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Main Cover Photo: Two big Healeys driven to the June meeting from Harrisburg region. Scott & Jack from Long Island; Big Healeys from Harrisburg Region

What's In The Flash

by Steve Jekogian



Encounter, Encounter, Encounter is what the July Flash is all about.

The new schedule is in this issue so read up and send in your registration, call the hotel (732) 560-0500, ask for “in-house reservations”, then mention “Austin-Healey” to receive our special rate of \$92 per room per night.

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Please remember that the Charity is a very big event for AHSTC and past Encounters have donated thousands of dollars to charities to help out folks less fortunate than us. Healey owners are very talented and have wide interests, and hobbies. So PLEASE consider donating something Healey or non-Healey that you make, build, paint, sculpt, sew, knit, etc.

As always new parts you can not use are fine also.

Member News

George Crombie doing good at Conclave



George Crombie (AHSTC North Jersey member/newsletter editor) donating his part of the winning 50/50 at Conclave for cancer research. Way to go George!



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North Jersey

by George Crombie

I don't know about y'all (I still remember some of my Texan), but I've been so busy the past few weeks that I really can't remember where I left off, and going back over the past couple of Flashes only serves to remind me just how far behind I have become. I will try to recap the happenings of the last month from my incomplete jumble of notes.

The first set of notes I have concerns the Encounter 2012 ("Sixty in Somerset") meeting the North Jersey Region held at the event's host hotel (Hotel Somerset, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873), on May 30th. The Encounter Committee, consisting of Ian & Sue Kessen, Frank Dapiran, Steve & Ann Feld, Richard Ippolitti, Andy & Martha Smith, Bob Pense, Larry Gersten, Steve Jekogian, Allen Rosenberg, George Crombie, and Paul Parfry (from the LI Region), gathered to test out the hospitality of the hotel, and check out the amenities. This place used to be The Crowne Plaza at Somerset, but changed its name within weeks after we had settled on it as our host location. All of the committee chairs reported that things are well in hand, and scheduled another meeting for June 19th; same place and same time. I'm sure there will be another meeting, in early to late July (Egads! Where has this year gone?) to put the final touches on the preparations for this annual event before it actually happens. Stay tuned to your e-Flashes for all the latest.

Next on the calendar of events was the Bonnie Brae Highland Games and British Car Show on Saturday, June 2nd. There were 18 British cars overlooking the competition fields. There were the usual assortment of



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Triumphs, MGs, Jaguars, and whatnot. There were also two and a half Healeys (Little Red counted as the “half”, as she didn’t quite make it to the field). North Jersey members that I saw there included: Jim Vollmuth (TR3), Ian & Sue Kessen (BT7), John Moore (MGCGT), Allen & Ginny Rosenberg (MGA), and Bill & Meg Kaltnecker (BJ8). Several members also ventured out to The Red Mill British Car Show in Clinton the next day.



True to form, the faithful gathered once again for an Encounter meeting on Tuesday night, June 19th. A couple of folks were noticeably absent (Yours Truly played hooky; however, I do have a good excuse: I was meeting up with Nick Ferrant at the Conclave in Louisville, Kentucky). There was a good group of members from the various AHSTC Regions attending this Conclave, although Nick and Alice were the only other members from North Jersey that I can recall seeing there. Nick placed 1st in Mark I Sprites (AKA “Bugeye”) in the Gymkhana. The popularity show was held down on the river front, along with the Pinewood Derby Races and the RC Races. Sarah Crombie entered an etched glass lamp and glasses set (etched with the Healey wings and the profile of a 100), in Adult Arts and Crafts, and took 3rd place. You’ve really got to see these items to appreciate them. I’m not just saying that because I’m her father, but they really do look nice. You may get another chance to see them at Encounter in August. I’m sorry; was that yet another plug for Encounter 2012: Sixty in Somerset?? George Crombie snagged 2nd place in the Adult RC Races.



