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# What's In The Flash

### WOW SPRING IS HERE! IT IS TIME TO DUST OFF THE HEALEY, AND GET OUT THERE!

I cannot wait as this winter I did a lot of work on the suspension of my Healey. It all started simple enough, (doesn't it always) there was a little rust coming through the nice gloss paint on the front spring plate. Also, I thought there was too much play in the steering wheel and wondered if it be the steering box.

So, I decided to redo the whole front suspension. Now it was all done 17 years ago when I restored the car so after about 3,000 or so miles why not redo it all. So, first I examined the steering gearbox to understand why there was play. With the car jacked up and someone turning the steering wheel I noticed the pitman arm moving up and down ever so slightly. The big nut holding it on the shaft was tight and had the cotter pin, but was not tight enough to hold the pitman are tight on the shaft. After a little tighten and a drive there was quite a difference. I would not think such a slight vertical movement would translate to steering play.

Bob Pense suggested I examine the idler box to see if there was vertical lift when the wheel was turned. He said a small shim or gasket was used to adjust the top or cap of the idler so it would hold down the shaft in the idler. He was correct, there was again very slight vertical lift in the shaft and after replacing the shim it solved the lift issue.

Inspecting and redoing the king pins, and fulcrum pins, and then cleaning and painting the springs it all went back together. I was putting on new chrome wire wheels, so I decided to replace the 50+ year old front splines. So new bearings were appropriate.

I had the shocks rebuilt by Apple Hydraulics and they were very helpful and great to deal with.

With the front suspension complete, it was time for the rear with shocks, links, new springs that I had to have de-arch to set the correct height.

Now for the test ride it was great, tight, and straight the way it should be (or was) in 1965.

Ok you have to see this. Allen Rosenberg has designed the Encounter 40 Gymkhana along these lines.

Also, we will be selling tires at Encounter if you can make this much tire smoke.

#### Select this link below:

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arch was a slow month for car events. After experiencing unseasonably warm weather in February, which allowed for a number of "bonus" winter driving days, March roared in "like a lion" and sent us all scurrying back to our heated garages to cover our little darlings up before they caught a chill. So it was a welcome relief to get out of the house and gather with friends at the Hillside Café for our monthly meeting on the 21st. With a substantial number of members away on winter vacations, the turnout was a tad light, but the atmosphere was predictably convivial, as always.

Following a sumptuous dinner, our fearless leader, Joseph Beauregard Quincy Spear Esq., struck upon his sweet tea glass smartly-and-repeatedly with his teaspoon and, in his characteristically manful-and-booming voice, called the meeting to order. Item One: In case anyone out there has forgotten, the Harrisburg Region in hosting 2018 Encounter, in only 17 months! We are still looking at possible venues but must make a final decision soon. If you have any suggestions or personal preferences, now is the time to speak up by contacting Joe and/or Bob Preston.

April is shaping up to be a busy month. Joe announced that we will be holding our regular monthly meeting April 18th at the Hillside Café. On the 29th (rain date April 30th) the Sherks will be leading us on our Annual Spring Tour. Veterans of past Spring Tours will probably notice that this year's drive has been scheduled for later in the month than usual. That's because spring seems to be arriving later than usual, and Fred thought we might have a better chance for some warm weather by moving the event to the following week. We will meet at the AACA Museum in Hershey, wind through parts of Lebanon County and northern Lancaster County, and end at historic and picturesque Brickerville, where we will enjoy lunch and some shopping. Our recent Frostbite Drive was a great success, and Joe hopes we will have even more cars for what should be a beautiful way to start the 2017 driving season.

Last, but not least, the Carlisle Import and Performance show is fast approaching. If you are planning to attend, please register ASAP so that we have enough entries to earn the club a free tent. Barb Spear has volunteered to be the new luncheon coordinator for our traditional Saturday get-together on that Saturday, May 20th. Instead of the usual burgers and dogs, she is planning to provide both a ham and a turkey tray. The Spears will also provide rolls and assorted

#### **REGION** | Harrisburg

paper products. Joe will be emailing a sign up sheet for additional food dishes, desserts, and beverages as the date approaches. We're hoping for a great turnout- the Carlisle show is always a good time, with lots of old friends to see and lots of automotive eye-candy to drool over.

