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COFFEE AND CRUMPETS.

What's In The Flash

Steve Jekogian

Carlisle never disappoints. "They" said rain and we did not go on Friday, but it was OK and not crowded according to the "hard core" goers. Saturday was another story.

The first ever Cars and Crumpets was held on May 20 in Parsippany New Jersey. Like all British car events it started small, but I am sure will grow and grow as AHSTC and Coffee and Croissants did.

Ralph Scarfogliero from the North Jersey region, came up with a great idea and he is making it work. On a slightly overcast Sunday morning a bunch of "British car guys and gals" showed up for the event.

Below is the write-up on the Cars & Crumpets website
NJBC.ORG

Cars & Crumpets May 20, 2018

May 22, 2018

It was a typical foggy English morning with scattered showers in the forecast for the early morning. They predicted it to clear up by 9am, with some sunshine, and rain to return in the late afternoon. So in good old British fashion I decided to keep calm and carry on with the inaugural Cars and Crumpets gathering.

Along the way to the event one of the showers crossed my path for about 20 minutes . Not to be deterred I continued to the location. After setting up, and raising the Unionjack the skies cleared up and the sun was shining. After a few minutes the first of the courageous drivers who disregarded the dreaded weather reports





started to show up. Albeit in coupes or with their tops up. However after the first hour a few more adventurous drivers did show with their tops down.

In all there were 10 drivers who ignored the ominous weather reports to attend. One gentleman wandered over to check out the event, and he told me he found out about it from his friend in New Zealand ! I guess the interest for this exclusive British car event is gaining popularity. One gentlemen brought his young son, and he received a model of an Aston Martin, similar to the car his dad drove him in.

I want to thank all the brave attendees for coming to the inaugural event. Please help spread the word to all your British owner friends .

Next month there will be 2 gatherings at this same location (New Jersey route 10 and 202 at the Dunkin Donuts), on Sunday June 10th, and June 24th. Hope to see you there.

I am sure that Ralph (ralph@natroute.com) would like All the AHSTC regions to set up their own local **“Cars and Crumpets”** events.

Good driving



HARRISBURG

REGION

By Fred Bennett

Whatever Happened to Spring?

Yeah, I know... "April showers" and all that. That would be "normal." But whatever happened to the "merry, merry month of May?" Remember learning about "continental drift" in school? Well, it's occurring at an alarming pace these days! Apparently, the Northeast US is now located where Seattle used to be.

Today is Saturday, May 19th- Carlisle Import and Performance day- one of the highlights of the driving season, when the Harrisburg Region always hosts a pot-luck lunch for all our Healey friends under our tent. Carlisle represents one of the largest gatherings of British sports cars you will ever find in this area. Yet, as I cower in my dimly lit garret (instead of attending the Carlisle show) scribbling this month's Flash article to the incessant pitter-patter of rain on our tin roof, it occurs to me that it has rained seven out of the last seven days! In fact, there has not been a period of more than two days in a row without some kind of precipitation for over two months. I wonder what the Healey clubs in the Southwest have to complain about... maybe the heat? To heck with spring!

Upcoming Events

"Hope springs eternal in the savage breast," so I'm choosing to look ahead to summer and all the wonderful driving opportunities to come. Our annual "Ladies Night" and cruise-in at the Soda Jerk in Hummelstown is scheduled for June 19th at 6:30. The summer picnic is tentatively scheduled for July 21st in beautiful Fishing Creek Valley. Of course, the pinnacle of the Healey driving season will be Encounter on September 19th – 22nd in Lancaster, PA. In the meantime, I intend to squeeze as much seat time as possible in between the raindrops and hail stones. Oh, and I just ordered a new set of wiper blades for both the Sprite and the BT7, just in case this crazy weather sticks around.



Don and Susan at Carlisle

**A Final Exhaust
Note • In Memoriam
Donald Nalley
March 15, 1933- May 6, 2018**

Our AHSTC community was sad to learn of the passing of long-time member Don Nalley on May 16th. Don was a dedicated and passionate Healey enthusiast. Just last year, even as his health was failing, he saw the total restoration of his stunning BJ8 through to completion. Although Don would not be able to fully enjoy that car himself, he has left behind a beautiful, historical artifact of a motoring tradition that he dearly loved and will be greatly appreciated by generations to come.