Brits on the Beach will be held in Ocean Grove, NJ on Saturday, September 15th. This is a very popular event, attracting quite a crowd every year. For more info on this event, check out www.PEDC.org, the web site for Positive Earth Drivers’ Club; or contact Ian Kessen at © 908-310-5252 or at home at 908-755-2574. August is pretty well taken up with Sixty in Somerset, the annual Encounter weekend. There it is again! Yet another unsolicited plug for Encounter 2012 (in August...).

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The second Saturday in September brings about FallFest, the former Moss Motors British Car Show that used to be held in Dover, NJ. For the past few years (except for last year when Hurricane Irene flooded out the park), this show has been moved to Duke Island Park, in southern Somerset County, NJ. This year this show falls on Saturday, September 8th. There is also a large, multi-marque show in Warren, NJ on the fol-

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lowing day, the 9th of September. Contact Allen Rosenberg at 732-755-3794, or bigalnj@aol.com for more information about either one of these two events.

Saturday morning, June 2nd, dawned bright, with more than just a hint of becoming warm, and with it, a drop or two of rain. My wife and I had just headed out to run our weekly errands when, at about a quarter past ten, I got a call from Allen Rosenberg. He was up at the Highland Games and British Car Show at Bonnie Brae, New Jersey, wondering where the heck I was. I had totally forgotten that the Bonnie Brae Show (as I call it) was that day, and I had told Allen that I was definitely planning to go to it. After a quick consultation with my wife, we made a change in plans. Denise would run the errands by herself (she's a big girl; she can handle the banking and shopping all by herself!) while I fired up Little Red and headed out to do battle with the Scots. As I was running about two hours behind at this point, I opted not to don my kilt and accessories. It takes close to a half hour to climb into this attire, you know. This proved to be rather fortuitous, as you will see shortly.

To save time, this year I decided to head up to Bonnie Brae on I-287 to I-78, and out to the show field. Red stepped right out, and when we got up to speed, she was really purring nicely. That should have been my first tip-off that trouble was a-brewing. As I took the ramp leading onto I-78 East, Red coughed and then sputtered. She acted like she was skipping a beat, rapidly losing power. Moments later, we coasted to a stop on the shoulder of the highway. Oil pressure was still somewhere in the "normal" range, but

power was way down. I shut her off and climbed out. Just then the NJDOT highway rescue truck pulled in behind us. After taking a good, long look at Red, the guy with the rescue service asked me, "What the heck is that thing?" I responded that she was a very temperamental (emphasis on the "mental" portion of the description), petite, British redhead, circa 1969. During the initial triage, I noticed that there was fuel visible in the fuel filter; the coil was not shooting sparks; all the spark plugs were connected and none appeared to be sparking out. There was plenty of oil (but not too much) in the crank case.

"Any ideas on what could be wrong," The Rescue Man asked me. "My first guess was that the coil was faulty," I replied, "but now I'm not so sure." "What's with all these loose wires," he asked me. "Could

North Jersey Cont...

they have anything to do with it?” “No, I don’t think so; they’ve been hanging like that for years; most of them don’t do anything.” I climbed back in and fired her up. She sounded good, and revved like normal, so I dropped the bonnet and told Mr. Rescue where I was heading. He said good luck and he’d keep his eyes open for me, and stop again if needed. I thanked him and headed off. I was rather grateful that I wasn’t wearing my kilt; I may have made a splash on YouTube.

By the time I got to Bonnie Brae, Red was fighting me for every yard we made. She finally stalled out at the entrance as I got on the phone and called Allen to help get me in. She fired a couple of times and then just continued to tick. “I think you’re out of gas,” says Allen. “No way,” says I. “You’re out of gas,” he says again. “Damn; I think I’m out of gas,” I agreed. We pushed her out of the way, knee deep into the weeds at the side of the trail, and left her there. John Moore was at the show with his MGC-GT. He lives not too far from Bonnie Brae. He offered up a can of gas; I accepted. John called his wife, Helen, and asked her to grab the gas can on her way out to the show field. After meeting up with her at the entrance gate, we walked the gas the little bit over to Red, where I proceeded to give her a heavy drink (almost draining the can!). As John walked the gas can back to the gate, I fired Red back up. In less than a moment, she was sputtering again. She made it to the end of the lane, and when I tried to turn around, she quit again. She absolutely refused to start. It was definitely not lack of gas at this point. I called my wife, who was still running errands, and asked her to grab my tow-bar and bring my Toyota Highlander (I made sure to point out to that stubborn little British hussy how embarrassing it was going to be for her to be towed home by a reliable Japanese vehicle...).

