picture this: Orange Orbs bounding down a steep rutted 50 yd path onto the paved slopped end of the drive, where-upon make-shift targets were set. The contestants lugged their entries up the hill or hitched a ride on an ATV driven by the ever cautious, safety first, autocross trained, Bruce "go slow" Brockman. (This guy's hearse will get a speeding ticket on the way to boot hill!) As in last years' initial pumpkin roll, a car with its door open and a ramp was the main target. "Bingo" was to roll up the ramp and into the car. You would need every spook in the local cemetery to nudge your bouncing wobbly missile to actually do that, but hope eternal exists due to last years' unbelievable shot. Frequently the contestant attempts were met with DNFs, as catastrophic chassis failure plagued the event. The attrition rate was so high a snow shovel was employed to clear the resulting carnage from the course. A nice solid pumpkin would be bowled down the trail only to have it arrive in pieces as if blown apart by a Star Trek force field. It wasn't that we ran out of enthusiasm, but we were getting pretty short of Pumpkins toward the end. Since I was on the hill and the judges were down below, only they know who won. We'll try and have a list for the Awards Banquet.

Look for King Joe's famous E-mail to nail down final details on our annual regional banquet and progressive dinner. Like Encounter, these are events you don't want to miss and always draw well. Hope you all can join us,

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Brandywine

by Ernie Leser

Saturday October 8th was our region's annual picnic. The weather was picture perfect, and no bees for a change! BBQ chef Andrew Leser provided excellent smoked ribs, as well as burgers and dogs. Attending were Dave Ehret; Clint and Sue Hatton; Chuck, Gina, and Randy Ott; Jim Martin; Les Lewis; Joan, Andrew, Lydia, Michael Leser and your editor. Spaten Oktoberfest and Optimator, as well as Moosehead provided the liquid refreshments. The Healeys of Les, Jim, and my own afforded opportunities for technical inquiries as well as our own mini car show.

Perhaps this gorgeous autumn weather will continue. We can get in the last tours of the year in our cars. Get out and enjoy the foliage!

Upcoming Brandywine events are as follows:

- November, Thurs. 17th, 7 pm. Elections. Lone Star Steak House, Rt. 202, Wilmington, DE. RSVP to Kris Garrett by the 10th (610-558-1334).
- December, Sat. 10th, 6 pm. This year's party will be held at the Zalewski's residence in Elkton, MD. Directions will be provided in a later E-Flash.
- January 2012, Thurs. 19th, 7 pm Events Planning. Matilda's, Newark, DE.



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Lehigh Valley

by Joel Keefer

It was an all-AHSTC day at the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley's Autumn Leaf Festival All-British Car Show October 1. Despite threats of rain most of the day, five current or former Lehigh Valley Region members came out to be all of the Austin-Healey entrants in the show. Jerry Hallman won the Big Healey class and took Best of Show (as voted by fellow entrants); Mike Bradley finished second. Jim Wagner's red square-body Sprite won its class, while Phil Nase and former member Tom Knorr finished second and third, respectively, with their yellow Bugeyes. LV members participating with their "other" cars included Gerry Kunkle with his Jaguar MK2 sedan, E.J. Kunkle with her TR6, and Bob Weaver with his TR6. Philadelphia Region's Jason Urban brought his Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint, which won the "other foreign" class.

In autumn, the vineyards of the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail introduce new vintages. This year the selected grape was the chambourcin, the Lehigh Valley's signature grape; the new vintage was introduced the weekend of October 15-16. Since last year's tour was so well received, we decided to do the Second Annual AHSTC Lehigh Valley Region Fall Wine Tour to participate in the celebration of the chambourcin. On a beautifully clear – but windy – day, we headed north to Blue Mountain Vineyards, where we were among the first to arrive. Having the place pretty much to ourselves, we got a lot of attention from the owner, who filled us in on his vineyard's history and on the chambourcin grape. Working our way south through the Lehigh and Berks County countryside, we went to Pinnacle Ridge and Vyncrest, with a couple of us finishing up at nearby Clover Hill.

