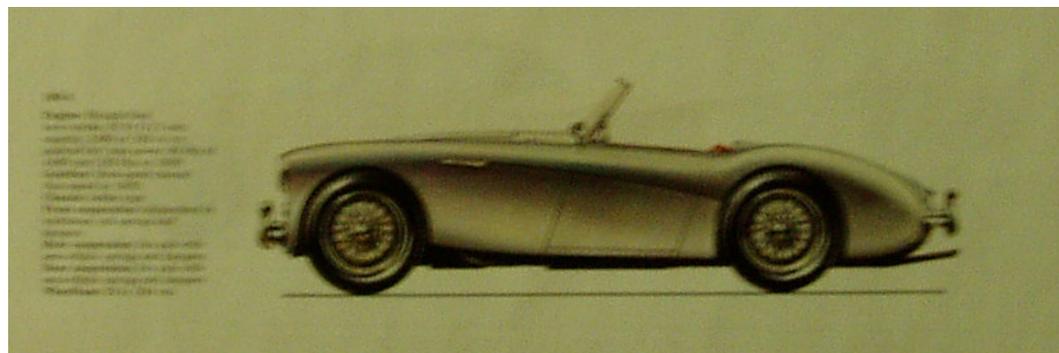


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Bottom: Harrisburg Awards Banquet; North Jersey Contribution*

What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian

Well the holidays are over and I hope you got all the Healey parts you asked for. I did not get the set of tires I wanted for the Bugeye. Oh well, perhaps the next big event.

But the Bugeye started at the first pull of the starter. Really good after sitting for 30 + years. Next need to put in a seat and drive it, and then some body work.

Check out the "Letter to the Editor" section about Healey selling scams.

Also, Shawn Miller sent in a great article on "how to" put common electrical devices in your Healey. A great Winter project for you to do.

Big price for an old historic Healey.

The Austin-Healey 100S at the center of the crash that sent Pierre Levegh and his Mercedes-Benz 300SLR flying into the crowd in the 1955 24 Hours of Le Mans sold for \$1,327,051, including buyer's premium, at the Bonhams December Sale, held Thursday at Mercedes-Benz World, Brooklands, U.K. According to Bonhams, that constitutes a new world record for Austin-Healeys.

Early in the 1955 Le Mans race, Mike Hawthorn, in a Jaguar D-type, braked hard to make the pit entrance. Lance Macklin, in the Austin-Healey 100S swerved to avoid striking Hawthorn's D-type, but did not see a hard-charging Levegh coming up behind him at a much greater speed. When Levegh struck Macklin's Healey, the tapered rear end became a ramp and Levegh's 300SLR flew through the air.

Levegh was killed when he was ejected and the car came crashing down, its flying debris and subsequent fire killing 83 spectators and injuring more than 100 others. Macklin's car came to a stop and he emerged unscathed while Hawthorn and teammate Ivor Bueb went on to win the race, which was not stopped by authorities, allegedly to keep fans from streaming out and blocking access to the track for emergency responders.

Motor racing changed forever after that day. Mercedes-Benz withdrew from top-level motor racing at the end of 1955 for more than three decades. Switzerland outlawed all motor racing, a ban that stands today. Other nations temporarily banned racing until safer, closed-course circuits could be built. Other manufacturers quit racing and most street racing was abandoned on both sides of the Atlantic.



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Membership

by Rick Brodeur

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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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If there is a particular need that you think the club can help you with, make some notes below (or include a note) and we'll try to get you in contact with someone who may be able to assist.

If you have questions about AHSTC, contact the Membership Coordinator, Rick Brodeur at 215-536-6912 or

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Harrisburg

by Don Hoffer

By the time you read this Christmas 2011 will be a pleasant memory and we'll be struggling to keep our New Year's resolutions for those who haven't broken them by now. I'm sorry, and I'm sure you'll agree, that our diligent author is under the weather. Don contracted a blood infection that really sent him scurrying back to GO and he did not get to collect \$200.00. Dot reported that he's home and progressing nicely with therapy and her tender loving care. She reported that he lost 15 lbs and is breathing much easier but still has about 20 more lbs to go. Can you imagine our Don Hopper losing 35 lbs? There are a lot of us who could well afford to lose 35 lbs. but you won't have put Don at the top of the list. It's all water retention from the infection, so Don stay off the water and uncap a few more of those beers. Hope you're feeling a lot better by the time you read this.