When my wife arrived about a half hour later, I hooked Red up to the tow-bar, gathered my toys (chair and cooler), said my good-byes, and headed home. In the short drive home, about fifteen miles or so, I ended





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up bending the steel bar I was using for a front bumper. No serious damage was done, but it demonstrated to me that there was no way that I would be comfortable using that set-up for my drive out to Conclave in Louisville in just a few short weeks from then. It would have been quite the spectacle if I was wearing my kilt, and a bit drafty on the side of the highway!

Red's actions on that short trip meant that she was destined to stay home from Conclave. She missed a very good trip, and an even better meet. In the next couple of weeks, I hope to have her running again, and somewhat reliable, in order to take her down to Encounter. If she doesn't make it, it'll be her loss, not mine. I'm going regardless, and I plan to have a good time, with or without her.

Conclave in Louisville was an outstanding success. There were about 275 registrations, with approximately 230 Austin-Healeys (I'm sure this is counting a few that, at the last minute, didn't make it), and over 500 enthusiasts attending. Ben Moore, as the president of the Future 50 Network, and also Chairman of this year's Conclave, did a truly fantastic job with this event. One of the highlights of the entire Conclave was the presence of John Nikas and Grace, who made this a priority stop for their Drive Away Cancer campaign. Stay tuned for more about this pair and their campaign in the coming month or two.



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Brandywine

by Ernie Leser

Not much to report – June was a quiet month for Brandywine. We had no specific event scheduled. However, there were a number of car related events sponsored by the various clubs in the area. Jim Martin reports that he attended 3 car shows and one rally – picnic in June. His car placed third in the Cars of England show at the Oakbourne Mansion in Westtown, Pa. On the 9th he went on a rally, followed by a picnic, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Brandywine Motorsport Club. Other events that Jim took part in were the British Motorcar Gathering in Hellertown, Pa. on June 10th, and the University & Whist Club Car Show in Wilmington, De. Jim mentioned that the car shows inspired him to work more on his own car. He also pointed out that the rally demonstrated how poor he is at following directions. Joan and I took advantage of the fantastic cool, dry weather we had on the 16th and did a spur of the moment tour of our own in the BJ8 of the Maryland – Pennsylvania countryside. Actually, we left the road maps and GPS at home and got a bit lost. All was well after about a 2 hour ride when we arrived at one of our favorite ice cream shops in New London, Pa.

The next Brandywine Region event is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th. This is to be a driving tour to a brewery, winery, or restaurant in the area. Plans are still being developed. Check with Chuck Ott's upcoming E-Flash for details as the date gets closer.

Upcoming Events:

- August 9-11. ENCOUNTER 2012.
- Sept., Sat. 8th. Crab Crawl and Feast. The Philip's place, St. Michaels, Md.
- Sept. Sat., 15th. British Car Club of Delaware show, Delaware City, De.
- Sept., Sunday 16th. Hagley Car Show, Greenville, De.

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Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

The 8th Annual Stony Brook Community Church Vintage European Sports Car and Motorcycle Display was held on Saturday, June 23rd. For those who have never attended, the cars are arranged on the lawn around the house that contains meeting rooms and offices for the church. There is food, music, a relaxed, pleasant atmosphere, and plenty of shade (unusual for a car show). This was the first time I attended and I'm looking forward to next year. Steve Tjepkema, Scott Greenfield, Jack Greenfield, Frank Filangeri and myself represented the LI region. The most interesting cars, as far as I was concerned, were not European but American: a 1913 White speedster with a big T head engine and little else, and a 1923 Stutz racing car (see photo of Stutz and Jaguar). I missed the Antique Automobile Club of America show at Old Westbury Gardens at the beginning of June, but Ed Buchbinder and Ira Udasin were in attendance. I will try to be there next year!



