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*Cover Photos: Del Border and his winning Healey. Contributed by Steve Jekogian.
Smaller Photos: Del Borders resto-racer With a fold down windshield; Bob Weaver, Gerry Kunkle and Ken Weidner checking out Gerry's new BN2 at the tech session.*

What's in the Flash

by Steve Jekogian

After a week of watching car auction it was cool to read John's article about his trip to Scottsdale. I have to get there one day. Larry Gersten was also there and met with Kurt Tanner and checked out the cars he was selling. Larry said he was very nice and the cars he built were really nice, and went for a lot of money.

By the time you read this Flash, Del Border will have had a surprise 70th birthday party and the unveiling of his finished car. Anyone in the club who has been to any of the 35 Encounters, has seen, heard, rode in, and lost to Del's Healey. A great driver, a very nice man and a great club member, Del has been a very big part of AHSTC. He has been the president of his region, and a member of the AHSTC board forever. He has help direct the club, he received the George Null s Club person of the year award, and is a key figure in the Gymkhanas that keep us all so entertained.

I am sure the party his daughter and wife had for him on February 9th was a great event for a great person. Del thanks for being you and we all hope you had a great surprise party, and we look forward to seeing the car tear up the track this summer.



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Membership

by Rick Brodeur

We have some new members over the last few months.

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Charles & Carol Currey Sparks, MD '60 AN5	John & Betsy Nisbet Dayton, NJ '62 AN5	
Thomas & Diane Zalewski Elkton, MD '65 BJ8		

If you haven't signed up to the website you should so you can get access to member-only content. 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 which includes past Flash's. We have Encounter information on the site. We're having some problems with the website, but we're working them out.

Club membership renewals will be due by the end of March. This month, February, I'll be sending out renewal forms to everyone. Please take a few moments to check the form for accuracy and send your form and payment in right away.

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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North Jersey

by George Crombie

The North Jersey Region held its first meeting of 2013 on January 15th at The Ridge Tavern in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. The meeting started around 7:00 pm, with Ian calling the meeting to order after everyone placed their orders from the menu, but before the food was delivered. The goals were to A) get the important papers sorted out and off the table before the ketchup and beer had a chance to make a mess of them; and B) obtain reports and information from those present before their mouths were too full of burgers, salads, and iced tea (trust me on this one) to be understood. The ploy worked to perfection: the important information was disseminated (my one big word for the month) to the masses just before the cadre of wait-staff descended on our small group with platters of all the afore-mentioned vittles and more.

Those attending were Richard Ippoliti, Bob Swanson, Allen Rosenberg, Sue Kessen, Ian Kessen, Bob Pense, Steve Feld, Jim Vollmuth, Larry Gersten, and George Crombie. This meeting also had a little show and tell: Larry was just a bit late, as he came in wrestling a stripped and slightly battered right rear wing (fender... from his 3000!!) that had seen better days. From the looks of the fender, its "better days" were probably somewhere back in the early '70s! George also took this opportunity to show off the results of his experimentations with the "Brazilian Wax Job" in a can he received at the Holiday Party this past December. He was heard muttering (more than once), "Don't get used to this; 'cause I sure can't!" If you missed it, you may be able to catch a repeat in February. Then the wax will run out. Larry's right rear wing has been deemed "too far gone for salvage." Ouch. What a pronouncement. I could have sworn I heard a bagpiper playing "Taps" in the background every time anyone passed the wing in mourning...

Amongst the topics that were discussed were the next two Encounters (hosts, registration, and locations); a few of the upcoming local car shows (a listing has been forwarded to the membership; check your latest e-Flashes from Ian), and Ian gave us a report on the Minutes from the November 2012 Board Meeting.