We finished our Healey year with two of our most popular events: The awards banquet and the progressive dinner. The banquet was held at the Stockyard Inn in Lancaster on November 12th and we feasted on a selection of steak, salmon or chicken. Almost 30 hopefuls showed up in hopes that St. Nickolas would bring them an early Christmas present. The winners were: the Olsens won the Big Healey Award; the Bennets received the Sprite Award; the Schneiders won the Sports and Touring Award; Don Nalley won the Single Wammy Award; Dave Rishell won the Dick Waltz award and Del Border and the Shawn Millers won an Atta Boy Award. Scott Brockman and Dave Hooper each won a Pumpkin Roll Award.

With a star lit night and the offering for good food and good fellowship almost 30 people descended on Cornwall and Annville for our Progressive Dinner. The Sherks and Coxs hosted an hor de urves and cocktail party at the Sherks; The Spears and Nalleys hosted dinner and dessert at the Spears. Members were quite generous in bringing covered dishes and corked bottles to both the cocktail party and the dinner. On behalf of the hosting couples, we thank all of you for coming and making the evening a success. A lot of planning and hard work went into making it such a memorable Healey event.

We'll resume our monthly meeting on Tuesday January 17th at the Wharf in Harrisburg. It's a big year as we begin planning for Encounter 2013 when it is Harrisburg Region's turn to host our annual event. We'll meet the third Tuesday of the month.



Brandywine

by Ernie Leser

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year 2012! It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. Last year was an especially eventful one for the Brandywine Region putting on "Healeys in Paradise" – Encounter 2011. Due to the hard work by the members of our region, as well as the much appreciated help from the entire AHSTC, it was a very enjoyable event.

Our regional elections were held November 22 at the Lone Star Steak House on Concord Pike. As happened last year, I was unable to attend due to a bad back. The year end push to clean up the yard before the winter is apparently too much of late. A select group consisting of Chuck and Gina Ott, Pete Roberts, Kris and Steve Garrett re-elected the same old crew. These positions are turning out to be lifetime appointments.

President: Chuck Ott

Events Coordinator: Kris Garrett

Treasurer: Pete Roberts

Membership: Clint Hatton

Sergeant - at - Arms: Sue Hatton

Newsletter and Club Taster: Ernie Leser

Chuck Ott gave a summary of the board meeting activities. The corporate treasury is in good shape. Encounter 2011 essentially broke even. The club website is in need of repair of recent problems. For the time being, we will submit articles for the Flash via E-mail.

The Brandywine Christmas Party took place on December 10 at the home of Tom and Diane Zalewski in North East, Maryland. Unfortunately the Lesers could not attend because of other obligations. Chuck Ott provided a report of the happenings which are summarized as follows. Diane went all out with a UK-themed food spread. All of the varied items were delicious. Tom provided a great selection of brew from across the pond. There was also the classic British road racing computer game which led to some spirited competition. After a yummy dessert, it was time for the "Ugly Gift Exchange". The order of picking the gifts was determined by those who could identify Christmas songs using just the first letter of each of the words in the first line of the song. This was quite challenging. In the end, those who had the best knowledge of the songs (Ann Ehret and Dee Caffrey) got the highest scores. This allowed them to pick last to get their choice of gifts. In addition to our wonderful hosts Tom and Diane, also making merry were: Nigel, Denise, Jonathan, Gabriella, Dylan and Haley Smart; Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Chuck, Sue, Randy and Gina Ott; Jim Martin; Steve and Kris Garrett; Dave, Ann, and Danielle Ehret.

Our annual Events Planning meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 7 pm at Matilda's in Newark, Delaware. This is the memberships chance to lay out the 2012 calendar with events that will appeal to all. Lets have a good turn out!

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Lehigh Valley

by Joel Keefer

Hope all the members of the Lehigh Valley Region, as well as all AHSTC members had a happy and safe Holiday season. Tom Mantz and Debbie Lentz hosted the region's Christmas party at their beautifully decorated home on the side of South Mountain on Dec. 3. It was fun meeting some of the beautiful birds Debbie cares for! Thanks, Tom and Debbie for a super evening and a great kickoff to the Holiday season! If you didn't make it you missed a terrific party!

