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OCTOBER IS ONE OF THE BEST DRIVING MONTHS FOR A HEALEY.

By Steve Jekogian







October is one of the best driving months for a Healey and I hope you have been out and having fun.

What did you think of the September Flash issue? It was the Encounter wrap up issue and Jen Ohs changed the Flash layout and I think it was really a nice improvement. Thanks Jen.

Also, check out Baird Foster's article about the Healey museum. What a great place to celebrate the car, the friends we have made in the club and the legend of man, so near and so far from all of us. Enjoy the Flash and the car.

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RACHAEL'S 100-6

LONG ISLAND

BY PAUL PARFREY

THIS MONTH'S INSTALLMENT NOT ONLY INCLUDES COVERAGE OF SEPTEMBER EVENTS BUT ALSO EVENTS BACK AS FAR AS THE END OF JULY THAT DID NOT MAKE IT INTO THE AUGUST ISSUE.

July 29th was the date for the 9th Annual Vintage European Sports Car Display at the Stony Brook Community Church. The church grounds are a lovely venue and there is always an interesting selection of cars. Scott Greenfield, Stu Smith and Steve Tjepkema attended. See photo of Stu with vintage ice cream truck in background.

The Long Island Region had a good turnout for the Scottish Games held August 24th: Ruth Lange, Steve Tjepkema, Stu Smith, Bob Maichin, Mary Ann Sekelsky and Tedd Krummeck, Tony and Kathy DiFrancesca, Scott Greenfield, Ira Udasin, Rich Miot and sons, Steve Blackton and family, new member John Pareso, and Susan and myself. The cars are displayed in front of the Mansion House at Old Westbury Gardens. See photos for Bob Maichin's hood camouflage.



RICH MIOT AND SONS

The Jaguar Concours/MG Car Club Concours Sanitaire took place September 15th. Scott Greenfield, Steve Tjepkema, Earl Gandel and myself made up the LI Region contingent. See photo for Earl's Triumph Roadster with column shift, dickey seat, and trafficators.

REGION | Long Island

New member Rachael Foggo received her beloved 100-6 from the UK this month. The car started and was driven from the docks to its new home. See photo of the car before it left the UK.

I hope to adjust the valves on my Healey engine this week. It could be 20 years since I did it last, right after I built the engine. I always figured I didn't use it much so didn't need to worry about it. Time flies... My mechanic admitted he hadn't adjusted the valves on his '65 Corvette in 12 years. He just did and he thinks it runs better.



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REGION | North Jersey

NORTH JERSEY

WE'RE GETTING RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE.

BY GEROGE CROMBIE



>> North Jersey sent a few Healeys, and an MG or two, (even a Triumph) out to Flemington, New Jersey on Saturday, September 7th for the annual FallFest All British Car & Motorcycle Show. This year, after a lot of looking around to find a suitable venue, the organizers (Larry Gersten and Allen Rosenberg) stumbled upon an ideal location, namely Liberty Village in Flemington. According to the numbers, there were 86 cars registered (very few pre-registered), almost swamping the folks at the registration table at times. There were the usual assortment of Little British Cars (LBCs); and even a couple of slightly bigger LBCs, like Jaguars. I even noticed one motorcycle in the parking lot, but it had disappeared before I had the chance to wander over to check it out. Amongst these LBCs, I counted 14 Healeys; 11 Big Healeys, and 3 Sprites. These Sprites are even littler than your typical LBC, but maybe not quite as little as the original Mini (of which there was one; but I digress...). I did not recognize the names of the owners of several of these Healeys.

The following folks drove their Austin-Healeys: Steve & Ann Feld (BT7), Frank Dapiran (BN4), Alan Cohen (BN4), Larry Gersten (AN5), Nick & Alice Ferrant (AN5), George Crombie (AN9), Jerry Hallman (BJ8), Richard Ippoliti

(BN4), Bob Pense (BJ8), David & Karen (BT7), Dorsey Reading (BJ8), Ian Kessen (BT7), Roy Chaleff (BJ8), and Andy & Martha Smith (BT7). Also attending were Jim Vollmuth (TR3), Allen & Ginny Rosenberg (MGB), Ralph Scarfogliero (Modified MGA-V8), and John Moore. According to my notes, there were 3 generations of the Rosenberg family; Ann & Steve Feld brought along their grandson; and this was the second showing for Frank Dapiran's BN4, but it was the longest drive he has made in it so far.