Congratulations to Bob and Sue Snyder, who brought out their newly-acquired Colorado Red BJ7 to the Wine Tour. They purchased it from the original owner, who provided a wealth of original materials with the car. Other LV members on the tour included Phil and Jane Nase, Joel and Jolene Keefer, and Bob Pritchett. Joining us from the Philadelphia Region were John and Jennifer Payne, Dick Stover and Tracy Wilton, and Ray and Lois Dunkeley, who came, top down, all the way up from Langhorne.

The following weekend, we ran our "Fall Foliage Foolishness" rallye. The day started out sunny and clear but the sun soon gave way to a steady cloud cover. Six cars met at the starting point, but Gerry Kunkle and Stuart Field weren't able to participate due to time constraints. Rallyemasters Joel and Jolene Keefer's route took participants Mike Bradley, Bob and Sue Snyder, Jason and Holly Urban, and Dick Stover and Tracy Wilton northward on a delightful ride through the hills and dales of Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon counties and the lower Poconos, ending at Lehigh Gorge State Park at Jim Thorpe. This year, everyone made it to the finish,



Bob & Sue Snyder in their new BJ7

Lehigh Valley Cont...

with Jason and Holly the winners of a close competition. Our original plan to lunch in Jim Thorpe proved impractical because of the large crowds in town, so we went to Penn's Peak for a great lunch at Roadies.

At our October meeting, the following slate of officers was nominated for 2012: President: Mike Bradley; Vice President: Ken Beck; Secretary: Bob Pritchett; Treasurer: Bob Snyder. Elections will take place at the November meeting, Monday, November 19, 6:30, at the Top Diner in Allentown. Any members who would like to step up and challenge any of these nominees should contact Mike before the meeting.

We're looking at holding our Region Christmas Party at the Spinnerstown Hotel in beautiful downtown Spinnerstown on Saturday, December 3, with the Region subsidizing some of the cost. We'll discuss this at the November meeting. Watch for E-Flashes for further details on the party and on other pending Region events.



"Healey hineys" (plus a couple of Mazda interlopers) at Blue Mountain Vineyard.



A mixed bag of entrants for the LV Region Rallye - Jaguar/Alfa-Romeo/Mazda/BMW - and oh, yeah, a couple of Healeys!



Phil and Jane Nase, and Bob Pritchett, enjoy some of Vyncrest's offerings.

Philadelphia Region

by John & Jennifer Payne

Fall, the time of year for car shows but, no other car show compares with Hershey. Hershey, if you have never experienced it, is a semi religious experience. Like the trek to Mecca, it needs to be experienced at least once in your life. I have been experiencing it since 1955 when my grandfather took me there for the first time. It is a show that actually started in Devon, PA run by the Pottstown Region of AACA. It has grown exponentially since that time.

There are flea markets and then there is the Hershey flea market. You cannot walk it completely in one day – trust me I’ve tried. You own an E-M-F, someone can sell you parts. The Crosley Club has a major vendor and Model A can be completely constructed on the spot. It is a truly international happening. I heard Arabic, German, French, Spanish and even the Queen’s English. Spoke to a Swedish couple who are selling Ford Model A parts. It is a veritable “Alice’s Restaurant” (as in the Arlo Guthrie song by the same name). Even if you only mildly like old cars (yes, there were English parts vendors) you’ve got to see it.

The Saturday show was truly one of the best on record. The weather induced a sea of humanity as well as truly outstanding cars. Philly was represented by Dick Doherty - unfortunately in the car corral. He sold his car to a dealer from the west coast. Hope Dick will stay with us even without a Healey. The Sweeneys, Fred Shirk, the Hoopers, Mary Ann Waltz and Jim Bewley all showed their cars in the Sport Car Category. All and all, a good AHSTC turn out.