Region elections were held at our November meeting. To no one's surprise, the 2011 slate of officers was re-elected, as in: Mike Bradley, President; Ken Beck, Vice-President; Bob Pritchett, Secretary; and Bob Snyder, Treasurer. Joel Keefer will serve another year as Flash Editor, and as Events Coordinator.

Congratulations to Phil Nase, who won the region's inaugural Participation Award, a paid 2012 AHSTC membership. This program will continue in 2012. To recap, members receive 25 points for each club event or activity they attend in their Austin-Healey; the member who earns the most points receives a paid AHSTC membership for the following year.

The Delaware Valley Classic MG Club is holding its "Cabin Fever All-British Vehicle Collectibles and Automobilia Show" at the PC Pub in Pennsburg on Sunday January 29. They are inviting all British car owners to "drive on up to Pennsburg and spend a nice Sunday afternoon on January 29th with your British car friends viewing, buying, selling and swapping automobilia and collectibles of your favorite British auto marques - AC - Allard - Aston Martin - Austin Healy - Bentley - Daimler - Jaguar - Hillman - Land Rover - MG - Mini - Morgan - Riley - Sunbeam - Triumph - Rolls Royce and many others. Besides the collectibles, the PC Pub has a great assortment of brews and a wonderful menu. Eat, drink, and talk cars... what could be better?" Sounds like a decent way to spend a January Sunday afternoon to me! Anybody up for a caravan (probably not in Healeys)? Watch for an e-Flash!

Here's the region's events calendar for 2012. The asterisked dates and events are those that will count for participation points. Other listings are for events that might be of interest to attend. The "Saturday or Sunday Morning Tours To Wherever" are informal gatherings for short road tours of maybe an hour or so, followed by lunch and/or a visit to a local attraction, just for the fun of getting together and driving our cars. As we become aware of additional events and activities, we'll add them to the calendar, so watch for updates here in The Flash and for e-Flashes from Mike.



Does this man look familiar???

Lehigh Valley Cont...

January

16: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
TBD: Ski Day @ Blue Mountain

February

TBD: Tech Session
20: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner

March

19: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
24: Saturday Morning Tour to Wherever
TBD: Early spring golf outing

April

15: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever
*16: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
*22: Spring Rallye

May

5: Britfest '12, Succasunna, NJ
12: Saturday Morning Tour to Wherever
*18-20: Tour to Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals
*21: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner

June

3: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever
*9: British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown
*18: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner (or ice cream run)

July

14: Brits on the Delaware, Kintnersville, PA
*15: LV Region Picnic & Monthly Meeting
*TBD: All British Car Show, South Abington Park, Clark's Summit, PA

August

3-5: Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA
*8-11: AHSTC Encounter, Somerset, NJ
*20: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
*TBD: Tour to Taste of Britain Polo Match and Car Show, Rothsville, PA

September

9: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever
*16: Tour to Buckingham Concours, Holicong, PA
*17: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
*30: Fall Rallye

October

*6: Autumn Leaf Auto Show, Moravian Academy
*15: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner
*TBD: LV Region Fall Wine Tour

November

TBD: Tech Session
*19: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner

December

8: LV Region Christmas Party
*17: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner

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Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

Long Island members Ed Buchbinder and Sam Allen have their cars featured in national club calendars. Ed's Bj8 is January 2013 in Club USA's 2012 calendar and Sam's 100-6 is August 2012 in Club of America's calendar.

A small group of LI members attended the Christmas Tour at the Sagtikos Manor in West Bay Shore. The oldest part of the manor house was constructed in 1697 and then added on to in the 18th century and early 20th century. George Washington even slept there. The Thompson and Gardiner families lived in the house until 1985 and Suffolk county purchased the property in 2002. The rooms on the first floor were decorated for the holidays with a different theme in each. Volunteers in colonial dress discussed Christmas in literature, the hidden meaning of the verses of The Twelve Days of Christmas, the origin of various Christmas traditions such as candy canes, the history of Christmas cards, a typical holiday menu, etc. Finally, there was a stop in the gift shop and then complimentary hot chocolate and cookies. Hopefully, next year they will provide tours again and we will be able to get a larger group of members to participate. There is also a possibility of getting a group together for a historical tour when the whole house of 42 rooms is open to view during the regular season of Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Included here are some photos of the October 15th gymkhana, taken by Bob Maichin, which did not make it into the November issue.

