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Steve Jekogian

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Ok put these dates in you cell phone scheduler, or write it on the calendar hanging on you wall.

Encounter dates and events:

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Thursday August 10

"The 40th Encounter Rally" 9 AM read about it in this Flash Issue
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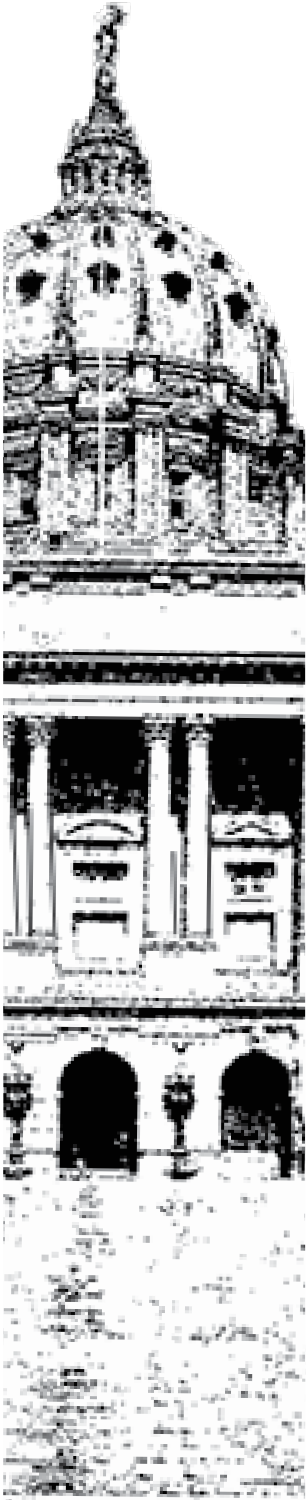
English Tea

Banquet and awards

So, Just Do It

HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett Additional photos by Charlie Baldwin and Sonya Bennett



After all the driving and show activities in May, June has seemed a bit slower paced. With summer projects and summer heat proliferating, club events have taken a back seat (pardon the pun). For the Harrisburg Region, June is a time for evening drives through the beautiful Central PA countryside as the hot days give way to cooler, starlit nights.



One of the nicest destinations for an evening drive is the Soda Jerk Restaurant in Hummelstown, where we look forward to fantastic food and a pastoral view from the covered rear deck, for our June monthly meeting. More importantly, the June 20 meeting was "Ladies' Night." With perfect weather on hand, twenty members attended this year. Donna Sherk came away with the ladies-only 50-50 jackpot.

After dinner, Joe polled the assembled group on how many had signed up for Encounter- most were planning to be there. He urged anyone who had not done so yet to consider attending. Joe asked us to think about a possible "theme" for the 2018 Encounter, which we will be hosting in the Lancaster area. If you have an idea, send it to Joe ASAP so we can start designing the tee-shirts.

Three big Healeys and a Bugeye made the trip to Hummelstown- Joe and Barb Spear, Pam Frazier, Mary Ann Waltz, and Fred and Sonya Bennett, respectively. The ride home under the stars was one none of us will soon forget!

IN OTHER NEWS...

Fred Sherk, Joe Spear, Bob Sweeney, and Sonya and I met at the Carnival Car Show at the AACA Museum in Hershey on June 17th. Featured vehicles this year were unrestored "garage finds." This is an annual event at the Museum and is well worth attending. There are lots of activities for all ages, and the wide variety of beautiful and unique vehicles always surprises. I wish I had some photographs from the show to share, but not one of us attending thought to take any pictures! I guess we were all too busy meeting interesting people and drooling over all the incredible automobiles there.




Annual Picnic

Mark July 15th on your calendar. That's the date for our annual summer picnic. Be sure to let Joe know what you will be bringing. All beverages and meats for the grill will be provided. The festivities start at 11:00 and will include an artillery contest using Don Hoffer's infamous Civil War canon and (according to Joe) a "special musical guest." Prizes will be awarded! The address is The Bennetts, 2621 Fishing Creek Valley Rd. 17112. Hope to see everyone there!

A FINAL EXHAUST NOTE

Roger C. Jonson penned the following praise for the "big" Healey, excerpted from page 50 of "Barrett Jackson Experience" magazine for Summer 2017:

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Of course, Mr. Jonson's observations are not exactly breaking news to anyone reading this publication. We've known all those things about our favorite cars for years! 