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Bruce and Inan Phillips

October 14 was Support Your Local Winery Day or so it seemed. The Duncleleys, Dick Stover with Tracy Wilton and the Paynes joined the Lehigh Valley Region for the Fall Foliage Tour which just happened to hit four wineries west of Allentown. Absolutely beautiful scenery in a very rural setting. For us, it was very special as this is the area where my family was from. It is funny how things come back to you in the strangest way. We were driving to the second stop and passed an old church. Now my mother had said for years that our ancestors were buried at a given church but we were never able to find any record. A scene from about age 4 popped into my head as we passed Old Zion Lutheran Church. After stopping at the winery and purchasing huge supplies (winters long up here), we returned to the graveyard and with some looking found the Adam (no “s”, these are Germans), Herrings and Gansingers by the truck load. My mother and grandmother were only off by about 10 miles! Anyway, the drive was outstanding. At the third stop we ran into a Miata group of about 12 cars

Philadelphia Cont...

making the same stops we did. Of course, the haus frau also ran into 2 people she knows from work and we were only 30 miles away from work. As someone once told me, “everybody knows her!”

Thirteen souls showed up at Che Mariano for the monthly gathering. The agenda included a discussion about doing joint tours with the Miata Club and Lehigh Valley Region. The date was confirmed for the annual holiday observation at Ben and Angela Kenion’s haunted house on December 11. Revelers are encouraged to respond to the Kenions that they will attend and advise how many will be coming as well as what their food offering will be for the traditional covered dish contribution (the tab for attending.) No information of what the “spirits” might like or not like for that matter. Oh yes, the annual gift barter will be the highlight of the event with a suggested purchase cost of \$30 per person. Again, no information is available on the ghost’s preferences.

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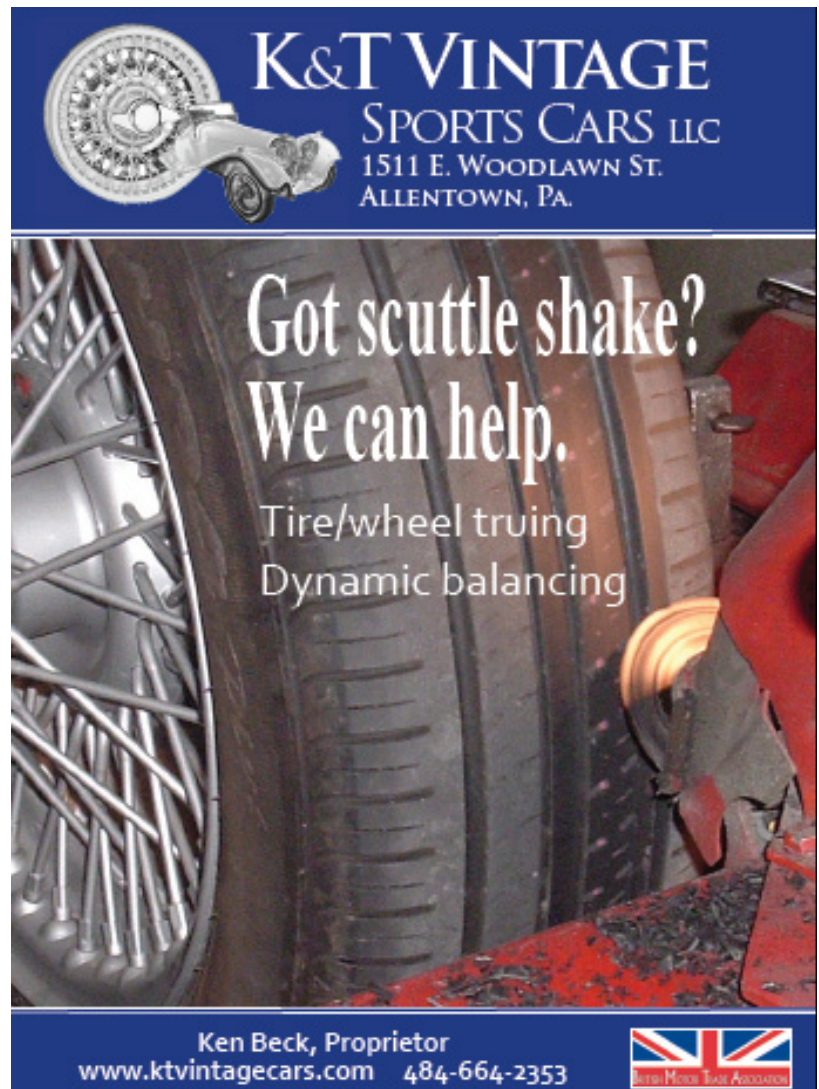
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North Jersey