The post-holiday party is January 22nd at Orlando's II in St. James. If you plan on attending, please contact me.



Visitors greeted by "the original owner" of the Sagtikos Manor.



LI members at the gymkhana, minus Bob Shaffsick..



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Philadelphia Region

by John & Jennifer Payne

OK, the ghost never showed up. Not even a cold spot. But what a party! Ben Kenion and Angela Venti-Kenion raised the bar for parties about 10 feet. Around 40 people (it must be a record of some sort) braved the wilds of New Jersey to attend the annual holiday outing in Moorestown. The evening started off as a pseudo rally. That is because places in New Jersey don't exist. I swear there was a guy at the end of the Ben Franklin Bridge who looked like Rod Serling who said, "Welcome to The Twilight Zone". According to Mapquest this was an hour and two minute drive with easy directions. Two hours later we found Central Avenue. It was the last street available in town. New Jersey, in case you have never been there, lets you in for free but makes you pay to *get out!*

Was it worth it? Oh yeah! Everyone was there. Everyone was also recovering from the trip and we needed to catch up! No mean grog being served either. Seems Angela's brother has a mighty fine vineyard in Chester County and ample bottles of his finest were available. Then there was Americo and Adele. Eat your heart out Bobby Flay! Americo and Adele are Angela's parents. Americo likes to cook. Probably because he is very good at it. Americo also does stand up comedy Italian style. Sure gave "4 on the floor" a new perspective (you had to be there). Americo then proceeded to give a master class on cooking – the wife did make notes. Not only did we have the family serving but several of daughter Frankie's friends as wait staff. The hour was getting late and we had not started the gift stealing – I mean exchange. You know, you open an anonymous gift or you can take someone else's. Let's see. The new Healey book changed hands at least 20 times along with the Healey tach and speedometer clocks, a fly swatter clock (you think I'm kidding), a

Healey racing pix (Nigel in the lead) and a tool bag with the infamous sheep skin seat covers stuffed inside. Twenty-four "presents" in two hours.

Like I said, the bar got raised.

I think we had a meeting recently but no one can seem to remember (I asked at the party). No new toys and not much progress on those we got. I am replacing the sump on Jennifer's BJ8 and the Sprite is all snuggled away in the trailer for the winter. Starting to dig into the Datsun racer to see what I got.

The spouse wanted me to install a fuel cell to replace the gas tank so a used ATL cell has been purchased for \$100 and now awaits Friend Martin's fabricating expertise. Can't convince her the Datsuns are not Pintos (an age joke).

As this article will not see the light of day until after Russian Christmas, I hope everyone had a great holiday and 2012 will be one of many Healey drives in good spirits and good health.

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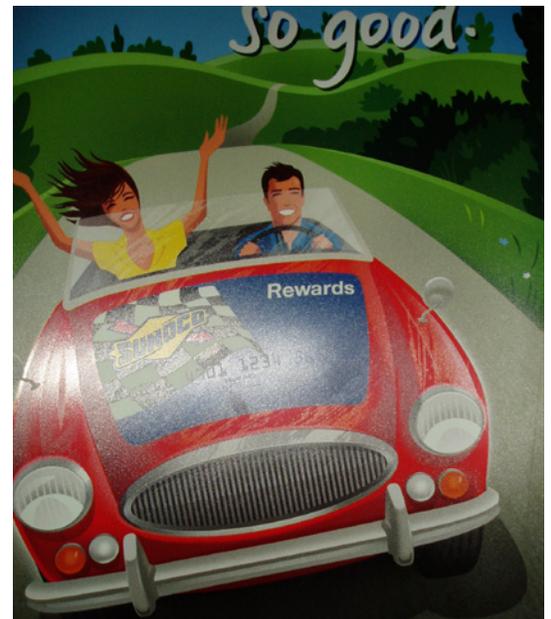
by George Crombie

Well, so much for my first New Year's resolution: Do not procrastinate. I sat down to write this article just a few days before Christmas, figuring that I had time to get it done before heading down to Florida for the holidays. Our travel plans were in a state of flux for a couple of weeks, due to the start date of Denise's new job. Just about this time, we developed problems with our computer. I figured it wouldn't be too much of a problem, that I could just borrow a computer at one of my in-law's places when we stopped to visit. As I spent way too much time driving, strolling on the beach, and visiting, that didn't work out too well. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

North Jersey's driving season ended with the Regional Holiday Party, which was held on December 3rd and hosted by Larry and Diane Gersten at their home in Chester, New Jersey. The festivities started around 7:00 PM with plenty of munchies and socializing, followed by dinner and socializing, which in turn was followed by dessert and more socializing. Have you noticed a theme of some sort here? It was about this time that some folks started setting up their strategies in preparation for the infamous gift exchange. Somewhere in the beginning of all this, we had a short club business meeting, where out-going El Presidente Richard Ippoliti turned over the Tools of the Office to incoming President Ian Kessen, accompanied by quite a bit of fanfare.