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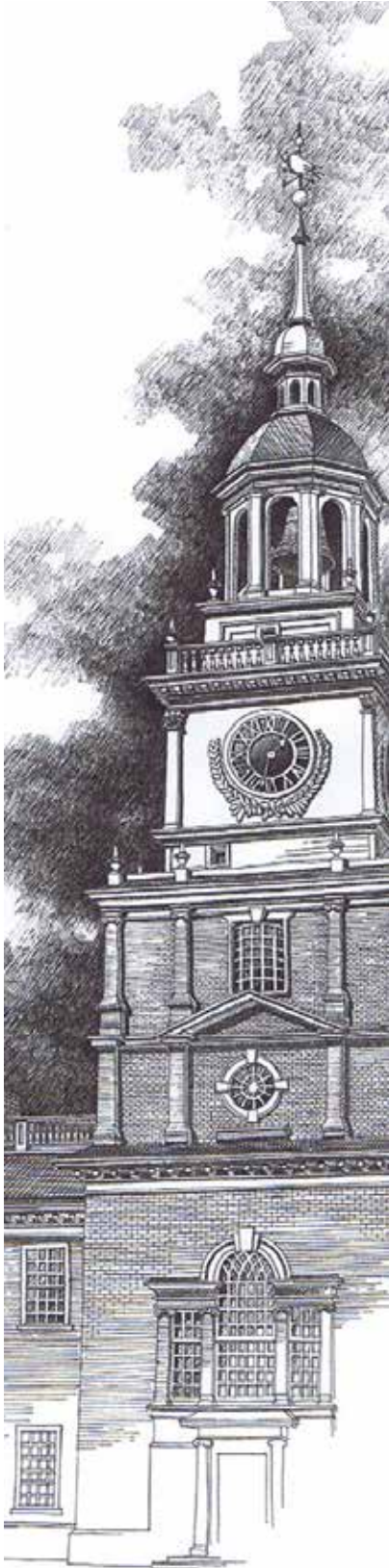
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REGION



With rainy conditions on Saturday, June 3, a small group of members held a tech session at the home of Steve Snyder in Princeton to bring about the resurrection of his Bugeye Sprite. Nick Ferrant, Ed Sweeney, Chuck Ott, and I joined Steve in the endeavor. After checking various components on the car, we turned the key on, and hit the starter button. Within about three seconds, the engine came to life after hibernating for many years. The car ran for a while, and we shut the car down, satisfied that it ran well. Steve will be ordering more parts that we found missing.

Mother Nature smiled upon us on Sunday, June 4, with rain holding off for the **Third Annual Motors for Music Classic Car Show at Fonthill**, in Doylestown, PA. About 85 cars covered the grassy knoll outside the Moravian Tile Works. Stretched over the ground, were cars of various Marques, years, models, and manufacturers.



There were stock American Steel, modified classics, a modern car division, and near to our hearts, the British car class. On display were three big Healeys, five Bugeye Sprites, three of which were upgraded with Jensen superchargers, and an MGBGT. Other British cars filled the area as well. The grounds were crowded with parents with young children in tow as well as older adults who viewed the cars, discussing cars of the past that they had owned. Owners joined them in telling them about their cars and freely allowing the young children to pose for photos in the cars.

The grounds were alive with music, as a DJ played songs from the 60s and 70s for a time, and then the Central Bucks South Jazz Band, the recipients of the show, entertained the crowd for about a hour. To satisfy everyone's appetite, a local food truck was on hand which served delicious pulled pork, brisket, and other BBQ meals at very reasonable prices. After talking with the food truck operator, I found out that he had sold out and could have had more sales if he had more food to provide.

Eventually, the award ceremony began. Five cars were awarded trophies in each division, and a final Best of Show was chosen. In the British car division, Allen Kramer's red/white Bugeye Healey with a Jensen supercharger, and my '61 3000 won. In all, the show was well organized and attended, and after speaking with the organizer, Dave Siwa, a Philadelphia region member, I hope even more cars will come out next year to support the Motors for Music Show.

On June 10, the ***Motoring Memories at the Manor Car Show*** was held at Neshaminy Manor in Doylestown. A rather small show by size, but well attended with about 30 cars of various Marques and years were on display. There were three Healeys, including Dave

Siwa's Bugeye Sprite, Jim Leshner's 100-4, and my 3000 representing the British contingency. The show was organized to support the Neshaminy Manor Nursing Home, a nonprofit home in Bucks County.

The residents came out in numbers with walkers and wheelchairs to "cruise" around the parking lot to view the cars. Some remembered having owned cars like those on display in years gone by. While hits from the 40s, 50s, and 60s were played by a DJ, the residents enjoyed themselves dancing and moving to the beat. The residents, as well as participants and viewers, were able to vote for their favorite cars. At about noon, awards were handed out, and the three Healeys were awarded trophies. In all, it was a nice show for a Saturday morning, and fun to see the Manor residents having a good time.