Don was a stalwart member of AHSTC for over twenty years, during which time he enjoyed attending numerous Encounters, Progressive Dinners, Annual Award Banquets, the Carlisle Import Show, and the Hershey meet. He and Susan were regular guests at the Grand Poo Pah and Moo Pah Bed and Breakfast Inn for many Healey events. In his non-Healey life, Don was an accomplished architect in the Washington D.C. area, where he was born and raised and attended Catholic University. He continued to work and live there his entire life, with the exception of the two years he served in the U.S. Army as an illustrator at Fort Gordon in Georgia.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our good friend and his dear wife, Susan, who was no less enthusiastic about their shared passion for these special automobiles. Don is also survived by a stepdaughter, Sarah Murray, and step-granddaughter, Tina Noelle Robinson. We will all miss Don's dry humor as well as his vast knowledge of the Healey marque.

Fred Sherk, who knew Don for many years, sends the following tribute: Don Nalley was a true gentleman. He was the perfect straight man for Susan, who can tell a joke as well as any comedian. He was a great representative of our club, whose latest restoration of a BJ8 was outstanding. We are going to miss him.

Mary Ann Waltz sent along these sentiments: So sorry to hear of Susan's loss and our loss too. Don was a terrific guy and a gentleman. I will always remember him.



"Don and Susan are 'in it to win it' at the 2010 Funkhana!"

*Through countless miles and winding lanes,
Gymkhanas, ralleys, tight chicanes-
On tours with the pedal down,
We roared and thundered through each town!*

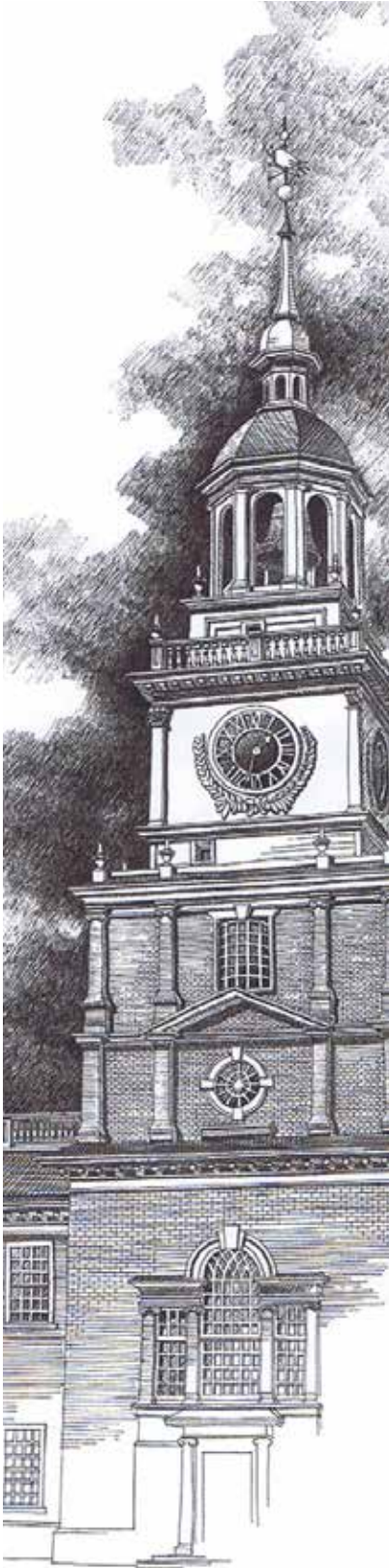
*This solemn journey you now take,
Is one we, someday, all will make.
Yet, know the road ahead this day,
Is paved with friendship- all the way.*



"Don and Susan with their Big Healey at the Revere Hotel, Encounter 2010"

PHILADELPHIA

REGION



Finally, spring sunshine has arrived, and temperatures are rising. Time to uncover the Healeys, clean them up, and get them on the road.

We have had a few tech sessions in the past month, including one rainy Saturday at Paul's garage. At that time, Ray and the group proceeded to take the Bugeye on the forklift out of the garage into the parking lot. Then, using plenty of truck-soap, they proceeded to power wash the engine bay, underneath of the chassis and the rear area to remove decades of built-up grime, dirt, and who knows what else. Everyone was happy with the outcome.