Attending this year-end shindig, and participating in the annual cut-throatiness (just love the visions that word conjures up, don't you?) were Jay & Dawn Bauman; Bob Pense; Richard & Barbara Ippoliti; Steve & Ann Feld; Ian & Sue Kessen; Frank & Loretta Diparan; Allen & Ginny Rosenberg; Steve & Lynn Jekogian; Jim & Corrine Vollmuth; Mike & Pat Busche; Art & Joan Herkomer; Dennis & Elaine Meehan; George, Denise, & Sarah Crombie; and, of course, our hosts, Larry, Diane & Andrea Gersten.

As is typical at these annual events, some highly sought after prizes were stolen and re-stolen several times, requiring the judges to enforce the rules on the number of steals allowed per turn. As usual, it appears that the most coveted "gifts" were Healey-related. Some of the more popular items included a framed print of a big Healey (I know Steve Jekogian was one of the many who possessed this for a very short period of time); a set of three spec-sheets covering the Healey, the MG, and the Triumph (Denise Crombie took this gem home with yours truly in mind); an I.O.U. for a signed copy of the Sunoco poster showing the back end of a big Healey that was such a hit at Encounter this past year; Steve J. did manage to take home a set of prints of various Healeys; and the most recent Sunoco poster, depicting the front of a red Austin-Healey BJ8, so recent this poster can still be found gracing many of your local Sunoco stations (Elaine Meehan selected this "trashy" item and even



North Jersey Cont...

managed to take it home at the end of the evening, following many changing of hands). Rumor has it that another one of these posters may be available at Encounter 2012 in Somerset, NJ. Before long, it was noted that the bewitching hour was near, and the cleanup was begun. All too soon, the festivities had to come to an end as folks took their leave and headed out into the night, homeward bound.

The next event on tap for this merry band is the January 2012 monthly club meeting that will be held on January 17th at 7:00 PM at LaCucina in Denville. This will be an important meeting, as we will attempt to put together some sort of calendar of events for the 2012 driving season. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and enthusiasm and come join us. Come on out help us welcome Ian Kessen into his tenure as Regional Club President. Another rumor has it that there will be an interesting item or two up for a raffle drawing during this meeting. What could it (they) possibly be?



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Encounter 2012...the 35th

By Allen Rosenberg and Steve Jekogian



Winter is here and it is Mid January so we are pretty sure you are thinking of something warm, summer vacation and, of course, think of getting together with Healey friends. Healey driving weather will be here soon. What am I driving at? Thoughts of everyone's favorite weekend of the year...Encounter weekend...something I know you have been thinking about since last August!

This year's Encounter weekend is the 35th such AHSTC Healey event, and the 60th ...that's amazing! New Jersey is the responsible group this year with the assistance of Long Island, so we are here to grovel and so passionate is our plea, that we anticipate you all sending in your registration forms by the time you read this. You know you are going...you always do, so why wait. The location for ENCOUNTER 35, is the magnificent The Plaza at Somerset nestled in the scenic hills of Bridgewater, New Jersey. It is situated in close proximity to some beautiful areas and roads. The Crown Plaza is conveniently located off route I-287 and about 15 minutes south of I-78.