Steve T. and 100-6



Stutz and Jaguar



Driving home

Long Island Cont...



Frank and TD (minus BJS license plate)

By the time you read this , the Beach Run/Sunset Cruise will have come and gone but Encounter, August 9-11, the Scottish Games, August 25th, and the Vanderbilt Concours sponsored by the MG Car Club LI Centre and Jaguar Drivers Club, Sept. 16th,, will be on the horizon.



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Harrisburg

by Don Hoffer

As sterling reputation for communication excellence is a lofty goal we aspire to with great fervor. As you can easily discern, in practice, achieving it is sometimes a bridge too far. What follows is a compendium of recent events that somehow missed being mentioned in the ledger of our Regional adventures.

We had our regular monthly meeting at the Wharf in Rutherford, Tuesday evening May 15th with 14 in attendance. Food and drink orders were taken and we got the meeting going at or about 7PM. Priscilla held another fun filled 50/50 with the following reaping the rewards, Sandy Rishell, Barb Spear and Jack Sanders.

The Carlisle Inport and Kit Car Nationals were held May 17th to 20th. On Saturday th attendance was great at our camp and the lunch was well received. We had 18 Healeys their drivers and navigators present in addition to others who did not drive a Healey. We had a nice contingency of members from North Jersey, our esteemed president, Ray Donovan and Chuck Ott, president of Delaware Region. President Spear and Dave Rishell manned the grills cooking the burgers and hot dogs. There were everything imaginable set out for the attendees and everyone got a full feed. There were a lot of interesting people who had traveled from far and wide to attend. I think



Don Schneider makes a point to Craig Charters



The next project



June Meeting, a good turnout.

Harrisburg Cont...



At the meeting place

this was the first year we were supplied with a model for picture taking. There was a classy lassie dressed in an English flag across from our tent stamping passports for the United Kingdom.

(So how come nobody signed me up?)

On May 31st, Don and Flora Schneider hosted a tech session at their home. Don went over the trials and tribulations of restoring a tri-carb Healey to Concours specs. Ken Beck has done the body and engine work and Don is installing the wiring harness, gas lines, etc. before it's back to Ken's Shop to have the engine put in. It is going to be another outstanding Healey when it's finished. The unanswered question is: To restore or to buy. We finished with a pizza party on their patio.

On June 3rd, we had our Spring Tour orchestrated and directed by Donna and Fred Sherk. We left the Palmyra Wal-mart parking around 11 o'clock after pit stops were done and traveled to Keith Miller's in Hershey to view his car collection. Charlie Baldwin suggested the trip to Miller's and everyone agreed it was a winner. Keith has a collection of some 25 antique cars in pristine condition. He specializes in collecting cars in original condition with low mileage. If Keith hadn't told us these cars were



Chrysler Town & Country convertible



The Mopar Wing

Harrisburg Cont...

original you had to really look hard to tell they weren't just driven off the show room floor. He had two cars previously owned by Milton Hershey. He has a pair of identical '54 or '55 Dodges; one was a hard top and one was a convertible; a woody and many more. If you ever have the chance to visit don't pass up on the opportunity. You won't be disappointed. We finished the tour with a scenic drive to Memorial Lake State Park on the grounds of the Indiantown Gap military installation. We supped under spreading oaks to a slight drizzle, which ended before anyone got seriously wet or had to put up the top to drive home. Fred and Donna sure do a fine job on tours. Those who went obviously had a great time.

The regular meeting for June 2012 was held at the 'Soda Jerk', in Hymmelstown PA on the back deck overlooking the parking lot and the fields beyond. We drew 19 members on this hot summer night. Every June Mother Nature runs a good heat wave thru South Central PA, almost without fail, to let everyone know summer is here! Steve Light showed up with his wife and daughter so due to his long absence, the meeting started with intros. all around . For myself, long on the DL, looking around the table made me appreciate how relaxing being with old cronies (some of whom I've known for more than 30



Little Healeys



Big Healeys



Keith Miller greets the group

years) really is. Sure nice to be part of these gatherings again.