A week later, we traveled to Terry's house to work on tuning up his BJ8. We readjusted the points and attempted to determine the proper timing setting. Multiple books gave different settings as the proper timing. What I did find out was that from

top dead center, five degrees advance is $17/64$ " and 10 degrees was $17/32$ ". Forget all that—it's a $1/4$ " or $1/2$ ". We also proceeded to disconnect all linkages from the carburetter (British spelling) and reset them as per the SU Manual.



These tech sessions have turned into genuine gourmet outings. We have dined on barbecued ribs with

all the “fixins”, pulled pork sandwiches, and the third session included meatball and sausage sandwiches. This has perked the interest in attending tech sessions. We’re waiting to see what’s next.

We are looking for more tech sessions to be held weekends this summer. Let me know what you need, and we’ll try to schedule it. Remember, there are high standards now for food.

A Cars and Coffee event was held at Pour Richard’s on Sunday, May 6. In spite of impending rain, a few people arrived in their regular waterproof cars to enjoy good coffee, pastries, and conversation.

Upcoming events include the annual club picnic on Saturday, June 16 (raindate June 17) at the home of Donna and Terry McNelis, beginning at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Terry ASAP so that an accurate count can be made. A flyer has been circulated by eflashes, so please check them.


Upcoming shows of interest include Newtown Antique and Classic Auto Show, Sunday, July 15. Space is limited so be sure to sign up soon. The following Saturday, July 21, is Doylestown at Dusk, an evening car show from 5 to 9 p.m. The town will be open, and again there are limited openings, so sign up soon.

The Mercer Museum in Doylestown is exhibiting “Racing: Need for Speed,” between now and September 9. On July 28, there is a special event there concerning dirt track racing during the 1950s and 1960s at Langhorne Raceway.

The next meeting at the Metropolitan will be June 18, at 7 p.m.



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Brandywine

Your regular Brandywine region newsletter editor, Ernie Leser, is off touring Europe again this month, so he asked me to step in and report on the two Brandywine region events that occurred in May.

The first was “The British Are Coming – Again” car show and parade in Lewes, DE. It was a beautiful day for driving Healeys. Brandywine Members Mike Tyler (Blue BT7 Tricarb), Chuck Ott (Blue AN9 Sprite), Jim Martin (Red BJ8), John and Nancy Montague (Blue/Blue BT7 Tricarb), and TL Wright (Green/tan BT7 tricarb) had cars in the show. Roger Bono and Ian Hall were there to see the show, but neither Ian’s Sprite nor Roger’s BJ8 is road ready just yet. The cars were parked



on a grass field on the grounds of the Ferry terminal, with all of the terminal facilities, including restaurants, within walking distance. There was also a free shuttle to downtown, which we didn’t find time to take. Chuck Ott won 2nd place in the “Featured Marque” class, which is the Austin Healey Sprite. There were only 2 other cars in the class, a red bugeye that won Best of Show, and a red 1962 squarebody Sprite. The show included a British car parade through downtown Lewes before heading home.

The second event was the Carlisle Import show in Carlisle, PA. While there was rain forecast all day, we still had a contingent show up. Chuck Ott, Steve Garrett, and Jim Martin attended from the Brandywine region on Saturday. It turns out that it was cloudy all day on Friday and didn’t rain, but we figured out too late that this probably would have been the better day to go. Chuck did not enter a Healey in the show, but instead entered his 1985 VW Vanagon camper. A much better vehicle to drive in the rain! The rain did subside by late morning, and there were still quite a few people at the show. The rain didn’t seem to discourage the closed cars, and even a few convertibles showed up. There were certainly no cars with convertible tops down, except for the ones in the display building. We did meet with a few AHSTC members from other regions, did the passport activity and checked out the display building cars. Chuck scored a windshield / frame assembly to upgrade the one in his BJ8. In the end, we still had a good time getting together with our Healey friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Saturday, June 2, is the Cars & Motorcycles of England show at Hope Lodge in Fort Washington, PA. This is a joint show between the Delaware Valley Triumph club and Delaware Valley Jaguar club, and is a very large show with around 250 cars and motorcycles entered. I haven’t been to this show in 20 years or so, but it always gets rave reviews. This is the Jaguar Concours d’elegance in addition to a multi-marque British car show. Roger Bono and I are planning to go in his Jag. Hope to see you there! See this website for more details. <https://www.dvtr.org/cmoe/>

The next event in June is the June 5 tour to Luray. Contact Chuck Ott for further info.