The afternoon of June 10, under sunny skies, approximately 30 members and friends of the Philadelphia region




went to the home of Donna and Terry McNelis in Lansdale for our annual picnic. This was the first time they hosted the picnic, and they did an outstanding job of organizing and serving delicious food for all. The afternoon was festive with good conversations and catching up by those present. The food ranged from sushi to salad to grilled sausage and peppers, hamburgers, and delectable desserts.

Everyone enjoyed the occasion and were reluctant to leave, which is always a good sign of a successful event.

On Monday, June 19, the monthly meeting was held at the Metropolitan. In addition to a good dinner, we were treated to slide presentation of Jim Leshner's recent trip to the Healey Museum near Amsterdam.

Upcoming events include the July 29th Philadelphia Glider Club outing in Hilltown, PA. Fellow member Rob Morrow has organized this event at the Glider Club field, offering glider rides at half price, and a BBQ picnic later in the day. Watch for details in an upcoming Eflash.

We are looking forward to Encounter August 9 to 13, with the possible addition of attending the New Hope Car Show on the 13th. Events are planned and will be posted as they come up.

On Saturday, October 14, "Brits at The Village" will be held in Lahaska, PA, adjacent to Peddler's Village, just south of New Hope. It's always a good show, but Marlyn complains that she can't buy very much because we bring the Healey. 





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Brandywine REGION

By Ernie Leser

Sunday, June 11th was quite hot, but thankfully relatively low humidity for our tour of several covered bridges in Chester county, Pa. Mike Jennings layed out an excellent tour which took a bit over two hours. In that time we traveled over beautiful country roads and passed through four historic covered bridges. The bridges were covered (enclosed) to protect the wooden deck. These were all built between 1880 and 1886. All utilized the Burr Arch design. Mike provided a history of each bridge in his tour write up. There are a total of 15 covered bridges remaining in Chester county, some on private property and thus not accessible to the public. The cars consisted of four big Healeys, a 1965 Corvette, and a Nissan chase car.



Our lunch destination was Hoods BBQ in Unionville, Pa. The food got an excellent rating! President Chuck Ott gave a brief summary of the recent AHSTC board meeting. The club is in good financial shape and Encounter registrations are coming along. Members going on the tour were: Mike and Carol Jennings; Buzz and Paula Marshall; Jim Martin and "Jack"; Pete Roberts and Dee Caffrey; Chuck Ott; Ernie and Joan Leser. Also attending, and a big welcome to new members Kevin and Colleen Fernsler! See the attached photos of the group at one of the covered bridges and assembled at the restaurant.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday, July 15th, 12 noon. Pool Party at the Lewis's residence, 37 Breezeway Dr., Elkton, Md.
RSVP to Shawn by July 8th (302-354-1271).

August 9-12th. Encounter 2017 in Princeton, NJ.

August, Saturday 26th. Chesapeake City Car Show.



By Paul Parfrey Long Island REGION

The AACA show at Old Westbury Gardens was held on June 4th. Members Ira Udasin, Scott Greenfield, Steve Tjepkema and Chris Korte attended. The weather was beautiful in the early morning but then turned cloudy and finally began to sprinkle. Fortunately, that held off long enough for them to connect with each other and have a good time before the wise move was to get home and stay dry.

Long time member Mike Neumar recently stopped by to say hi. He had come up north from Florida to attend his granddaughter's high school graduation. She will attend State University at Binghamton in the fall. I can still remember when Mike hosted an Austin Healey summer gathering when he lived on Long Island. It is especially memorable because I walked through his unopened screen door. I can only say in my defense that it was so bright and sunny out that it looked like the door was open. What can I tell you?



Off into the wild blue yonder.



Chris Korte and car



Ira and friend

Remember that Encounter is coming up in August. As in the past few years, you can bid on a WWII bomber flight at the Encounter Charity Auction. It is well worth it!

Hopefully, in this issue you should find an article from the Austin Healey Club UK's journal, Revcounter. I think it is really interesting, and am glad that the author gave us permission to share it with our membership.



Ira's car



Mike Neumar's Visit



Steve Tjepkema with Jack and Rob



North Jersey

By George Crombie

Well, Summer appears to have finally arrived! Both in weather and with the calendars rapidly filling up with club events! As I write this, it's just over 1/3rd of the way through June, and it's already been a busy month, and with July and August looking just as full!