Of particular note: the North Jersey Region of AHSTC, along with the Triumph Club, help to sponsor (organize and run) the annual FallFest British Car Show in early September. This show started several years ago. It was originally hosted by Moss Motors in Dover, NJ when they had their parts warehouse in that town, before moving south to Virginia. It is a multi-marque show, as Moss Motors supplies parts for most classic British cars. As I understand it, this show used to draw around 100-125 cars (and a few motorcycles, as well) each year. It was moved to Duke Island Park a few years ago. The park is a lovely location for a car show; but something seems to be lacking. The first year that FallFest was held at Duke Island Park, around 80 British cars attended, along with a couple of bikes. Attendance has steadily decreased ever since. The Somerset County Parks system charges the hosting organization \$450 for the use of the field that we park on and the use of the electrical system at the Clamshell". Along with spon-

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North Jersey Cont...

soring the trophies and the dash plaques, this runs into some serious change. As attendance has continued to dwindle, the steering committee has deemed it necessary to look elsewhere for a new location. The call has gone out for any member who has an idea for a new location to step forward with a suggestion or two. This is your chance to petition for a quality British car show to be local. This year's FallFest is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2013. Please contact one of the Regional Officers if you have any suggestions for a new venue. Better yet, PRE-REGISTER for this year's event, pack a lunch, and see what Duke Island Park is all about!

Other up-coming events for the North Jersey Region include:

FEB 26th Monthly Regional Meeting (place TBD--check your e-Flashes)

MAR 1st thru 3rd Atlantic City Classic Car Show and Auction (Atlantic City Convention Center)

MAR 19th ? Monthly Regional Meeting (check your e-Flashes)

MAR 29th thru April 7th New York Auto Show (Javits Convention Center, NYC)

APRIL 16th OR 23rd Monthly Regional Meeting (check your e-Flashes)

APRIL 24th thru 28th Spring at Carlisle (Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA)

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Harrisburg

by Don Hoffer

Our regular meeting for the month of January was held on the 15th at The Lucky Duck Bar & Grill in the historic hamlet of Elizabethtown Pa. The 15 member in attendance agreed that with good food and a private dining room with a rustic atmosphere that Lucky Duck's will make a good home for our regular meetings so the next meeting will be held there on February 19th.

The first order of business was presenting the prestigious Sports and Touring Award to Joe and Barb Spear for their service as the President and First Lady of the Harrisburg Region since 2008. During this time Joe has done a lot of work to spice up our meetings and has taken us to new venues each better than the last. Joe and Barb have also SPEARheaded several tours and events in the past four years never disappointing the Healey faithful.

Joe sent out a list of suggested events and activities for 2013 in his January 5th email. The activities were discussed and confirmed. Joe will send out additional detailed instructions closer to each event.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the plans for Encounter 2013 in Grantville Pa. Encounter will be a 4 day event this year with a possible trolley tour of Hershey including a history of the town and stops at key landmarks with a final destination of the tour yet to be determined. The rally will be Thursday morning and the mapping of the route is nearing completion. Planning for these and other events is ongoing with updates to follow.



Joe Spear receives his award from Priscilla Hooper and Scott Brockman



Joe Spear conducts the meeting



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Long Island

by Paul Parfrey

The post-holiday party was held on January 6th this year at Mauricio's Orlando's II Italian Restaurant in St. James. Thanks to Mary Ann Sekelsky we booked early this year and were able to hold the event right after the holidays. It was a pleasure to see Steve Tjepkema, Ira Udasin, and Arthur and Ruth Lange who haven't attended in the past. Stu and Sandy Smith are regulars but Sandy couldn't attend due to a bout with the flu. We also missed Bob Shaffsick who had to work at the last minute, and Hans and Jo Ann Lewald who were in Florida. We look forward to seeing them all in the near future. On the plus side, Frank Filangeri brought his lovely daughter Catie, who has occasionally attended some of our other events, and this time was able to help Bob Maichin with his electronic devices! The full list of attendees, relaxing and enjoying good food and conversation, included Tony and Kathy DiFrancesca, Frank and Catie Filangeri, Ruth and Arthur Lange, Bob and Barbara Maichin, Mike and Carol Neumar, Paul and Susan Parfrey, Cathy Preston, Mary Ann Sekelsky and Tedd Krummeck, Stu Smith, Bob and Diane Squillari, Steve Tjepkema, and Ira Udasin.