Long Island

REGION

May 20th was the day of the Bayport Aerodrome Transportation Show – airplanes, cars and motorcycles. So many events have been canceled or postponed lately due to weather, and whether this event would go off as planned or be put on hold till July was a question up till the last minute. A number of Long Island Region members showed up. Mary Ann Sekelsky and Tedd Krummeck worked at the show as Tedd is a regular volunteer at the Aerodrome. Other attendees were Frank Filangeri, Ira Udasin, Tony DiFrancesca. and myself. I found it very enjoyable to see all this old stuff. There was good food for sale, a band to entertain the crowd, and a raffle for a flight in a Boeing Stearman, two seat biplane. That aircraft was World War II's primary training plane so this was the first type of plane a pilot would encounter on the ladder to bigger and faster training planes.



Mary Ann and Tony

Scott Greenfield's BJ8 had a starting problem this spring. It ran for a couple of seconds and then refused to start again.



Frank's Jaguar and my walker

Over the phone, he and I went through all the things that could keep it from starting but nothing we came up with helped. So before he sent it anywhere to be looked at, I said to try one more thing. That was to whack the bulkhead below the rear seat on the right side of the car because the fuel pump lives on the other side of that bulkhead. You can use a hammer or your fist. If it's the points on the fuel pump, this will possibly wake them up and all of a sudden you will hear click, click, click, click... and your carburetor fuel bowls will fill up and the car will start. There are now solid state fuel pumps that do not have points. However, almost all the old timers whom I spoke to about this said they would buy a new pump with points. The reasoning being that if the solid state pump stops, this trick

won't awaken it, whereas if there are points, this could work.

A new pump with points will last many years before this problem will rear its ugly head again. Your choice. As far as other Healeys go, BJ7's have the pump on the right side also; however, BT7's and BN7's and 100-6's have the pump on the left side over the exhaust.

Heads up: it looks like the Annual Beach Run/Sunset Tour will be on Thursday, July 12th. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.



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North Jersey

By George Crombie

Another club member is gone,

Michael J. Venezia, Jr. "Mickey" '86, passed away on May 19, 2018. He became active in the club after his son, Dave Venezia, passed away suddenly.

Is it June already?! Where the heck did Spring go? All I know is that we are well into the Car Show Season, having every weekend in May staked out with either a show (Brit Fest on May 5th), a Tech Session (at Paul Olson's in Whitehouse, NJ on May 12th), an event (Carlisle Imports in Carlisle, PA from May 18 through the 20th), a gathering (Cars and Crumpets on May 20th), or a tour (May 27th) earmarked for something to do other than mowing the lawn. Or getting too greasy. Add to that our monthly Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th, and it's no wonder Spring has flown right on by and become Summer! It might be best to start at the beginning, of May at any rate.

This year's Brit Fest was held on Saturday, May 5th in Succasunna, NJ. Members attending included Steve Feld (BT7), Ralph Scarfogliero (MG TD), Steve Jekogian (BJ8), Tom Mulligan

(E-Type Jag), new

members Alan & Nina Harris (BJ7), and potential new members, Josh & Rita Landsman. My notes indicate that Steve Jekogian scored a 3rd place with his red over black '65 BJ8 and Alan & Nina Harris took home 1st with their '63 BJ7. My apologies if I left any one out. You really should see some of the notes I take!