#### A Final Exhaust Note ...

Put away those snow shovels- winter chills have passed. Lift the tarp- blow off that dust, and don't forget fresh gas. Check the oil, brakes and tyres, while robins sweetly tweet. Then fire that big Healey up and thunder down the street!

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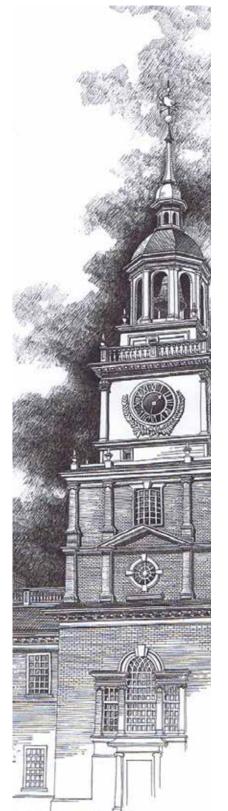
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t turns out that February weather was better than what we are experiencing in March. Let's hope for an early spring. About 35 members of AHSTC from Philadelphia, Brandywine, and Lehigh Valley attended the AC-Best of Britain show at the Simeone Museum in Philadelphia on February 25th. On display were ACs from the 1910s up to the 1967 AC Cobra. Also on display in a semicircle were other British cars including a 100S.

After being led by Pete Rohrbacher on a tour of the AC cars on display, Fred Simeone spoke about the cars in the semicircle, which demonstrated the evolution of British sports cars. Then it was time to go out to the back parking lot to watch a



#### Region | Philadelphia

few cars put through a romp on the asphalt. Out came the Swallow Roadster, an SS100, and two Jags, a C type and a D type. We watched as Fred "played" with some of his prize possessions while cameras snapped photo after photo. The day was a total success.

I was looking through an old Motor Trend magazine from April 1954 (yes, 1954), and found an article about our cars: "Seeing the

imposing array of Austin-Healey 100s at a recent hill climb held by the Singer Owner's Club of Willow Springs, reminded us of an idea for a club. This was suggested by Nancy Christy, wife of John, editor of Car Craft Magazine. She thought it would be interesting to start of club of Austin-Healey owners, but limit the membership to 100, taking a cue from the name of the car. Only in the event a member dropped out or sold his Healey, would another member be permitted to enter."

I thought that statement was interesting enough to share in *The Flash*.

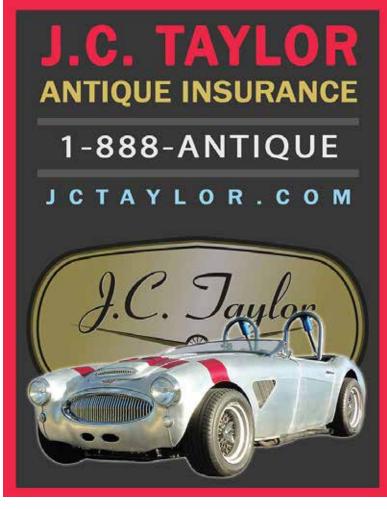
I am still looking for input for a local vendor list. If you use a supplier or service dealer in your specific area and feel that are qualified to provide good service, please forward the name and address to me so I can include them in our list. This makes it easier for members to find vendors; should a member break down on a ride in your area, they would have this information so they can call for help.

Our meeting of March 20th was very well attended, with over 20 members enjoying friendship and good food. Upcoming events discussed include a few tech sessions, the Carlisle Import Car Show on May 19-21, the Red Mill show June 4th, as well as Motors for Music in Doylestown on June 4th, and Encounter August 9 through 13. There will be a tech session on March 26th to complete the assembly of Terry McNelis' car, and another one on April 15th to go over the resurrection of Steve Snyder's Bugeye from a deep sleep. We will need to check the brakes, clutch, wiring, and all systems before the engine can be fired after a re-build five years ago. Watch for an e-flash to announce time and location.

We will be holding a Cars and Coffee gathering at member Rich Berman's Pour Richard's Coffee House at 36 Berkley Road, Devon, PA, on April 29th. Watch for details including driving location and time in an e-flash. Wives are always welcome to attend.