Seems this year's Encounter in Jersey go a visit by Joe Spear and Del Border. For whatever this is worth, Joe says it's 2 hrs. from Indiantown Gap - come on Joe I don't live at the Gap yet!

Other subjects were covered including"

- Membership overall is down-big surprise there
- ANCA merger idea resurrected
- Fred and Sonya Bennet will host our Reg. picnic again. There's a bit of good news July 28, 2012. Arrive at 12 noon and eat at 1PM. Bennets providing the meat and we are to provide covered dishes.
- No meeting in July
- 50/50 winners=Sonya, Joe and Joe and Mary Ann
- See you at the July picnic.



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Encounter 2012...the 35th

By Allen Rosenberg and Steve Jekogian



One of the great things about Encounter is seeing old friends and catching up. So to help with that on Thursday night we have set up a drive to a local restaurant with a big parking lot reserved for the Healeys. Details will be in your registration package and caravans will be set up from the hotel.

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THURSDAY AUGUST 9

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THURSDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:

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ACTIVITIES

- Gymkhana starts at 9:00
- And last year it was won by North Jersey region! Care to try to take the trophy back to your region?
- Hot wheels race 2:00-3:00 Bring you hot wheels to race
- Funkhana starts at 2:00
- Free Encounter framed 5X7 picture of your car taken by Mark Goodman 4:00
- BBQ dinner starts at 5:30 -7:00
- Charity auction and trophies awards 8:00-10:00

SATURDAY EVENTS

- Popular car show 11-3
- Kiddy Khana 10:15-11:15
- The hotly contested Valve Cover race 12:30-2:00 (moved earlier at the request of many moms and Grand moms) I think Dad's and grand Dad's too, as they did not want to the kids to see them cry.
- Panoramic photo (you know the big long one with 100 cars in it)
- Awards dinner

We will also have the traditional events such as arts & crafts, photo competition, assorted tech sessions, Chinese auction/tricky tray, regalia sales, flea market and Hospitality room friendships.

Lots of activities for Encounter planning, and Some new thing will be added to the event, like:

- Morning Walk 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Thurs, Fri, Sat Bring you walking shoes
- Yoga Friday --Bring your Mat
- Ladies Tea – Saturday -with Marion Coker Tea Tasting British Tea
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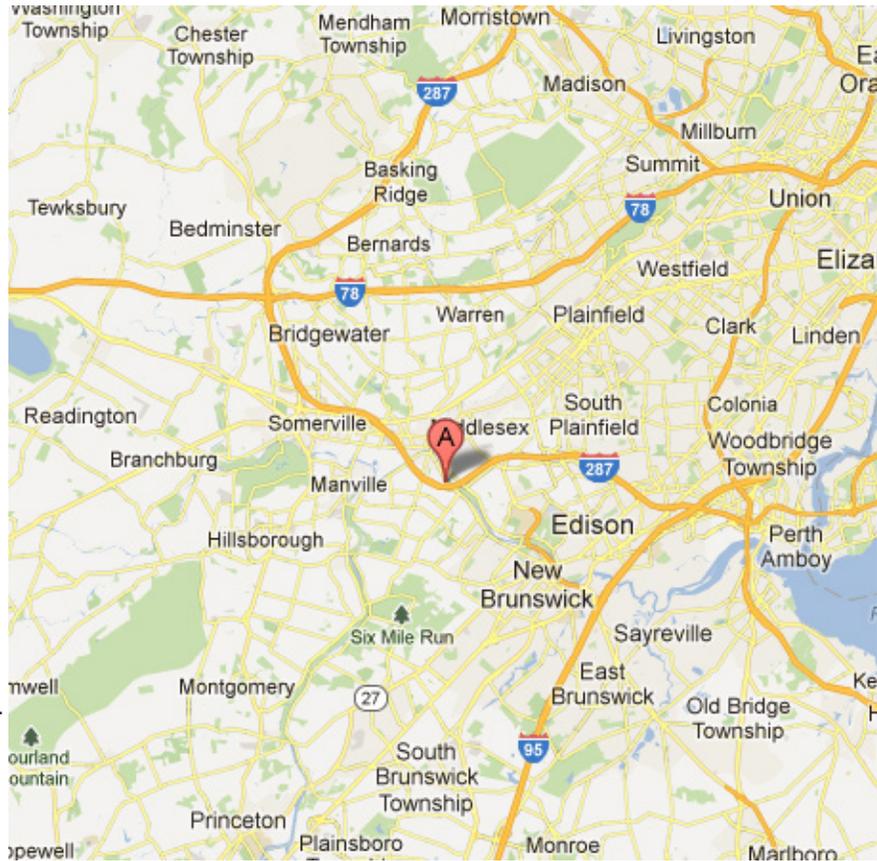
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Send me you ideas and I'll publish in the Flash so others can think about a new way.