by George Crombie

Several North Jersey members gathered at the Chester home of Larry and Diane Gersten on the evening of Monday, October 3rd, for an Encounter 2012 planning meeting. Those in attendance included our hosts, Larry & Diane Gersten, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, Ian & Sue Kessen, Richard Ippoliti, Andy & Martha Smith, Allen Rosenberg, and George Crombie. Most of the preliminary work was ironed out and a follow-up meeting was scheduled for Monday night, November 7th, to be again held at the Gerstens' in Chester, NJ. Larry and Diane also took this opportunity to volunteer to host the annual holiday party, which has been set for December 3rd.

The Fall Tour was held on Saturday, October 8th. It started at the home of Art & Joan Herkomer in Oakland, NJ, which is just off exit 58 from I-287. The tour was due to get underway precisely at 11:00 AM. Those that made the tour included Ralph & Vera Scarfogliero (MGA), Nick Van Ness & Art Herkomer (Bugeye), Jim & Corrine Vollmuth (100-6), Steve Feld (3000), and Jim Krous (Modified Big Healey). From all reports, they had a wonderful tour roaming the back roads of northern New Jersey, finishing up at the Chatterbox for lunch. Even the weather cooperated with a very pleasant weekend; just the type we all look forward to for approximately 48 out of the 52 weekends of the entire year. Denise and I had every intention of joining this merry band, but time constraints dictated that we had to cancel out at the last minute. Not to let a weekend like this get away, I was out in Little Red for every chance I got from Friday through Sunday. It just so happened that on one of my local runs north on route 202 through Branchburg, I was passed by a young lad (he looked to be in his early 20s, but who am I to judge?) driving a black BMW with the top down. Okay, so I let him pass. Any way, he was all twisted around in his efforts to get a good look at Red. He was sporting a big grin as he revved his BMW a couple of times before giving Red and me a friendly thumb's up. I'm sure it was a "thumb's up"; he was much too pleasant to do otherwise! And, besides, Red and I were behaving ourselves. The monthly meeting for October was held at the LaCucina Restaurant in Denville, NJ on the 18th of October at 7:00 PM. Downtown Denville had been hit hard by flood waters from both Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in a one-two punch a few weeks earlier. The town has made remark-



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Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

I am writing this having just returned from the ER of our local hospital where I had a piece of metal removed from my eye. All you do-it-yourselfers out there, always wear goggles or a shield when grinding. I promise to be good from now on.

Recently, Tony DiFrancesca wanted to road test his car after some ignition work so we took advantage of a nice fall day to drive our cars. We met Mary Ann Sekelsky and Tedd Krummeck at the St. James General Store. I had never been inside the store before but had driven by it many times. My intention was just to go inside for a look but soon I found myself indulging in a little impulse buying. After that we took a scenic route to Stony Brook for lunch.

Saturday, October 15, was the date of the return of the ENYMGA Club gymkhana at Floyd Bennett Field. The Long Island region made a respectable showing with 5 members attending with 4 cars. Bob Shaffsick and Bob Maichin in big Healeys, Mike Neumar in his Datsun 1600+400, and myself in my Fiesta drove in the event and Stu Smith kept up company. Bob Shaffsick showed off his new hardtop. It was a great day, albeit a little (or maybe a lot) windy (see photo). It's always an enjoyable event with historic airplanes and good food to follow the driving. It was especially gratifying to see ENYMGA club president, Jon Rubel, who had cancelled the event last spring due to illness.