# By Ernie Lesei Brancyvine REGION

aturday, March 18th found the Brandywine group at Pete Robert's home in Downingtown, PA. for the annual "Pizza at Pete's".

There was an excellent turn out for this always popular event. In addition to our hosts Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey, the following attended: Dave and Ann Ehret; Buzz Marshall; Chuck Ott; Jeff and Lisa Lanno; Diane and Tom Zalewski; John Montague; Brian, Emily, and Benjamin Ehret; Katie and Lea Coletti; Nigel, Gabriella, Hayley,, and Dylan Smart; Joan, Ernie, and Andrew Leser. Surprise visitors from the Harrisburg Region were Shawn, Tammi, and Healey Miller.

Dee served up a wide variety of custom-made pizzas in addition to salads and an assortment of desserts. Note the included photo of the Austin Healey cake! A good selection of various beers, wine and soda accompanied the food. Dave Ehret provided a small keg of his very good home brewed Oktoberfest. See the accompanying photo of the Brandywine group.

Chuck Ott held a short business meeting. He reviewed the February

18th AHSTC board meeting in which several items were introduced and discussed. I am sure that these will be published elsewhere in The Flash. Current membership for Brandywine Region is 31 and for AHSTC is 300.

Dave Ehret and Pete Roberts have signed up for the "British Reliability Run". This is a 600 mile charity event held in September each year. AHSTC sponsors a car that enters this event. However, there is a limited number of entrees, so if you are interested sign up as soon as you can.

Thank you Pete and Dee for another super "Pizza at Pete's" event! Spring has officially started per the calendar. Time to think about getting the AH out on the road again.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

April, Sunday 23rd. Covered Bridge Tour. Mike Jennings is coordinator.

#### May, Saturday 6th.

Lewes British Car Show. Contact is Mike Tyler (302-645-7572).

May, Saturday 13th. Tour to a winery and tasting. Les Lewis is coordinator.

May, Saturday 20th. Carlisle Import Show. Register with AHSTC plan to attend.

Contact Chuck Ott (302-378-7287).

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Brian, Lea, and Ben with Pete's BJ8.





# Long Island Region

his month I thought I would give an overview of upcoming events on Long Island that I am aware of at this time.

Paul Parfre

**April 16** is the Garden City Easter Parade. On a nice day there is a very large turnout of antique and classic cars. Cars line up in the parking lots to the east of Franklin Avenue, starting at 10:00. A short parade begins at 1. The three hours in between is for a really interesting car show. I have attended and enjoyed this gathering many times.

**April 30** is the Historic Motor Parkway Memories Antique Car Show and Swap Meet in Williston Park at the American Legion Hall at 730 Willis Avenue. It is held on the



Ira Udasin's 100 at Vanderbilt Concours

pavement of the old Vanderbilt Parkway.

May 6 is Britfest at Horseshoe Lake Park at 72 Leyland Ave in Succasunna, NJ. This is an all-British car show.

May 7 is Regimental Activities NAI Auto Show at the US Merchant Marine Academy at 300 Steamboat Road in Kings Point. Preregistration is \$20 by May 3.

Howard Kroplick's Tucker Torpedo is the featured car.

May 21 is the Studebaker Drivers Club Orphan Car Show at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. This is for all cars that aren't made any more, including Studebakers and, of course, Austin Healeys. Registration is \$20 by April 30; \$25 day of show.

May 27 to June 4 is British Car Awareness Week. Drive Your British Car!

**June 4** is the Greater New York Region of AACA 51st Annual Spring Meet at Old Westbury Gardens, 9 AM to 5 PM. This is a very large show with just about every old car you can think of represented.