We have lost another member to sunny Florida. Ed Buchbinder and Etta Zellman have recently moved to Palm Beach Gardens. We wish them all the best. Now Ed can drive his Healey in the wintertime (maybe not so much in the summertime)!



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Brandywine

by Ernie Leser

The annual events planning meeting for Brandywine region was held Thursday January 17th at Matilda's restaurant in Newark, Delaware. Attending were Steve Garrett, Mike Pollack, John Montague, Chuck Ott, Jim Martin, Joan and myself. Certainly not a large representation of the 30 some members of our group, but we got the job done. After some food and drinks, the following 2013 events calendar was developed.

Brandywine Region events are listed in bold face type. Other area club events are also listed. All are open to the various club members and afford a wide variety of interest. Details for a number of these events will be provided in an E-Flash as the year progresses.

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*Brandywine Cont...***AHSTC BRANDYWINE 2013 EVENT CALENDAR****FEBRUARY**

- **Sat. 23rd, 1 pm. "Pizza at Pete's"**. Pete Robert's house, 21 Waterview St, Downingtown, PA. RSVP to Pete by the 16th. (610-458-5412).

MARCH

- **Sat. 16th, 1 pm. "Taj Garage" Tech Session.** The Ott's house, 109 Airmont Dr., Middeltown, DE. For info call Cuck (302-378-7287).
- **Sat. 23rd. Simeon Car Museum tour.** "Best of Britain" show.

APRIL

- **Sat. 20th. Tech Session with George Moore** – Auto body painting techniques.

MAY

- **Sat.4th. Lewes British Car Show.** Contact is Mike Tyler (302-645-7572).
- **Sat. 11th, 12 noon. Brandywine Social.** The Susky River Grille in Port Deposit, MD.
- **Sat. 18th. Carlisle Import Show.** Remember to register with AHSTC if you plan to attend.
- **Sun. 19th. British Car Club of Delaware tour** to the Boondocks restaurant, Smyrna, DE.

JUNE

- **Sat. 1st. "Cars of England" show.** Westtown, PA.
- **Sat. 8th, 11 am. Tech Session.** John Montague's House. Blue Bell, PA.
- **Sat. 15th. "Hershey Hill Climb",** Hershey, PA.
- **Sat. 22nd. Brandywine Motor Club (BMC) auto-cross.**
- **24-28th. Healey Conclave** in Quebec, Canada.

JULY

- **Sat. 13th. Outing to Crabby Dick's,** Delaware City, DE.

AUGUST

- **8-10th. Encounter 2013.** Hershey, PA.
- **24-25th. New Garden Flying Field Air & Car Show,** Toughkenamon, PA.

SEPTEMBER

- **Sat. 7th. Crab Crawl and Feast.** The Philip's place, St. Michaels, MD.
- **Sat. 21st. British Car Club of Delaware Show,** Delaware City, DE.
- **Sun. 15th. Hagley Car Show,** Wilmington, DE.
- **Sat. 28th. Classic and Exotic Car Show,** Greenville, DE.

OCTOBER

- **Sat. 5th, 1pm. Brandywine Region Picnic.** The Leser residence, Elkton, MD. RSVP to Joan by Sept. 28th (410-398-7308).
- **SUN. 13TH. BRANDYWINE MOTOR CLUB (BMC) AUTOCROSS,** Glasgow, DE.

NOVEMBER

- **THURS. 14TH, 7 PM. ELECTIONS.** Iron Hill Brewery, The Riverfront, Wilmington, DE.

DECEMBER

- **Sat. 7th, 6 pm. Christmas Party** and Ugly Gift Exchange. The Zalewski's residence, North East, MD. RSVP to Diane by Nov. 30th (410-287-5885).