Also, according to my notes, hardware winners included: Nick Ferrant (1st) and Larry Gersten (2nd) in the AN5 Class; George Crombie (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) in the AN6-10 Class (it sure helps to be the only one in your class!); Ian Kessen (1st), Richard Ippoliti (2nd), and Steve Feld (3rd) in the Big Healey Roadster Class; and Jerry Hallman (1st), Dorsey Reading (2nd), and Bob Pense (3rd) in the Roll-up Window Class (BJ series). Ralph Scarfogliero also scored a first in the Modified Class. I tried to keep my ears tuned to catch any more names that I recognized, but to no avail. I apologize if I missed anybody.

The following day, September 8th, was the Warren Car Show. These two shows are always held back to back on the same weekend, and always the weekend after Labor Day, just so that you can put them on your calendar for next year, and the year after, and the year after that...I didn't make it to the Warren Show, so I can't report on who was there (or not there). This show generally draws around 300-plus vehicles of all makes and models, but the organizers group all British cars into one class, so it is really tough to bring home any hardware from this show, if that is your aim. However, if your goal is to get out in your favorite classic car and meet with a bunch of like-minded gearheads, this is definitely a show that is not to be missed. As always, pre-registration makes it so much easier on the organizers.





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North Jersey held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, at the Chimney Rock Inn in Gillette. Attending were Ian Kessen*, Steve Feld*, Jim Vollmuth**, Richard Ippoliti, and Denise & George Crombie. Ian and Steve drove their Healeys, and Jim drove his RHD TR3. A good time was had by all, and we re-hashed the sights and sounds of FallFest, and made plans to meet up to drive out to Ocean Grove for Brits on the Beach on September 21st. This is a very popular show, and usually attracts 250 to 300 British cars, and it sells out early. I know that a number of our folks were planning to make it out, but as I wasn't one of them, I can't give you an update on who made it and how they did at this time. I will try to give you an update next month, if my feeble old memory allows me to remember what I'm supposed to remember...



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REGION | North Jersey

I am sure that, by now, everyone is aware that the North Jersey Region's Fall Tour will be held in conjunction with the MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, Fall Foliage Tour. This will be held rain or shine on Saturday October 12th, starting at 9:30 am at the Belvidere Diner, running around 60 miles or so and ending in Hopewell, NJ at the Hillbilly Hall. This run is limited to the first 50 cars, and costs a whopping \$2.00 (that's two bucks, folks!) for the administration fees. You should have received an e-Flash from Ian long before now, and made your reservations, if you are planning to join us. Denise (my wife) has even agreed to join Little Red and me on this tour (although I asked her to please not pray for rain; Red promises to behave).

That's about all I have for the masses for this time; but, as always, be sure to check your e-Flashes from Ian to keep abreast of what's happening, where, and when...

Until next time, drive British and go topless!!





BY DON HOFFER

HARRISBURG

On Tuesday Sept. 17th a sparse crowd gathered for our Sept. meeting. Whether it was a delayed Encounter letdown or that damnable staircase I can't wait to negotiate every month, the gathering drew only nine. For me, an apartment renovation in preparation for a new tenant turned into a real time consuming project, so I opted out. Having the attendance drop down that far sets a record of sorts as the lowest in a very long time.

Undaunted by the above, a meeting commenced anyway and the "noble nine" managed to re-elect the incumbents claiming they don't like change and the victims were not all present to defend themselves against continued incarceration. These masochists who were there can only blame themselves.

The trifecta of Fall Tour, Oct. meeting and Pumpkin Roll drill will be held Saturday, October 19th, leaving from the McDonalds near the intersection of US 15 and Rte 114 at 10AM. Brockman's discovered they don't even have to clear up the pumpkin debris, thanks to observing local deer doing it for them.