The MGCLIC Fall Foliage Tour is scheduled for Oct. 30 but you will have to wait to read about it till January as, per usual, there will be no Flash in December.



Stony Brook P.O. with the flapping eagle wings (really!)



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Intrepid Healey drivers, Floyd Bennett Field

Upcoming Events

10/1	Autumn Leaf British Car Festival, Bethlehem, PA	www.bcclv.com
10/1	Annual BMCSNJ British Car Show, NJMP - Millville, NJ	www.bmcsnj.org
TBD	AHSTC Phila Region Fall Tour	www.austin-healey-stc.org
10/5 thru 10/8	AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet, Hershey, PA	www.aaca.org
TBD	Brits at the Village, Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA	www.phillymgclub.com
10/15	North American Cecil Kimber Run, Milford, PA	www.mgdriversclub.com
10/17	AHSTC Phila Region Mtg Mariano's	www.austin-healey-stc.org
10/29 thru 11/6	Hilton Head Concours, Hilton Head, SC	www.hhiconcours.com
11/4 thru 11/6	Heacock Classic SVRA Gold Cup Historic Races, VIR, Alton, VA	www.virclub.com
11/21	AHSTC Phila Region Mtg Mariano's	www.austin-healey-stc.org
TBD	AHSTC Philly Region Annual Christmas Party	www.austin-healey-stc.org
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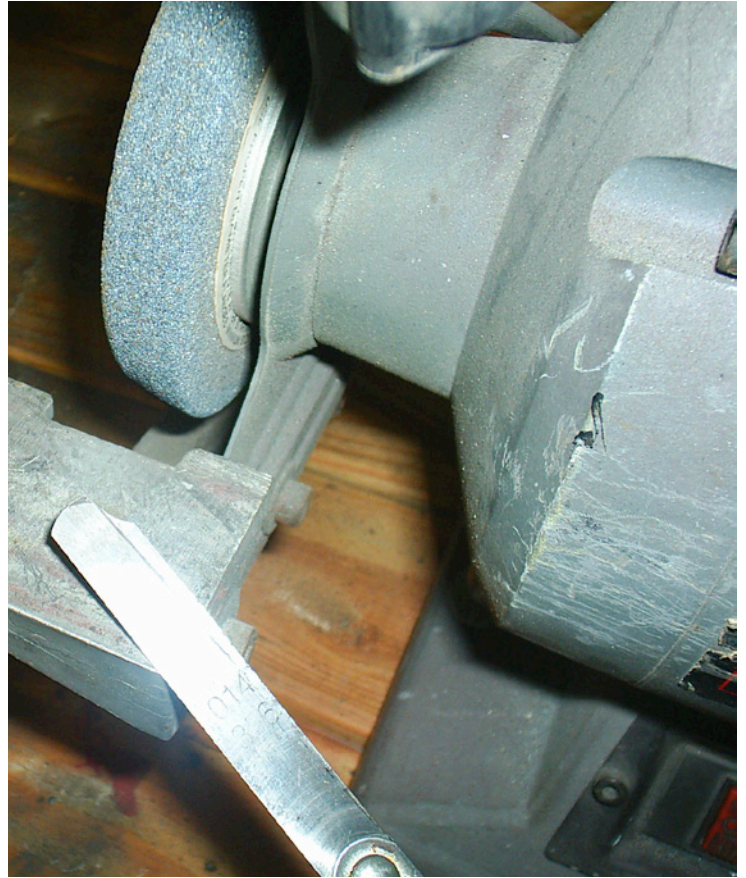
Tech Tips

by Shawn Miller

Can't fit your .014 feeler gauge into your points when installed in the distributor? If you have a bench grinder, just grind a small amount off the side of the gauge about 3/4" down and it will fit in there great (see pic).



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submitted by Steve Jekogian

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