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Holiday Pomes

by Tom Mulligan

*'Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the street,
Sat my poor little Healey, all covered with sleet.
The starter was frozen, the battery dead,
And clusters of icicles hung from the head.
Carol with the cables, and I with the crank,
Were trying to start it, but drawing a blank.
The best we could raise was a weak little clatter,
When what did our wandering eyeballs perceive,
But a fat little man you just wouldn't believe.
His cap was made up from a bundle of wire,
The tails of his coat were a crackling fire;
His eyes were like light bulbs (and one didn't work);
The man was a real electrical jerk!
He opened the bonnet and started to poke,
Thus causing a short and a puff of blue smoke.
He crackled and sizzled, then giving a zap,
He fractured the damn distributor cap.*

*He walked to the back end and giving a thump,
He jammed up the points on my Lucas fuel pump.
And laying a finger aside of his nose,
He sizzled away while the two of us froze.
He sprang to his car, in a movement so smart,
We almost expected the damn thing to start.
The starter turned over, the engine roared out,
And over the clatter we heard Lucas shout;
"Out MG, Out SPRIDGET, Out HEALEY, and
SPRITE, Out LUCAS IGNITION this cold winter's
night!"
And we heard him exclaim as skyward he roared,
"So long, crazy YANKEES! I'm powered by Ford!"
'Twas The Night Before a Healey Christmas
'Twas the night before Christmas, and I was certain
not a Healey was stirring, even with side curtains.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
in hopes that new parts soon would be there.
The Healeys are nestled all snug in the shed,
While owner's dream of summer days ahead.
some up on blocks, some in car covers,
some donating parts for the benefit of others.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew in a flash,
tore open the shutter, and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
was hidden by the dust from the objects below,
when, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
but eight tiny Sprites and a 3000 this year!
With the driver enveloped in smoke so thick
I could barely tell it was old Saint Nick.
Chugging and popping, his coursers they came,
and he whistled and shouted and called them by
name:
On Bugeyes, On Sprites, that I keep fixin,
or next year its back to Comet and Vixen!
Hmm, Healeys or Reindeer, he thought while stop-*



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ping,
 they both have merits, and they both have droppings.
 As quick as a Healey's water will boil,
 As fast the crankcase will drain of oil,
 Up to the housetops the little Sprites flew,
 the 3000 shedding parts, as they all will do.
 And then in a twinkle, I heard on the spire
 the squealing and slipping of each little tire.
 I knew as I heard their Yuletide jingles,
 I was going to have some well oiled shingles!
 He was dressed all in fur, from toe to ear,
 a bad choice in a Healey, even this time of year!
 Sweating profusely, he jumped from his ride
 and down the chimney with gifts at his side.
 His eyes how they twinkled, still teary from smoke.
 His face regained color, as he thought with a joke,
 the Healeys are fun but look at my clothes,
 what once was red, is now black rose!
 And where is my trademark round little belly

that shook when I laughed like a bowl full of jelly?
 Always there proudly as I made the rounds,
 One night in a Healey and I've lost forty pounds!
 Less chubby and plump, but still a jolly old elf
 I laughed when I saw him; I drive a Healey myself.
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
 soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
 He spoke not a word, but Healey parts he did toss
 from Welch, Cape, Hemphill, and Moss.
 All the stockings were filled and he turned to reflect,
 I sure hope I got those part numbers correct!
 Up the chimney he rose, ready to depart,
 he said the Healey prayer: "Lord please let them
 start".
 I was amazed when they started on the first try,
 and like the down of a thistle away they did fly.
 But I heard him exclaim 'ere he drove out of sight,
 "Healey Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

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Tech Article

by The Millers

Even want to charge your cell phone or use your GPS in your positive ground Austin Healey? Well you can. Walmart sells a 3M Automotive twin power cord for around \$7.00 that can be modified to work. The reason this power cord is so nice for this application is that it NEEDS to remain isolated from any metal (grounding surface) on the rest of the car. This particular power cord is covered in plastic and has a nice rubber end cap. Additionally it has two outlets, so you can make aux outlets for two cars. The other thing to keep in mind is that the cell phone or GPS MUST remain isolated from any grounding sources (metal) on the car. If a metal part of the GPS or cell phone (usually just the charging USB port, or any outlet on some GPS units- most other parts are plastic) touches any metal on the car, you WILL fry it! It would be suggested to charge the cell phone on the passenger seat or on a well covered parcel shelf and use the GPS on a well secured suction windscreen mount.

After cutting the two aux power outlets off the twin power cord identify the marked wire by the raised ribbed markings- this is the wire that goes to the center of the aux power outlet. Solder a grounding connector to this wire end. On the other wire solder a bullet connector. It is important that the grounding wire is the wire that goes to the center of the outlet- if not you could fry your device. It would be advisable to test your cell phone charger (as most have a indicator light on them) first to see if it works, if it blows the light, then it isn't wired correctly.