This was followed by our Monthly Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ. We had a pretty good turn-out at the meeting, including Steve Feld (BT7), Bill Geissel, Allen Rosenberg, Tom Mulligan, Art Herkomer, Richard Ippoliti (100-6), Ralph Scarfogliero, Frank Dapiran, Rudy Hyzer (MINI), Larry Gersten (MINI), Ian & Sue Kessen, Ernie & Marion Marateo (MINI), and George Crombie. Topics at the meeting touched on the up-coming Red Mill All British Car Show (Sunday, June 3rd), volunteers needed, and are always welcome; a tech session at Paul Olson's; Carlisle Imports and Performance weekend; the inaugural Cars and Crumpets; North Jersey's annual Spring Tour, the PA area's All British Reliability Run for this year, as well as upcoming events into June and July, with a push to register early for this year's Encounter in Lancaster, PA in September. Following the meeting, Steve Feld put Bill Geissel on the spot,



and Bill entertained us on his introduction to British cars, and Healeys in particular. The meeting wrapped up with a recap of last year's All British Reliability Run (henceforth called ABRR, as my poor little fingers are getting worn out with all this typing), with Richard Ippoliti and Frank Dapiran regaling us with their exploits. Definitely a "bucket list" type of event!

Paul Olson hosted a Tech Session at his home in Whitehouse, NJ. No, not that White House. The purpose was to install the engine and transmission into his (new to him) 1962 AN7 Mark II Sprite. Such a long name for such a sprightly little car! Paul had the car prepped, ready, and sitting on blocks; so, after bagels, munchkins, and coffee, the work was begun! Joining Paul were Bob Pense, Larry Gersten, Ralph Scarfogliero, Steve Feld, John Moore, Rudy Hyzer, Paul's friend and neighbor Bill Tuma, and George Crombie. After hooking the engine up to the hoist, Larry volunteered to crawl under the Sprite to handle operations from that end. Almost immediately, Larry voiced a complaint: "I can't work on this...It's too clean under here!" Since he was flat on his back, and the rest of us had really big boots, he was at a distinct disadvantage. Needless to say, he stayed under the car. Some of the rest of the crew pitched in and manned the hoist, while the remainder (including me?) managed to



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look busy drinking our coffee. Did I mention that it was a very wet and rainy day? No one drove British; unless maybe Rudy. I had planned to drive Red, in case we needed to compare connections, but the skies opened up and dumped on me just before I backed the Sprite out of the garage, so I drove my Toyota. After seeing Paul's AN7, there were enough differences that it wouldn't have made a difference. Except I would have been a wee bit wetter. Did I mention that it was a very wet and rainy day? I'm sure I did. I might even mention it again; but not right now; I'll keep you in suspense. The operation was a success and went without a hitch. Oh, the advantages of having someone(s) who know what we're trying to do! Paul has a few other little projects to do on his Sprite (brakes; electrical connections; throttle...) during the next few weeks and has hopes of having it on the road by the middle to end of this summer.

Several members had arranged to join up and drive out to Carlisle, PA on Friday, May 18th to see what kinds of bargains could be had at the annual swap meet, but the inclement weather (yes, more rain!) put a kibosh to those plans. I don't know if anyone made it out on their own, but the organized trip was cancelled.

Ralph Scarfogliero hosted his inaugural Cars and Crumpets on Sunday, May 20th. From the reports I heard, nine British cars braved the morning rain (it cleared up by around 9:00 am), with 10 or 11 people attending. Four Healeys: Steve Feld (BT7); Steve & Lynn Jekogian (BJ8); Richard Ippoliti (100-6); and Patrick Venezia (BJ8); two MINIs: Ernie & Marion Marateo; Richard Miller, a Jag, an Aston Martin, and Ralph with his MG TD rounded out the crowd this day. For Ralph's write-up and more pictures, check out Ralph's website:





njbcc.org and join the group! Ralph mentioned that one of the people who stopped by told him that he had heard about the Cars and Crumpets event from a friend in New Zealand! Impressive, to say the least. The next two Cars and Crumpets events are scheduled for Sunday, June 10th and Sunday, June 24th. These weekends are on either side of Father's Day.

As I write this (Friday, May 25th, at the deadline, naturally), the next event on our calendar is our annual Spring Tour, in 2 days. This takes place on Sunday, May 27th starting at 10:00 am at The Grain House in Basking Ridge, NJ. Rudy Hyzer has organized a short little run of about 50 miles or so through Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon Counties, with lunch at the Black Horse Pub in Mendham. This run is dedicated to the 60th Anniversary of our beloved little Sprites. I think the weather will dictate just how many Sprites will join us. If you didn't make it out to this event, you may be able to read all about it next month. Of course, nothing beats getting the news first hand!