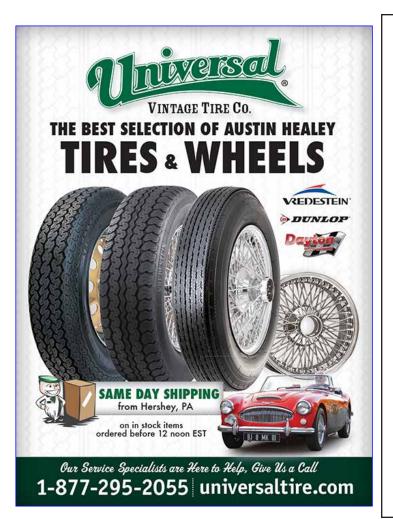
**June 4**, TWENTY-SECOND RED MILL BRITISH CAR DAY, HOSTED BY: Austin Healey Sport & Touring Club BENEFITS: Red Mill Museum Village, 56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ 08809

August 9 to August 12 is AHSTC Encounter. This year it is being held in Princeton, NJ. Look for more details in issues of *The Flash*.

August 26 is the Scottish Games at Old Westbury Gardens. I have been to this many, many times. The car show part is organized by Peter Burnside. The British cars line up in the courtyard of the mansion. There are passes, available from Peter or myself, for free admission for British cars and their drivers. Aside from the car show, there are many things to see, do, buy, and eat.

Sept. 10, Vanderbilt Jaguar Concours d' Elegance

You will receive this list with entry forms attached via email. I will send out email reminders and details as the events get closer, and will add events as they become known.





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ow! Is it that time again? It seems like it was just last weekend that several of us gathered at Richard & Barbara Ippolitis' home in Califon, NJ to test out the VCR race track that Richard built. After a bit of tweaking on the track, and a bit more tweaking (well, okay, make that out-right adjusting...) of some of the racecars that were present, we had headed out to lunch.

The only Regional function I had on my calendar since then was our monthly club meeting, which was rescheduled from March 15th and held this past Tuesday night (March 21st) at Charlie Brown's in Chatham. We had a great turn-out, with 15 members attending. Those members included Rudy Hyzer, Steve & Ann Feld, Allen Rosenberg, Larry Gersten, Jim Vollmuth, Ian & Sue Kessen, Dennis Meehan, John Moore, Tom Mulligan, Steve Jekogian Bob Pense, Ralph Scarfogliero, and George Crombie. A number of topics were covered, including up-dates on this year's Encounter (August 9th – 12th), the Red Mill British Car Day (June 4th), and a proposed new location for the annual Fall Fest, to be held either near the end of September, or in early October. Stay tuned for more info as plans become final. As always, volunteers are needed to help out at all three of these functions. All the hard work has already been done by the guys that are heading up these events, but a few more volunteers are needed to help direct parking and count ballots on the days of the actual event(s), as well as organize and stuff "goodie bags" prior to the events.

Also discussed were proposed AHSTC by-law changes, to cover legal aspects of what happens, or should happen, if a region were to be dissolved. Heady stuff, that. Apparently, there is nothing presently in the Club By-laws that addresses this subject, and the Club's Board of Directors feel that there needs to be a directive in place in case the situation arises. Heck, and I was just going out for a burger...

Another point of interest was the "swap table" that Steve Feld instituted to help generate interest and promote an increase in attendance. The idea is simple: bring in un-wanted items (from parts to books to magazines to whatever), lay them out on a spare table, and see if anyone else wants to take it/them on home for their own use. Quite a few of the offered items found new homes. Sounds like it was a success, and this idea will probably be repeated in the near future. Stay tuned.

Check out the schedule of up-coming events; there's something for everyone...pick and choose, and I'll see you out there on the road with the top down and the wind in my hair somewhere...

APRIL 1st (Saturday): Tech session at K & T Vintage Sports Cars, Allentown, PA APRIL 18th (Tuesday): Monthly meeting & Program (Princeton Plasma Physics Lab presentation) APRIL 29th (Saturday): Spring Tune-up at the Felds' (6 Old Glen Rd in Morristown, NJ) MAY 6th (Saturday): Brit Fest at Horseshoe Lake Park, Succasunna, NJ MAY 13th (Saturday): Spring Tour to Princeton, NJ MAY 16th (Tuesday): Monthly Club Meeting at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ MAY 18 - 21: Carlisle Import Show & Swap Meet, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA MAY 27 – JUNE 4: British Car Week – Drive your LBC as much as possible this week!! **JUNE 2nd** (Friday): Moss Motors' Motorfest - British Car Hall of Fame inductions (Virginia) **UNE 3rd** (Saturday): Moss Motors' Motorfest - All British Car Show (Virginia) **IUNE 4th** (Sunday): Red Mill British Car Day – Red Mill, Clinton, NJ **JUNE 6th** (Tuesday): Monthly Club Meeting – Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ **IUNE 10th** (Saturday): A Touch of England – the Hermitage, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ JUNE 11th (Sunday): Hellertown British Car Show – Hellertown, PA **UNE 13th** (Tuesday): Monthly Club Meeting To Be Determined: Ice Cream Social – Have some ice cream & kick some tires!! **JUNE 25** - **29**: Summit in the Berkshires with the NE Region of the AHCA ₹



### Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club North Jersey Region

**Encounter 2017** 

August 9 - 12, 2017 in Princeton, NJ (www.AHSTC.org)

### ENCOUNTER 40...The 40th Consecutive Encounter Event

Just think that in August 2017, AHSTC will celebrate the 40th consecutive Encounter event. Who thought the AHSTC car event that all members look forward to annually, would be around this long.

This year the North Jersey region will host the Encounter event in Princeton, New Jersey, at the beautiful Westin Hotel and Conference Center in Forrestal Village. It is as centrally located in NJ as you can get with easy access from New England and Canada, Pennsylvania, Capital area, and other Healey points west and south.

The four day event will run August 9-12 so be there Wednesday night for some fun, comradery, and getting prepared for the Thursday morning Road Rallye.

The preliminary event schedule is as follows with many more exciting events & details to follow in *The Flash* each month.

#### Thursday Aug 10

• Rallye starting at 9:30. The rallye will end at the Grounds For Sculpture for a relaxing break, bathrooms, lunch and, if you are interested...a tour. This place is "one of a

kind". Check it out at www.groundsforsculpture.org

- Tech sessions
- Afternoon tour to Hopewell Valley Winery for tastings inside and out plus optional dinner, *www.hopewellvalleyvineyards.com*

#### Friday Aug 11

- Gymkhana 9-12 (run for you and your region)
- Self-tour at Grounds For Sculpture
- Ultimate Tech Session- Princeton University Plasma Physics Lab tour 1-3, www.pppl.gov
- Funkhana 4-6
- Individual Car Photo shoot
- BBQ and Awards 6-8
- Charity Auction 8-11

#### Saturday Aug 12

- Kiddykhana
- Concours Judging
- Popular Car Show 11-3
- Valve Cover Races 12-2
- English Tea 2-3
- Panoramic Photo 3-4
- Cocktail Reception 6-7
- Awards Banquet 7-10

Pre-Registration Special 40th anniversary price: \$40 (Like it was in the early 80s) Save the Date and Register Now...You can't afford not to be there!!! For info contact Steve Jekogian @ *Stevejekogian1@gmail.com*, 201-213-8217, or *AllenRosenberg@bigalnj@aol.com*, 732-742-4642.

# Princeton 2017

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The Grounds for Sculpture opened in 1992 on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds. The Grounds include three major historic buildings restored for a variety of purposes. Six indoor galleries feature rotating exhibitions and there is a year-round schedule of performing arts events. (The events for August 2017 are still under development.)

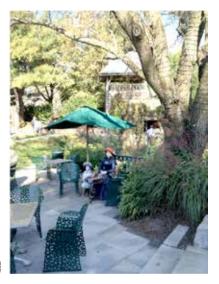
A visit to The Museum Shop will fulfill any desire for truly distinctive home decor items, as well as gifts and souvenirs. Four dining options on the Grounds include the Zagat-rated Rat's Restaurant, the Peacock Café, the Van Gogh café and the Gazebo. Plan to spend at least two hours enjoying the Grounds – any less and you'll be missing so much! Even if you've been there before, another visit always reveals many sculptures you may have missed and some new ones.

Details on discounted tickets as well as directions and hours will be available at Encounter 40. Visit the website for further information:

www.groundsforsculpture.org







# **AMELIA ISLAND**

### **INTRODUCTION**

ttending the Amelia Island Concours de Elegance should be on every car person's "to do" list. This event every March provides a car lover's excuse to go to Florida especially if other excuses have not succeeded. If you're already in Florida, definitely make the trip north to above Jacksonville. Not only will you see cars that rival what you may see at Pebble Beach, but the venue is beautiful and the weather better than the northeast (usually!).