Next find the ignition controlled heater blower fan connection/ power source under the dash and near the heater controls. Remove the Lucas single connector and install a four way Lucas connector. Plug the new aux power outlet bullet connector into the Lucas four way connection. Attach the grounding wire onto the back of the fuel gauge mounting bracket or some other grounding source.

Lastly use a zip tie to attach the aux power outlet wires to the heater control panel cable allowing it to dangle over the parcel shelf.

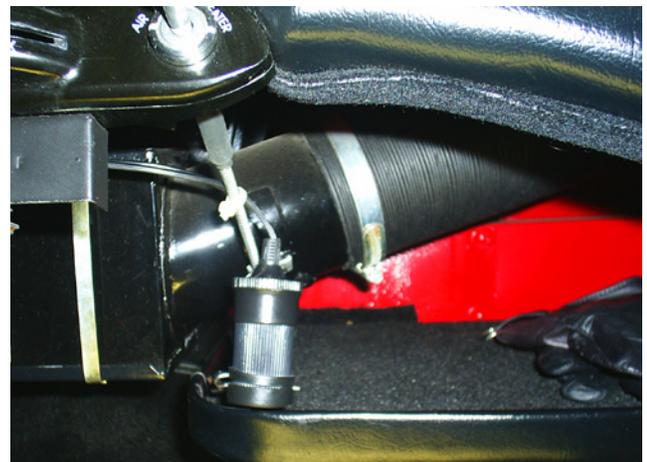
Again be very careful that the device does not ground out on any metal part of the car. It may also be advisable to add an inline fuse on the power source wire.

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Happy Holidays

To All Our Car Buddies from Ginny & Allen

*'Twas the night before Christmas and in the garage,
There wasn't a trace of a Ford or a Dodge.
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,
So I figured I'd mess with the Healey for a bit.*

*I popped the release and I lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty
good."
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!*

*We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my
sleigh?"*

*I said "no way, Santa" and started to grin,
"But if you've got the time we could go for a spin!"*

*His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,
Turned into a smile and he said "hey! Let's go!!"
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,
We pushed the triumph quietly into the street,*

*Then, taking our places to drift down the hill,
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took him by surprise,
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.*

*With Goodyears a' cryin' and sidepipes aglow,
We headed on out where the hot rodders go.
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up as I went through the gears.*

*Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and said "you wanna drive?"
Ol Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the
knees!*

*Then the engine exploded with asa exhaust sound!
Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!
Power shift into second, again into third!
I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,*

*Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, it's a hell of a night!!!"*



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Buyer be Aware

submitted by Richard Ippoliti

Buyer be Aware – When a deal sounds too good to be true. A few weeks ago, I received a phone call from a prospective Healey owner who obtained my phone number from the AHSTC web site. After introducing himself as Dallas Johnson from the Midwest, he explained that he was interested in purchasing a Healey advertised on eBay which was located in Beverly, New Jersey. Dallas explained to me that he contacted the seller and asked to be notified if the deal did not go through. It was not long before the seller contacted Dallas saying the winning bidder was not able to come up with the purchase price and the car was still available. Dallas requested additional pictures of the car from various positions which were sent (see attached pics).

The seller made the potential sale very attractive by saying that he, based upon his occupation as a commercial pilot, could arrange for free shipping.

The pictures of the car were beautiful, and with an asking price in the low 30's it looked like a bargain one could not pass up. The deal seemed so legitimate with the seller providing his home address and phone number.

Since Dallas was in the mid-west his purpose in calling me was to see if someone from AHSTC who lived in the area could take a moment and see just what this car looked like so he would not have to incur the price of an airline ticket to inspect the car. Having the seller's address I checked my membership contact



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list and found a member in the vicinity of the seller. I contacted John Heffron who agreed to see what this car was like and let Dallas know.

Before John was able to arrange a visit, Dallas was in contact with Pete Cosmides who operated Motor Car Garage located close to the car for sale. Pete recognized the car as one previously advertised by the Sports Car Shop in Eugene Oregon and gave Dallas a heads up!!!!Who knows whether there was a car for sale or not.

The scam here was the \$500 deposit the seller kept requesting. Once the money was in his hands the potential buyer, living miles away would be hard pressed to get his money back. Which he is still interested in acquiring.

Dallas did the right thing asking other Healy owners to support him in his pursuit of a Healey.

Richard Ippoliti

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