ANOTHER QUICK NOTE: IF YOU ARE A MEMBER

Next on the agenda: June 9th is A Touch of England, held in HoHoKus, NJ and sponsored by NJ Triumphs. June 10th is the British Motorcar Gathering in Hellertown, PA and sponsored by the Keystone MG Club. June 10th is also the second edition of Ralph's Cars and Crumpets; check out www.njbcc.org for info. June 12th is North Jersey's Monthly Club Meeting, held at Charlie Brown's in Chatham; starts at 7:00 pm. June 20th we will try to gather for an Ice Cream Social; this is on a Wednesday; check your e-Flashes. As always, stay tuned to your e-Flashes from Steve Feld for the latest on what's happening and where!



Lehigh Valley



On Saturday April 29th the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley held its annual garage tour except this year it was called "Engine Turned Garage Tour". After meeting at my home for coffee, juice and donuts we traveled to Leydon Restorations in Lahaska, PA. Following detailed directions prepared by Allen Hess we drove route 212 to just South of Riegelsville, turned south on 611 to route 32 which is the scenic drive along the beautiful Delaware River through Upper Black Eddy, Erwinna, Point Pleasant and Lumberville before turning unto route 263 to Lahaska.



Leydon Restorations specializes in the mechanical restoration of pre-and postwar European marques. In the shop were a Bugatti, Ferrari, Lozier and a Triumph TR6 with California plates. The Triumph looked a little out of place but the car was in the shop for the usual items to make it road worthy.

Eric Peterson and staff gave us a tour of the shop which features engine dyno testing, precise machining and parts reverse engineering.

A very nice lunch was enjoyed at the Plumsteadville Inn which faces route 611, Easton Road. Some participants traveled to O Wow Cow on for ice cream. O Wow Cow is located at the intersection of PA 563 (Lake Nockamixon) and Pa Route 412.

Upon returning home I thought I had some letters on Leydon letterhead in my files. It turns out that Leydon had done a paint job on my BJ8 in 1982. At that time they appraised the value of my car at \$13,000. Ten years later they estimated the fair market value at \$25,000. A pretty good return if only the value continues to increase \$12,000 every ten years my car must be worth? Maybe I should call Hagerty and increase the coverage.

I would be glad to lead a rally /drive similar to the one the BCCLV put on, excluding the visit to Leydon, for the Lehigh Valley Region if there is any interest. Please contact me.

On May 5th I attended Britfest 2018 put on by the MG Car club Central Jersey Centre, Inc. at Horseshoe Lake Park Succasunna, NJ. They were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Jaguar XJ. From Bethlehem the trip is about an hour and a half. I always have to look at the map and google the park to prepare for the drive. Upon arrival I saw Tom Mulligan and his beautiful Series 1 XKE 3.8 OTS and Russ Kramer's XK140 Drophead Coupe in the Jaguar section. Austin



Healey's were well represented. I counted four Jensen Healey's which is a rarity. They were all nicely restored though one of the Jensen's had brake light problems. The North Jersey Region was well represented. I counted ten big Healey's. Bob Whitbeck represented the Lehigh Valley Region. Pictures of his green 1967 car are included with this Flash. There were two very nice bug-eye Sprites in a class of their own.

Hope you have had a chance to visit America on Wheels at 5 N. Front Street, Allentown. If not the Cars of Rick Hendrick are featured in the changing gallery. The cars featured are Jeff Gordon's #24 2008 Chevrolet Impala, "DuPont Flame", Jimmy Johnson's #48 2012 Chevrolet Impala sponsored by Lowe's and Dale Earnhardt's 2008 Chevrolet Impala #88 sponsored by National Guard. The Chattanooga Chew #16 1989 Buick Regal driven by Larry Pearson as is the 1979 Chevy Nova #15 driven by Geoff Bodine sponsored by "Levi Garrett" is also on display.

The Lehigh Valley Region held its monthly meeting at Rudy's in Bethlehem, Attending were Ken and Cindy Beck, Rick Brodeur and yours truly. We discussed Encounter 2019 and



concluded that Lehigh Valley is unable to run Encounter due to having no chairperson and lack of member support. Again due to lack of attendance we have suspended our monthly meetings for the time being. Members are invited to the British Car Club of the Lehigh Valley picnic on July 5 at the Spring Valley Sportsmen's Club which is only a mile or so from DeSales University. Additional information and directions will be forth coming.