Fait Clinic

Amelia Island Ann and I were able to make the Amelia show this year as part of a trip that started farther south on the Atlantic coast. For the first time in the history of the concours, it was moved to Saturday from Sunday because of a wet and windy forecast, which turned out correct. The traditional Cars & Coffee event was also held on Saturday resulting in an almost overwhelming number of cars to ogle that day. Thursday and Friday were filled with viewing cars which were to be auctioned at one of the five auctions of classic and collector cars. The Amelia automobile candy ranged from the Marmon Wasp that won the 1911 Indy 500 to two Bugatti Veyrons to the Porsche 917 that Steve McQueen drove in the movie "LeMans."

The multiple choice photo quiz that follows highlights some of the cars I believed to be noteworthy for a variety of inconsistent reasons. Most, but not all have some connection to the British auto industry. Each question has at least one correct answer and some questions have more than one correct answer. Hope you enjoy the quiz!





# **QUESTIONS FOR AMELIA ISLAND**



#### These people

- Have already registered for Encounter 2017
- Glad they're not at a Phillies' game
- Are enjoying Amelia Island Concours
- Are enjoying the Amelia Island Cars & Coffee



#### This wire wheel is on a

- 1932 Ford ....
- 1931 Stutz DV 32 Victoria
- 1961 32-valve Bentley
- British Motor Corp. Lucas Sport Salon
  - ("Our wheels are as durable as our electrics!")



#### <sup>7</sup> This Jaguar XJ 220

- Is one of two shown at Amelia
- Had a V6 engine that sounded like "someone's clanking a bucket of rusty nails together."
- Was made at a factory that made the DB7
- Is one of 275 built 1992-94



#### This Bugeye

- Was owned by Jerry Seinfeld
- Has an owner who wishes it had been owned by Jerry Seinfeld
- Was driven 400 miles to Amelia Island
- Was the only Bugeye at Amelia Island

#### ARTICLE | QUESTIONS FOR AMELIA ISLAND



### Is not street legal in US

Was made between 2001 and 2004

#### This pre-war classic

This Aston Martin

• Cost \$500,000 when new

• Is known as a One-77

- Is a Spanish one-off
- Was owned by Rudolf Valentino
- Has less than 110 horsepower from its 7.4 litre engine
- Is Italian through and though

#### This Jaguar at Goodings Auction

- Did not meet the reserve
- Did not have the original engine
- Did not have Jay Leno as an owner
- Did not run at LeMans

#### *This* **240***Z*

- Is really a Nissan Fairlady Z-432
  - (Not to be confused with the Z-324)
- Sold for \$65,200
- Has only 10 more HP than a BJ8
  - Is one of 420 made

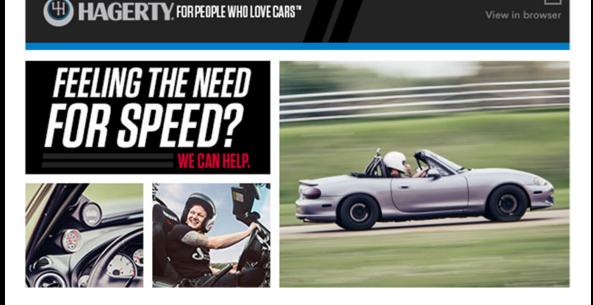
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#### ARTICLE | QUESTIONS FOR AMELIA ISLAND



#### This "one of one" 1948 sports car

- Is an Anglo/Swiss hybrid
- Sold for \$245,000
- Has 132 HP
  - Was developed by a Chevy dealer



#### • This 1928 Bentley

- Finished 3rd at LeMans in 1929
- Ran 3 times at LeMans
- Never heard of Le Mans
  - Sold for \$7.15million



#### /This 1967 Maserati Spyder

- Sold for \$478,00
- Is one of 37
- Has Lucas fuel injection
- Is complete but needs a little TLC





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# AMELIA ISLAND

#### **ANSWERS:**

• (c) The Amelia Island Concours 2017 was well attended in spite of the unprecedented, last minute change to Saturday because of the wet weather forecast for Sunday.