JANUARY 2014

- **Thursday 23rd, 7 pm. Events Planning.** Matilda's restaurant, Newark, DE.

Lehigh Valley

by Joel Keefer

Geez, is it January 25th already? Could it really be that another Flash article is due? Wasn't it just Christmas? And what is it with this weather? As this is being typed, it's about 14 degrees outside and there are snow clouds in the sky. Went out to the garage the other day to try to do some work on the Corvette, but even with the heater running full blast it was just too flippin' cold to get anything done out there! So I had to satisfy my working-on-car needs by retiring to the basement to clean up some stuff I got on eBay last year -- a mixed bag of Sprite/Midget parts from which I'll keep some stuff and resell the rest. Not as much satisfaction there as doing some real wrenching, but it was a job that had to be done.

Speaking of eBay, I recently went online to see if there were any new Bugeye listings, but found nothing but parts cars or project cars and I already have one of those! Shifting over to e-mail, I found a note from a friend in Virginia who'd been looking for a Bugeye, telling me of his good fortune. Seems he found a 1960 Bugeye on the local Craig's List;



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Ken Beck hosted a tech session on distributor setup and testing, for the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley, Keystone Region MGs, and AHSTC Lehigh Valley Region at his shop on January 19.



Ken highlights the timing mark on an engine during the tech session.



All eyes -- and ears -- are focused during the tech session

Lehigh Valley Cont...

the car has been upgraded with a 1275cc engine, roll bar, Minilite-style wheels, etc., etc. Get this -- the seller told him he would only sell the car if my friend agreed to take the numerous boxes full of other parts that were in the storage bin with the car! Needless to say my friend wasted no time making an offer; the real killer was that he was able to get the whole package for a price in the high four-figure range! Why doesn't a deal like that ever show up on my local Craig's List??? The good news for me is that among all those other parts is a second 1275 engine, which my friend has assured me I have first dibs on -- and who knows what else may be in that parts pile!

On January 19, several region members and members of the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley attended a tech session hosted by our esteemed leader Ken Beck at K&T Vintage Sports Cars. The session featured a presentation on distributor setup and testing. This was a tech session I really would've liked to have attended; regrettably I had a prior commitment that I couldn't change. I'd hoped someone who was there would give me

a good report on the event but... maybe next month.

Our Encounter 2014 chair and co-chair, Mike Bradley and Bob Pritchett, have been busy meeting with a



Bob Weaver, Gerry Kunkle and Ken Weidner checking out Gerry's new BN2 at the tech session.



My friend Gregg's Craig's List Bugeye

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Lehigh Valley Cont...

number of hotel and resort operators to check out and discuss Encounter arrangements. Mike reports some have expressed interest in hosting the event, while others have been either indifferent or so unhelpful as to convince him they really don't care to have us. So for now, the search will continue, and several suggestions for possible venues were brought up at the January meeting. I know Mike will appreciate any ideas or thoughts on the matter.

Updating our 2013 events calendar, the BCCLV's annual Autumn Leaf show at Moravian Academy will take place on Saturday, October 5. Plug it into your calendar now, so you won't forget!

Next business meeting is Monday, February 18, 6:30 pm, at the Top Diner, Allentown. As of this writing, we don't have any other February events on the schedule. As always, watch for E-Flashes about other events and activities.

AHSTC LEHIGH VALLEY REGION EVENT CALENDAR, 2013

MARCH

- **18: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner**
- **23: Saturday Morning Tour to Wherever**
- **TBD: Tech Session**

APRIL

- **7: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever**
- **15: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner**
- **28: Spring Wine Tour**

MAY

- **4: Dinner tour to Blue Mountain**
- **18: Tour to Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals**
- **20: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner**
- **TBD: Tech Session**

JUNE

- **9: British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown**
- **15: Tour to Hershey – Elegance/Hillclimb**
- **17: Monthly Meeting – road tour/ice cream run**