To start the month, Moss Motors held its second Moss MotorFest all-British marque car show at their new (7 or 8 years, already!!) East Coast Warehouse location in Petersburg, Virginia over the first weekend of June. Among the weekend's festivities was a "Sports Car Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony" on Friday afternoon, June 2nd, including a tour of the facilities, and a demonstration of their upholstery fabrication shop. Incidentally, Moss does its own panel and seat cover fabrication in-house, to assure quality. They followed this with a car show on Saturday morning, open to all British cars. Among the Hall of Fame inductees were: Donald M. Healey, Jerry Coker, John Sprintzel, and Graham Robson, just to name a few who have/had connections to our beloved main Marque. Organizing the event was John Nikas, pilot of Grace (the "Drive Away Cancer Car"), who took Sarah along on part of his "Drive Away Cancer" campaign in 2012. Grace has since been officially "retired", and (I believe) put on display at the new Museum. If you are ever in the area (or, Hell! Make a special side-trip; it is certainly worth it!), do make it a point to stop in and check out the new museum and Moss' East Coast Facilities.

Sarah and I stuck around for the car show and awards on Saturday, and even a little bit longer for some visiting before hitting the road for the almost 6-hour (approximately 340-mile) drive back to New Jersey. We made it back about 10:30 Saturday night... Not nearly enough time to rest the back and eyes before heading out to



the Red Mill All British Car Show in Clinton, New Jersey on Sunday morning! Note to self: Stay Hydrated!!

June's monthly meeting fell on D-Day + 73 years, which this year happened to be a cold, wet Tuesday. In spite of the weather, Charlie Brown's in Chatham was packed, inside and out. There was another group holding an event in our usual room, so our group was moved to the "library." It was a bit of a tight fit, for an "open room", with 18 club members making it out for the meeting, in addition to other parties being "accidentally" seated in our reserved space! Among those in attendance were: Ralph Scarfoglio; Jay Baumann; Larry Gersten; Ernie Marateo; Rudy Hyzer; Jim Vollmuth; Ian Kessen; Steve Jekogian; Bob



and Julie Jankowitz; Ginny and Allen Rosenberg; Rich Ippoliti; Steve and Ann Feld; Sarah and George Crombie; and Bob Pense. Communication was a bit challenging, but Steve Feld did a very good job in working with the challenge, coming around the table to talk with the attendees in small groups. The main item on the agenda was the fast-approaching Encounter in Princeton. At last count, there were 70 people registered for Thursday afternoon's winery tour at



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Hopewell Valley Vineyards in Pennington, leaving 30 spots available for anyone interested. Please let Ann or Steve know if anyone else is interested who has not yet signed up! As of last count, Encounter has 79 registrations, with 71 Healeys (the cars!) committed. The conversations also touched upon the recent Red Mill show, as well as the upcoming (at that time) Touch of England All British show in HoHoKus, NJ on June 10th, followed by The British Motorcar Gathering in Hellertown, PA, which was held on Sunday, June 11th.

Red Mill saw 76 registrations, with John Thorn (1st Sprites) and George Crombie (2nd Sprites) representing all the Sprites on hand for the day; and John Moore (1st in big Healeys), Sue & Ian Kessen (2nd in big Healeys), and Steve Feld (3rd in big Healeys). There were a couple of other big Healeys on hand, too. Other members who took home hardware included: Frank Muratore (3rd in the TR2/3/4/5/& 250 class), Bill & Marge Smith (1st in "other TR"), Jim Vollmuth (1st in "other Jaguar"), and Ernie Marateo (2nd in MINI). The morning and early afternoon was mostly pleasant, if somewhat muggy. The skies opened up and showered us with a little liquid sunshine towards the end of the show, so most of us drove home a little wetter than when we had arrived.


The following members made it out to The Hermitage in HoHoHus, NJ on Saturday, June 10th for A Touch of England: Tom Mulligan (1st in E-Type Jag); Jim Vollmuth (2nd in E-Type Jag); Frank Muratore (3rd TR 2 – 3); Bill & Marge Smith (1st TR 7 – 8); Steve Feld (1st Austin Healey 3000); and Art Herkomer (2nd Austin Healey 3000).