The Regions Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, Nov. 9th in Mechanicsburg – menu and details will be E-mailed to you later.

The Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, December 7th with soup & salad at 4PM at Hoopers, dinner at Sweeney's and dessert at Brockmans. This is a veteran group of hosts with years of experience, so we will end the year in very fine shape.

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In the "out of left field dept," 4 of our loyal members managed to encounter some potholes recently. Barb Spear, Dave Rishell and Charlie Baldwin's girlfriend all had surgery and to top off Rishell's month, Sandy got bitten in the face by a neighbor's dog requiring numerous stitches to rectify.

Being on the DL myself, evokes a certain empathy for such health issues randomly occurring with little warning, diabolically timed to ruin your life style and dumped on you, whether you're ready or not. These stalwarts have made our contribution to the welfare of the AMA (American Medical Assoc.) and then some for this year!

The driving season is reaching its end but we hope to see you at our final events listed above - just watch out for the road hazards.



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The pubs were great as well as the beer and food. Car wise, we unexpectedly saw a parade of classic and antique cars in Coventry, England. Included were two big Healeys and two Sprites – very nice.

September was a busy month for club members here at home. Chuck Ott held a tech session at his garage on Saturday August 31st. Chuck's Sprite was having clutch problems. With the help of Steve Garrett, Jim Martin, Dave Ehret and Mike Pollack a very successful tech session resulted. A new clutch was installed, the engine and gearbox reconnected, and the whole assembly reinstalled back into the Sprite. Rebuilt clutch hydraulics were installed and bled. Various seals were replaced to correct a number of oil leaks. Fine tuning of the clutch hydraulics remains to be done. See attached photos taken by Dave Ehret of the tech session in progress.

Saturday, September 14th found a number of Brandywine members joining those of the Capitol Area chapter of AHCA for a CrabFest at the Phillip's place in St. Michaels Maryland. The weather was cool and clear which made for a beautiful drive from Delaware down south to St. Michaels. All brought a dish to share, followed by a bushel of delicious crabs. Inan had also prepared a baked ham – what a feast in a gorgeous setting. Brandywine members attending were Steve and Kris Garrett; Dee Caffrey and Pete Roberts; Chuck, Sue, and Gina Ott; Jim Martin; John and Nancy Montague; Joan and myself. The Ehrets were on their way down, but about an hour from home

the fuel pump started acting up on Dave's 100. Rather than taking a chance on the long trip, they returned home. Many thanks again to Bruce and Inan for a wonderful event. Attached are a few photos from the CrabFest.

The British Car Club of Delaware held its 2nd annual Delaware City Car Show on Saturday Sept. 21st. The weather was perfect as was the setting in Battery Park in Delaware City right on the Delaware River. The featured mark was Jaguar for this year's show. Included was a new 2014 Jaguar F-type with a sticker price close to \$100M – very nice indeed. Of the approximately 75 cars on display, at least 20 were Jaguars. Most British car makes were represented to varying degrees. There were six big Healeys and about an equal number of Sprites on display. Cars were awarded prices based on the voting of the attendees. Brandywine members receiving awards were: Buzz Marshall (BJ8), John Koch (modified 100-6), Mike Pollack (Sprite), and Steve Garrett (Lotus). Others attending the show were Chuck Ott, Dave Ehret, Jim Martin, and myself. Jim is to be congratulated for organizing this enjoyable event.



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DMH MEMORIAL FUND DONATES TO THE HEALEY MUSEUM

BY BAIRD FOSTER



“DMH: MOTORING LEGEND” TIMELINE POSTER IS DISPLAYED IN THE HEALEY MUSEUM.

The DMH Memorial Fund, established in 1989 to “Remember a Friend,” has recently added to the collection of Healey memorabilia at the Healey Museum in Vreeland, the Netherlands.

The items donated include the original art by Nick Beringer for the Donald Mitchell Healey Memorial stained glass window installed in May, 1993 in St. Michael’s Church, Perranporth, Cornwall; a DMH 100th year plate prototype sample; a DMH timeline poster; and an original media kit used to promote the 50th Anniversary of the Austin-Healey in 2002.