JULY

- **14: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever**
- **21: BCCNEPA All European Car Show, Clark's Summit, PA**
- **TBD: LV Region Picnic & Monthly Meeting**
- **TBD: Pre-Encounter Tech Session**

AUGUST

- **2-4: Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA**
- **8-10: AHSTC Encounter, Hershey, PA**
- **19: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner**

SEPTEMBER

- **8: Sunday Morning Tour to Wherever**
- **16: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner**
- **TBD (or OCT): Autumn Leaf Auto Show, Moravian Academy**

OCTOBER

- **TBD: Tour to Polo Match @ Tinicum Park (British car show day)**
- **21: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner - Nominations**
- **TBD: Fall Wine Tour**

NOVEMBER

- **2: Saturday Morning Tour to Wherever**
- **18: Monthly Meeting, Top Diner - Elections**
- **TBD: Tech Session**

DECEMBER

- **TBD: LV Region Christmas Party & Monthly Meeting**

Philadelphia

by John Heffron

The Philly Region held our first 2013 monthly meeting on the 21st of January, a cold snowy night. Only eleven brave souls ventured out to enjoy the camaraderie and ambiance at Mariano's in Lansdale. We were happily surprised to see some long time members, Rob Morrow and Jim Leshner, join the festivities. In addition, regular attendees Alan Kramer, Al Tocci, John Payne, the Dynamic Duo – Lois & Ray Dunckley, Ray D, Leo & Marti Kob and yours truly braved the black ice and bitter winds.

Ray Donovan & I, newly returned from a week at the Scottsdale Auto auctions, brought the auction catalogs from Barrett-Jackson, Gooding, RM and Russo & Steele as well as the LBC results for the attendees to peruse. Much discussion took place on the state of the classic car economy, the in and outs of the auctions and the values of our Healeys (which are still strong but off from the peak – unless you have a real 100M). See a recap of the auctions elsewhere in the FLASH.

Leo & Marti Kob brought along some pictures of their latest project which is coming along very nicely. It is a barn find, relatively rust free, Bugeye Sprite sourced by Pete Cosmides. So far the car has been disassembled; media blasted; requiring only 16 man hours of rust repair; bits powder coated; tub resprayed in a beautiful OEW and progressing along very nicely. Marti assured me that it will be ready by summer and we hope to see it at Encounter. As with all of the Kob's cars, this one is going to be very unique, beautiful and well done. Leo is concurrently working on his series 1 E-type coupe which will also be debuted in the not too distant future.

Another surprise was Al Tocci's debut of his brand new Fiat. Al reports that the \$/fun ratio for this little coupe is about as good as it gets in the new car market. Zip, panache, gas economy and cheap – what more can you ask for?

John Payne reported that his beloved Bugeye is being readied for sale as there is no room in his new abode in Tennessee for the little tyke. Be on the lookout for an ad in a future FLASH for this gem.

The Dunckleys are heading west for some sunshine soon. Uncharacteristically, they'll be flying instead of taking the Healey.

Other business included preliminary discussions for a potential winter get together for a shop or car collection tour, group attendance at the Atlantic City car auctions, and an update on the potential 2015 joint meet

between AHSTC & AHCA. We are also starting to think about a Spring Tour. Keep your eyes out for an E-Flash for details on upcoming events.

As it is 16 degrees out today, I am counting the weeks until we can get behind the wheel again. It's not too far and I have a laundry list of things to be done to the Healeys before driving season. See you down the road.