• (b) This 1931 Stutz DV32 Convertible Victoria is thought to be a prototype built by LeBaron. It was awarded Amelia's Most Elegant Open Car and is owned by an acquaintance in North Jersey.

• (a), (b), (c) and (d) There were two identical Jaguar XJ220s at Amelia's Cars & Coffee. Although it was the fastest production car at the time, some reviewers panned it. It was a sales disappointment as was the contemporaneous McClaren F1 because of an economic recession.

• (d) This excellent Bugeye was the only one I saw at the Cars & Coffee and there were none at the Concours. (No surprise there!) I do not know how far the owners drove to Amelia but 400 miles seems unlikely but not unprecedented.

• (c) The Aston Martin One-77 was produced between 2010 and 2012 and total production was limited to 77 cars. The 750HP V12 engine in a carbon fibre monocoque chassis surrounded by an aluminum body could achieve 220mph. Aston's set a price of \$1.7million and decreed that no auto journalist would drive one in an official capacity – only very, very well-heeled owners should have that experience! This blue example was shown at the Amelia Cars & Coffee and the crowd was allowed to touch it regardless of credit score. As far as being street legal – who cares?

• (d) The 1933 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A Dual Cowl Sports Tourer by Castagna sold for \$902,000 at RM/Sotheby's Amelia Auction. Only one of two made, it sports exactly 110HP from its 7370cc engine (not "less than 110") and was the 1933 Paris Salon car. Rudolf Valentino owned an Isotta Fraschini but it was a different model -hopefully with a shorter name! This car is a movie queen appearing in "Giant" with James Dean as well as films with John Wayne and other stars.

• (a), (b), (c) and (d). This 1957 Jaguar XKSS was the star car of Gooding's Amelia auction but did not meet the reserve price. Coincidentally, three other XKSSs were shown at the Amelia Concours meaning that at least four of the sixteen XKSSs appeared at Amelia.

• (a), (c) and (d) Nissan made 420 Fairlady Z-423s for sale only to Japan. The 160HP Skyline GT-R engine made this 1970 model a hot item there. It is even hotter here selling for \$170,500 at Amelia this year. Many credit the 240Z as putting the final nail in the coffin of the British sports car. (The Z-324 model is a figment of someone's imagination.)

• (d) HRG Engineering Company formed by Major Edward Halford, Guy Robins and Henry Godfrey produced a mere 241 cars between 1935-1956. This 1956 HRG 1500 Alloy Roadster by St. Leonards originally featured an overhead cam Singer engine and is thought to be the last HRG to be produced by the factory.

• (a) and (d) Where else will you see a one-off 1948 Vauxhall-Zimmerli 18-6 Roadster? The brother owners of Swiss Vauxhall and Chevy dealers couldn't wait for normal sports car production to start after WWII so they built this aluminum bodied car based on the Vauxhall Velox. This 54HP, 6-cylinder vehicle sold for \$71,500.

• (a) No sale was the result for this 1928 Bentley 4 ½ Litre LeMans Sports "The Bobtail" by Vanden Plas against a \$6.5-\$7.5 estimate. Driven by a couple of the "Bentley Boys" this Bentley ran in LeMans twice and came in third in 1929.

• (a), (b) and (c) A car last registered in 1983 usually need more than "a little TLC." Even though this is a 1967 Maserati Mistral 4000 Spyder is only one of 37 spyders with the 4 litre engine, it's simply not a Ferrari. It still has its original Lucas mechanical fuel injection for better or worse! One can only guess what surprises await the new owner for this \$478,000 investment

#### THE FLASH

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# Tech Tips • Clips

## LED Illumination Retrofit

#### By Glenn Abello

A bit more than two years ago, Austin-Healey Magazine published an article on the conversion of the Original Equipment (OE) incandescent lighting to the more modern LED illumination (November-December 2011, Volume 43 Number 6, pages 32-34). The following provides an update for those of you who would like to upgrade your car to LEDs.

NOTE: It is highly advisable to convert your car to NEGATIVE EARTH (ground) prior to upgrading to LED lighting, as most automotive LEDs are polarity sensitive and designed for cars utilizing a Negative Grounded System.