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- Rt 80 to 206 south

From the South

- RT 295
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From North

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August 9, 10 and 11, 2012 - Somerset, NJ

(<http://austin-healey-stc.org>)

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 Region/Club Affiliation _____ E-Mail Address _____

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1. Model _____ Year _____ 2. Model _____ Year _____ 3. Model _____ Year _____

Registration Instructions

- Complete registration form
- Make check payable to:
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Arrival Date: 8/9 8/10 8/11

Will you need flea market space? Yes / No

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Registration Fees

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\$55.00 if postmarked by June 1, 2012 _____

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Join AHSTC for 1 year @ \$30.00 _____

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Choose entrée(s):

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Total Remittance (US) _____

Encounter Gymkhana & Teamkhana Rules

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GYMKHANA RULES

We will have the following car classifications:

- Stock Sprite
- Modified Sprite
- Stock Big Healey
- Modified Big Healey
- Other Healey – (Not eligible for FTD or Teamkhana awards)
 - Any model Healey that is not licensed and able to be legally driven on the street
 - Any model Healey with a non-Healey engine

The modifications that will bump a car from stock to modified are:

- Non-Healey transmissions
- Tuned exhaust headers
- 1275 engines in Mk I or Mk II Sprites
- Non-stock carburetion
- Oversize tires:
- Sprites – 165/70-13 maximum
- Big Healeys – 185/70-15 maximum

TEAMKHANA RULES

The Teamkhana competition will consist of the total of the fastest times of one car in each of the following STOCK classifications from each Region (lowest total wins):

Stock Sprite

Stock Big Healey

NOTE: Only your first three runs will count toward a Gymkhana and Teamkhana trophy. For those who register two or more cars, you will be allowed three runs per car (time permitting), but only your first three runs will count toward a Gymkhana and Teamkhana trophy.

These rules changes were brought about by the newly-formed Driving Committee at our first meeting at the Import Car Show in Carlisle this past May and presented to the AHSTC Board at the June Board meeting. The purpose of the Driving Committee is to promote safety and fairness at AHSTC driving events. The AHSTC Board is looking for one member from each Region to be a member of the Driving Committee. If interested, please contact me (Del Border) at delborder@comcast.net or at 717-235-1086.

Encounter 'Khana Rules Cont...

If you do not remember the old Gymkhana and Teamkhana rules, the changes are:

- Changing the "Other/hybrid" class to include all-out race cars. Since many of our cars are now modified to some degree, this change will no longer have them competing against all-out race cars.
- Adding non-Healey transmissions to modifications that will place a car into a modified class. The popular 5-speed conversions have an advantage over the original Healey transmissions with quicker, easier shifting and the ability to easily downshift from 2nd gear to 1st gear in a tight driving event.
- Removing modified cars from the Teamkhana. This places more emphasis on stock/original Healeys in this event. Also, by removing the modified cars, each Region should now have stock cars in the two classes and be eligible to win the Teamkhana trophy. Before this change, usually the Philadelphia and Harrisburg Regions were the only two Regions which had cars in all 4 classes. Other Regions consistently had no chance to win the Teamkhana due to not entering modified cars.
- Only a competitor's first 3 runs will count toward a Gymkhana and Teamkhana trophy. For example – If you registered a Sprite, a big Healey and a race car, you would have to run your first run in the Sprite, your second run in the big Healey and your third run in the race car (but not necessarily in that order) to be eligible for a Gymkhana and Teamkhana trophy. You would then come back and run your final two runs with each car – 9 runs total. This removes "practice" runs which isn't fair to those with one car who get only three runs total.