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Scottsdale 2103 Auction Week Recap

by John Heffron

We recently returned from Scottsdale, AZ where Ray Donovan & I had the pleasure of seeing over 2400 classic cars over the course of 5 days during the week of January 14th. This is a bucket list trip for any collector car enthusiast. There were so many cars and so little time..... I have been going to Scottsdale on and off for that last 15 years or so. I guesstimate that I've been to Barrett-Jackson about a dozen times. It's changed a lot over that time. Today it is much larger and much more American car centric as compared to a decade ago. Over the past few years I expanded the amount of days I've spent there as well as the number of other auctions I have tried to attend. This year we toured Barrett Jackson, Russo & Steele, Gooding & Co as well as RM Auctions with Andy Reid, Senior Editor at Classic Motorsports magazine. We spent a significant amount of time at the live auctions at Barrett Jackson and Gooding. We missed Bonham's and Silver as it was impossible to see everything. As Andy Reid aptly stated in his opening comments on the first of four auction tours..."auction week in Scottsdale is the Disney World for car collectors." Andy's tours, sponsored by Classic Motorsports and Chubb Insurance, offered us incredible insights into some of the nicest cars up for auction in Scottsdale. I learned a heck of a lot from Andy and really appreciated his insights

There is so much to see and so much to do during auction week that you simply run out of time. From arrival on Tuesday, we literally spent 10-12 hours a day at the various sites. The Phoenix/Scottsdale area is pretty large so you really need a car. I have yet to crack the optimal code here and am still fine tuning the what, and when aspects of the agenda. This year we also rented a condo for the 5 days which lowered the lodging costs extensively and gave us a home base which was only a mile or two from the Barrett Jackson auction.

Following is a description of the various venues you can attend. The main ones in order of the number of cars are 1) Barrett -Jackson with 1400+ cars; 2) Russo & Steele with 700+ cars; Bonham's with 114 cars; Gooding & Company with 106 cars; and RM auction which downsized to a one auction day and 83 cars this year. Gooding, RM and Bonham's are more Eurocentric and high end cars while BJ and Russo are jam packed with American muscle, hot rods, and interspersed with some LBC's as well as Italian and German cars. BJ also has its "Salon cars" comprised of 50 or so rare cars such as the Batmobile, various concept cars from the 40's, 50' and 60's as well as a number of \$500+K cars of every ilk.

Barrett-Jackson. You've seen it on the Speed Channel but similar to being at the Super Bowl, World Series, or Stanley Cup games you can't appreciate the energy until you are there live. This year I registered as a bidder there which gave me and one guest unlimited access and preferred parking



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for all 6 auction days (Monday through Sunday), 2 tickets to the opening night gala (which we missed) and drink ticket cards that provided up to 10 cocktails each per day for your enjoyment (they like to loosen you up a bit....) along with a 5 pound, 2 inch thick catalogue of the cars. A bidder's pass is \$400 but well worth it if you are there for 3 or more days. You get close in parking, the cocktails, a reserved seating area, access to the auction stage and auction staging queue. If you were to come to B-J, without a bidders pass you would need a minimum of 2 to 3 days to just see the 1400 cars – let alone the automobilia and other sights. If you paid gate admission for 2 for those 3 days, it would cost you \$260 alone and you have to take a shuttle bus in from a remote parking lot each day. So the extra few bucks were worth it to me for the added access and convenience. They had a 1952 Corso Red Allard J2X with a 331 ci Cadillac engine that sold for \$200K that was my favorite of all the cars (except for maybe a couple of multimillion dollar Ferraris and the like). BJ also had the most Healeys – 6 which were all very nice cars that went for a wide variety of prices (see below). This is a must see event. Even if you don't care for American Muscle, there is something for everyone. Barrett-Jackson requires at least 2 days here, if not 3.

Russo & Steele – Russo & Steel is run by Drew Alcazar, a former Barrett Jackson executive. It's within 2 miles of West World, the BJ site and became famous a few years back when high winds caused the tents to collapse and damage dozens, if not hundreds, of cars scheduled for auction. Last year, I registered to bid at Russo & Steele with its 700 car event. It was only \$200 for the 5 day event but I found myself a going a little crazy after 2+ days there. This year we took the tour on Wednesday before the auction started and unfortunately never made it back. They had an interesting mix of cars with a number of driver quality LBC's as well as German & Italian cars. There was only 1 Healey, but a few MG's, Jags, a TR3, a TVR, and a few other interesting European classics. Ray & I both thought they had a more interesting mix of cars here than at BJ, Almost the same proportion of American muscle to European but the smaller size made it less overwhelming. Similar to BJ, Russo has lots of American Muscle and a carnival like, high energy environment. You really need a day or two here to take it all in.