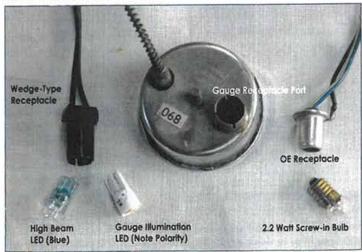
By now, we have all become familiar with LED illumination (Light Emitting Diode) in everyday usage, as it represents one of the alternatives to the incandescent lighting in our homes. The advantages of this type of illumination in our Austin Healey automobiles are quite startling.

- Longer Lasting (up to 10K hours of continuous lighting compared to 500-1200 hours for the OE bulbs)
- · Provides a brighter, whiter light per watt of output
- More energy efficient, with the current draw measured in milliamperes
- A cooler operating temperature (about 80 degrees F)
- · Safer within the existing electrical system found in the car

**Converting to LED lighting** is a relatively straight-forward process, although it does take some patience and time, along with the ability to cram yourself into tight places. Virtually all lighting in the car can be upgraded to LEDs.

#### DASH PANEL

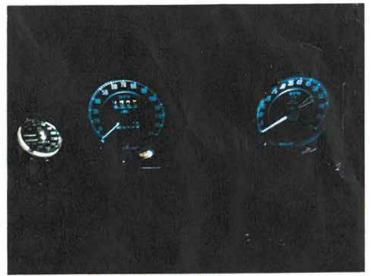
**Gauge Lighting:** This is an area of most concern when driving at night, as it's quite important to be able to read the instrument output. The OE bulbs were essentially screw-in flashlight units that had between a 2 and 5-watt output, so the instruments were never well-lit.



The original and replacement bulbs plus typical receptacles for gauge lighting.

The LED conversion will require changing the old screw-in receptacles of the OE wiring harness to the wedge-type receptacles<sup>®</sup>. These may be purchased from a variety of sources, including Nisonger Instruments (www.nisonger.com) and APT Instruments (www.gaugeguys.com). Both of these companies also are distributors of our Smiths Gauges.

Once this receptacle replacement is made, all that is left is to go to an automotive LED website and select your bulbs, such as Super Bright LEDs (www.superbrightleds.com). There are a variety of choices, but you'll want the equivalent of a Number 194 incandescent wedge-type bulb to provide the necessary illumination for your gauges.



The dash gauges illuminated with Super Bright LEDs.

Other Dash Lighting includes the High Beam Indicator Lamp and the Turn Signal Flasher lamps (there is only one dash flasher on all models except for the BJ8, which has two). Be sure that you match the color of the LED bulb with the color of the indicator gel on the dash (that is, use a BLUE LED for the High Beam and GREEN for the Turn Signals).

NOTE: The Generator/Alternator Warning Lamp MUST remain in its original configuration and cannot be converted to an LED. This is due to certain circuit requirements for the charging system that precludes the use of a low current LED.

#### INTERIOR LIGHTING

The Austin Healey cars did not come with any auxiliary lighting for the interior of the car, so you had to carry a torch (flashlight), bring along a Guide Dog or get in the car during the daylight hours to avoid entering or exiting the car by "feel".

LED Lighting Strips are available that are self-adhering, waterproof and may be tucked into out-of-the-way locations to illuminate the cockpit, the boot, the engine bay and the glove box (BJ8 only).

\*NOTE: If your only goal is to convert the instrument lights to LEDs and not the other applications as listed below, you may purchase screwtype LED bulbs from Moss Motors for about \$9 each (Part Number 170-970 for Negative Earth and 170-975 for Positive Earth). This will enable you to use the existing lamp sockets in your OE wiring harness and maintain your car in its original, Positive Earth configuration.



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### MEMBERS CORNER By Rick Brodeur

#### We have no new members this month.

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The new calendar of events for 2017 should be up on the website soon. Regional event pages are being filled in and are for members only with a website login.

We'll do our best to keep these calendars up to date. If you know of an event not listed, please send it to me at *membership@austin-healey-stc.org* and I'll see that it is posted.

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 the current and past *Flash* newsletters.

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