The plate, also designed by Nick Beringer, was produced as a DMH Memorial Fund fundraiser during Healey’s Centenary year in 1998, with a total production run of 150 numbered plates. Nick Beringer and Bic Healey designed the illustrated timeline poster entitled “DMH: Motoring Legend” depicting many of Donald Healey’s lifetime achievements. It also was sold as a fundraiser. The media kit was professionally prepared and assembled by Fred Dabney (Carolinas Region of the AHCA) and distributed by the AHCA’s 50th Anniversary Committee.

The DMH Memorial Fund Committee and the Healey Museum believe that these items help demonstrate the interest of Austin-Healey clubs in the preservation of the marque’s history.

The DMH Memorial Fund also presented a cash contribution to the Healey Museum at the Healey Drivers Club International Meeting in Perranporth, Cornwall in May, 2013. AHCA Treasurer and DMH Memorial Fund Committee member Bev Sealand made the presentation to the museum’s chairman, Hans van de Kerkhof.

The DMH Memorial Fund encourages club members and regions to support the Healey Museum Foundation financially to help with the gathering, preservation, and presentation of Healey history by the museum’s dedicated staff. Details are available at the museum website www.healeymuseum.nl. Be sure to make the museum a stop the next time you visit Europe!





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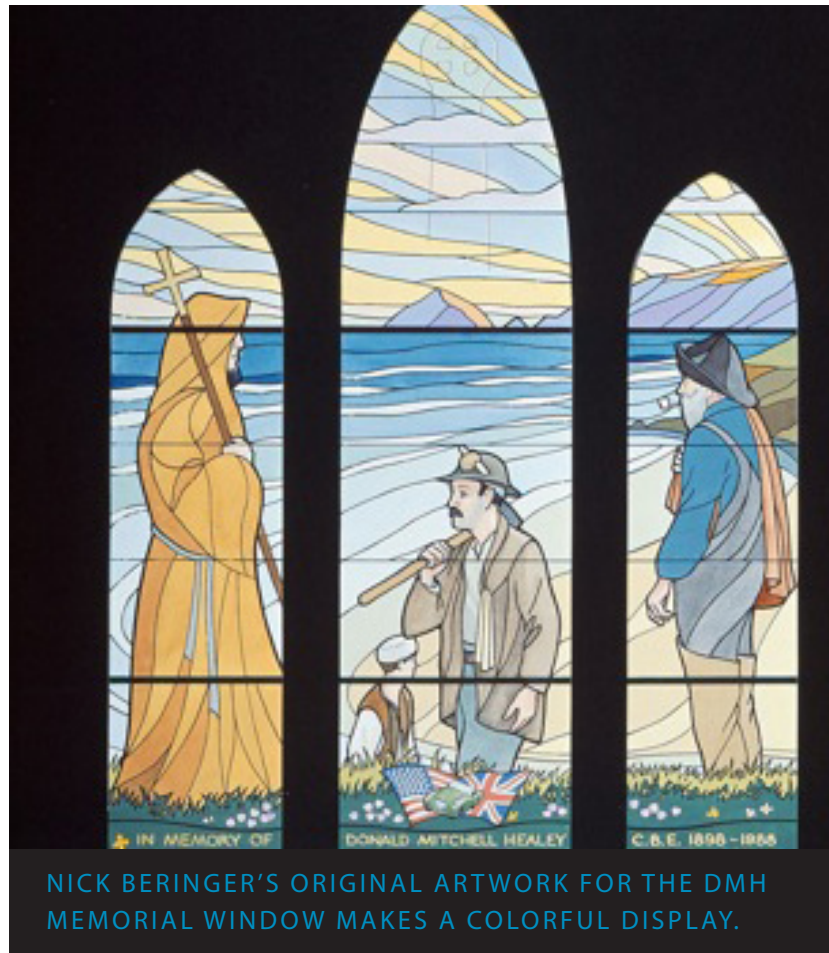
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