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Valve Cover Race Rules

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;



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Encounter Valve Cover Race Rules Cont...

4. Any VCR with a body extending beyond the front wheels;EVENTS 19
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.

Austin-Healey
100-4-6-3000 -Sprite

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Events Calendar

JULY

- July 8 – SVVSCC Meeting of the Marques, Vintage Sports Car Night at the York Revolution Baseball Game. Show your car, eat lots at the Pig Roast, and attend a ball game, Contact the SVVSCC Board
- July 9-13 North American MGA Register GT-37, Dayton Ohio
- July 14 - BRITS ON THE DELAWARE, Johnny Mac's American Grill, Route 32 and 611, Kintnersville, Pa.
- July 14,15 – Historic Races at Beaver Run, Beaver Falls, PA. A prelude to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix held on the following weekend. For more information [Click here](#)
- July 15 – British Invade Gettysburg, – Gettysburg Outlet Village, Rt. 15, Gettysburg, PA. (Chairman's note Registration form) ([map](#))
- July 20 – 24 – AHCA New England Region Summit Sun & Sand 2011, Norwich. CT
- July 20-22 - Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, Pittsburgh, PA This weekend event concludes with the Schenley Park Race Weekend & Car Show.
- July 22 - BRITISH CAR & MOTOR BIKE SHOW, South Abington Park, 640 Northern Blvd., Clarks Summit, Pa.
- July 28 – Ferrari Beaters Demo day at Simeone Museum, 1958 Aston Martin DBR1, 1967 Ford MkIV, 1970 Porsche 917
- July 24 - 9 th Annual All British Car Show, South Abington Park, Clarks Summit, PA. Sponsored by The British Car Club of Northeast PA.
- July 28 – AHSTC Harrisburg Region Picnic and Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM.

AUGUST

- August 2-4 – The Roadster Factory SUMMER PARTY 2012, Armaugh PA ([map](#))
- August 3-5 – 49th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA www.awkscht.com
- August 4 - 8th Annual Pennypacker Mills British Car Day, Hosted by the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter. Held at the Pennypacker Mills Historic Site along the Perkiomen Creek just below Schwenksville, PA. For more information [Click here](#)
- August 9 – 11 - AHSTC Encounter, Somerset, NJ
- August 11,12 - New Hope Automobile Show, New Hope-Solebury High School, 180 W. Bridge St., New Hope, Pa.
- August 12 - Lanco MG Club Picnic, Rocky Ridge Park York, PA.
- August 18 - Spyglass Ridge Winery Celtic Festival, Sunbury PA, Join us for a great day of music, food, wine, crafts and an all-around great time. <http://www.spyglassridgewinery.com/celtic.html>
- August 17-19 - University Motors Summer Party, Grand Rapids, MI

Events Calendar Cont...

AUGUST CONT...

- August 20 - "Midsummer Night's Dream Car Show" at Long's Park, Lancaster, PA. Sponsored by the Lancaster Sertoma Club. The challenge this year is to have 100 British Cars on the field. If there are 10 or more cars registered from Lanco we secure preferred parking on the field. For more information on the event Click here
- August 26 – 23rd Annual "A Taste of Britain" Car Show. Rothsville, PA. An annual Lanco MG Club sponsored gathering for all British Vehicles and Motorcycles combined with a Polo Match for the "Taste of Britain Cup". Show Field Opens at 10:00 a.m. for Vehicles - No Judging. Polo Match at 2:30. (flyer/ registration form)
- August 27 - British Racing Green Demo Day at the Simeone Museum
- August 31-September 3 – Baltimore Grand Prix, <http://www.2012baltimoregrandprix.com/index.html>
- August 31-Sept 3 – Labor Day weekend, Historic Festival 29 at Lime Rock Park, Lime Rock, CT http://www.limerock.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=99



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