Gooding & Company – Gooding has a two day auction held on Friday and Saturday afternoons with a preview day on Thursday. This has become my favorite auction. It is located in a tent next to Fashion Square in downtown Scottsdale about eight or nine mile south of Barrett-Jackson. This year there were 106 cars of



which 101 were sold at an average price of over \$500K – ranging from as low as \$26,400 for a Ford Model T Roadster Pickup to \$8.25 million for a Ferrari 250 GT LWB California Spider. You see the most incredible cars here, mostly European from the 50's 60's and 70's. The atmosphere is decidedly more upscale than B-J or Russo, even the attendees are better dressed. The auctioneer is a middle aged British fellow

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with a razor sharp, dry sense of humor. He was extremely entertaining as he walked the bidders up to and sometimes past the estimated value ranges for these cars, most of which have reserves on them unlike B-J or Russo. In the spirit of Doc Simeone, there were a number of unrestored exotics here including a Lancia Aurelia B24 S Spider America which had been sitting since 1963 and a series 1 Jag E type coupe which had decades of dust and grime all over it. The Lancia sold for \$803K only 22K less than a beautifully restored one that sold at RM! Admission to Gooding is a relative bargain. \$40 bucks gets you into the preview and into the auction for all 3 days. \$80 bucks gets you 2 detailed catalogues and admission for 2 for all days. \$200 bucks get you a bidder's paddle (provided the proper bank credit) and a seat (potentially next to Wayne Carini of Chasing Classic Cars. There were too many fantastic cars to mention here, Ferraris, Astons, Jags, 3 Healeys, an AC Ace, Porsches, Alphas, 300SL's – you name it. My buddy from Dallas had a friend who had his 65 GTO convertible there that sold for \$200K.

RM Auctions – RM is a first class operation that holds its auction at the famous Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix about 5 miles west of Gooding's site and 15 miles or so from B-J. It is an incredible venue designed by Frank Lloyd Wright that is as elegant as the cars. This year RM downsized from a 2 day auction to a 1 day auction with only 83 cars on Friday. The cars were of a similar caliber to those at Gooding. Previews were limited to Thursday, and only registered bidders and consigners could attend the Friday auction during which 75 of the 83 cars were sold with an average selling price of \$+/- \$460K. Again you name it, it was there – Ferraris, a real GT 40, 300SL's, a Lister Chevy, Astons, Jag's and 2 Healeys - a golden beige BJ8 and a red over black 100M. We spent almost 3 hours there previewing these cars with Andy Reid providing an incredible amount of information on almost half of the offerings. It was a delightful and educational experience. Take a look at their catalogue and you will be impressed. A few years ago they used to hold a 2 day auction, the first night of which was called "The British are Coming" and then the following year "The British are Back". These were great events with over 40 – 50 top notch British cars both years. You could attend the auction as a spectator (\$80 bucks for 2 including the catalog) without being a bidder. It had been my favorite until they discontinued that event. Still, it is worth the trek and admission to preview the cars. You need at least a half day to preview here.

The other two auctions are Bonham's and Silver. Bonham's started in 2011 at the Kierlen Westin resort about 5 miles southwest of B-J. The auction is held on Wednesday I believe and this year has a lot of interesting cars. I had ignored it before this trip as it only had old Rolls Royce's and very early cars in it last year. I neglected to look at the catalogue this year which expanded the number of cars to 114 of which 91 were sold and included lots of English steel including 4 Healeys and numerous Jag's. As I have never attended it, I can't tell you about it other than to say that I plan to attend it in years to come if they continue to draw the British car consigners.



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Finally, Silver is a reportedly working man's auction held for multiple days (2 or 3 I believe at a casino site east of Scottsdale. I have never attended but understand it has many driver quality cars and tons of bargains.