Hellertown, PA attracted members Bill & Meg Kaltnecker (BJ8); Tom & Sue Kessen (BT7); Steve Feld (BT7); Joe & Carol Bardon (BJ8); Nick & Alice Ferrant (BN4); and George Crombie (AN9). Alice took home third place for her 100/6. Steve Feld led a group of us (Steve, the





Kaltnecker, the Kessens, and me) over hill and through the dales (which I can only assume were either “trees”, “small towns”, or “any combination there-of”) as we meandered our way over the back-roads of rural New Jersey from Exit 15 off of I-78. A very enjoyable and scenic drive along parts of the Delaware River; so much so that we took the same route back! There were a total of 12 big Healeys (including a 100-M and a BN2), 4 bugeyes, and 4 box Sprites. A terrific showing, with almost 200 cars registered.

The next message you get from me should arrive just as you are packing for your trip to Princeton, NJ for **ENCOUNTER 40!** I hope you have your registration form filled out and mailed by this time! 

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By Rick Brodeur

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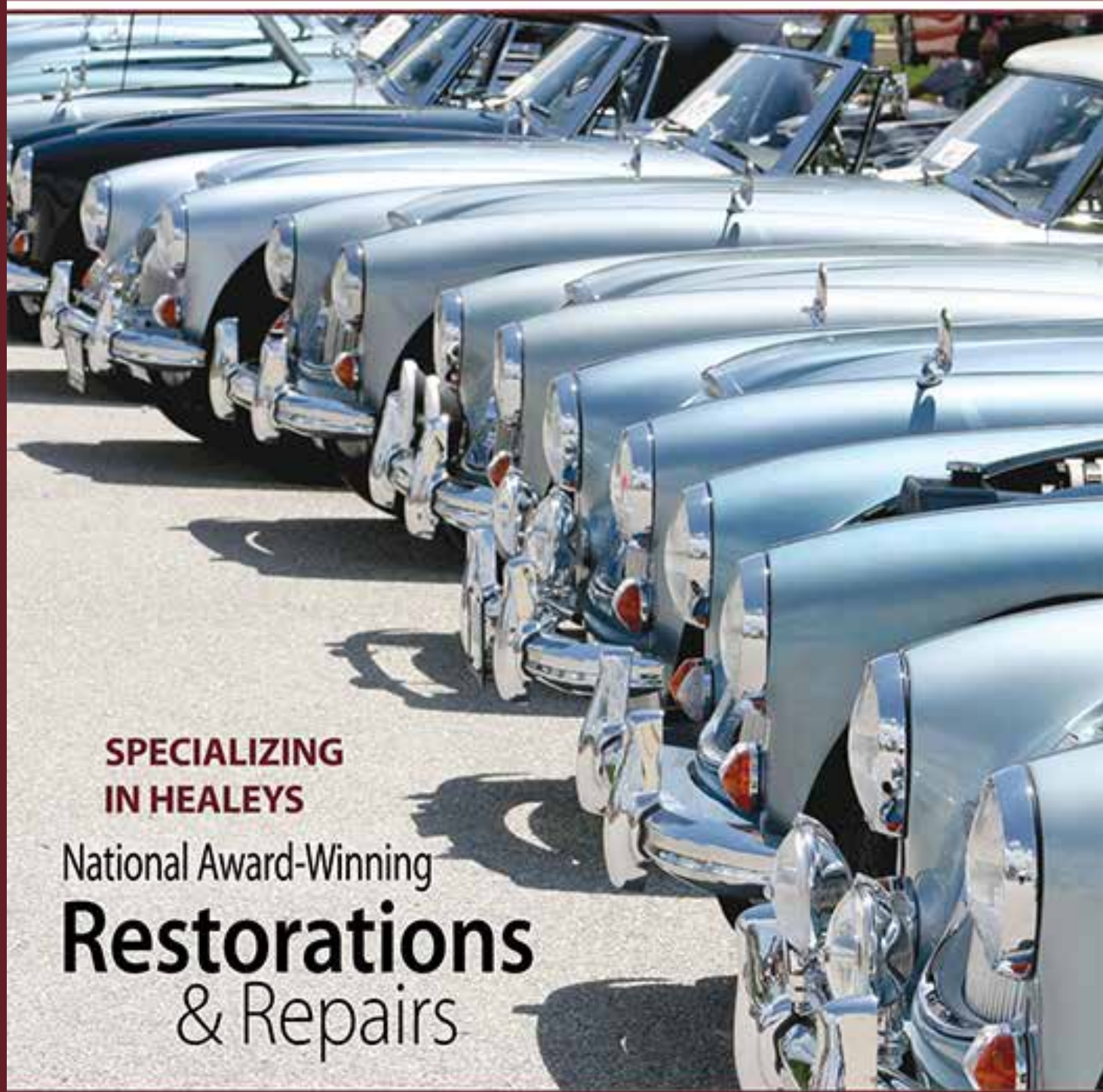
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