A summary of the Healey results are:

16 Healeys went over the block. 8 BJ8's, 3 BT7's, 1 BN7, 1 BN2. 2 BN2 LeMans, and 1 Facotry 100 M

Barret Jackson had 6 Healeys, Gooding had 3, RM had 2, Bonhams had 4, & Russo had 1.

Prices realized (without buyers premium which is usually 10% on top of price) ranged as follows:

BJ8's from \$41 to \$95

BT7's from \$44 to \$55 (1 did not sell at Bonham's at an expected minimum of \$44k)

BN7 at \$63

BN2 at \$46

BN2 100 M LeMans at \$75 (1 did not sell at RM at a high bid of \$115k)

100 Factory M at \$154

HEALEYS BY MODEL

Lot	Year	Model	Color	Auction	Price
353	55	BN2	Red	Bonhams	\$ 51.8
1	56	BN2 LM	BRG	Gooding	\$ 82.5
124	56	BN2 LM	Red/Bl Coves	RM DNS	115 hi bid (NJ car)
118	56	100 M	OEW	Gooding	\$ 154.0
970	61	BT7	OEW	BJ	\$ 48.4
308	61	BT7	Red	Bonhams	DNS 44 low est
364	62	BT7	Red Tri Crb	Bonhams	\$ 59.8
357	62	BN7	Black w red cv	Bonhams	\$ 69.0 Tanner
994	64	BJ8	Healey Blue	BJ	\$ 90.2 Healey Lane
1241	64	BJ8	Golden Beige	BJ	\$ 91.3 Tanner
1008	65	BJ8	Sage Green	BJ	\$ 80.3 Tanner
125	65	BJ8	Burgundy	Gooding	\$ 104.5
	65	BJ8	Red/Bl Coves	Russo	\$ 45.1
970	66	BJ8	OEW/Bl coves	BJ	\$ 77.0
995	67	BJ8	Golden Beige	BJ	\$ 57.2
105	67	BJ8	Golden Beige	RM	\$ 93.5

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For each model, the high end cars appeared to be freshly restored - not necessarily concours correct, but impeccably detailed and clean. For the most part, any of the cars could win awards at car shows.

The chart attached shows the auction results for the Healeys as well for other assorted LBC's including MG's, Jag's and a few assorted others. It is not all inclusive but highlights many of the cars that we saw. If you want to look at a car, search the auction sites below using the Lot #.

As I said at the outset, auction week in Scottsdale is a bucket list event. If you ever get the chance to attend these auctions, you really should. Where else can you meet George Barris and see and touch the original Batmobile that sold for \$4.62 million dollars!?? There are lots and lots of American muscle and classics with a few high end exotics, Italian, German and British interspersed. Gooding, RM and Bonhams have the most interesting cars for me (+/-75% exotic with a lot of LBC's). On the other hand, Barrett Jackson, Russo and Silver cater to the 50's, 60's, 70's, and early 80's American car fan with a high energy carnival style atmosphere accompanied by the staccato of a super speeded auctioneer.

The link below is Hagerty Insurance's excellence synopsis of the auctions:

[http://www.hagerty.com/classic-car-articles-resources/Features/News/All-Articles/Scottsdale-sales-break-\\$200M?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=Hagerty%20Weekly%20News%2001-21-2013](http://www.hagerty.com/classic-car-articles-resources/Features/News/All-Articles/Scottsdale-sales-break-$200M?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=Hagerty%20Weekly%20News%2001-21-2013)

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RM Auctions

<http://www.rmauctions.com/results/result.cfm?feature=No&category=all&salecode=AZ13&sort=lot&view=list&toYear=&fromYear=&make=&lot=>

Bonham's

http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/20582/?list_grid_result=results

Gooding & Company

http://www.goodingco.com/all_auctions/results/scottsdale_13 - This is the price realized list

http://www.goodingco.com/auction/3044?per_page=9999 - This is the catalog

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