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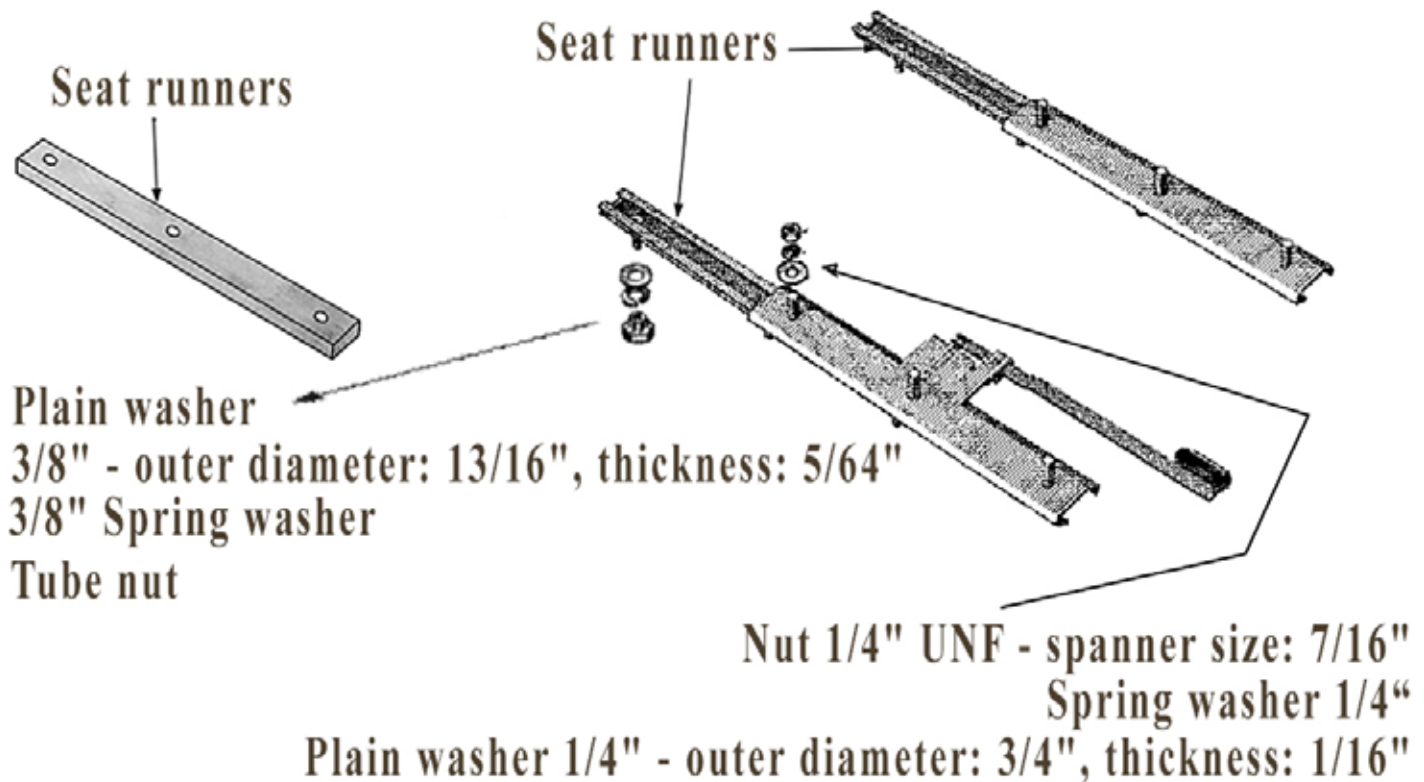
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SEATS STUCK!

By Steve Jekogian



Lots of Healeys I sit in have a common problem – the seat tracks are frozen solid or take a lot of effort to move. It seems that the passenger side is worse, perhaps because it gets moved less often. Do you want your seats to glide like they are supposed to? Do you want people to get in you car and feel comfortable being able to move the seats around and you don't have to make excuses. New seat rails aren't cheap, about \$90.00 a pair.

This Tech article, will explain how to repair and refurbish your seat rails so they glide into position with no effort at all. The seat rail repair is a simple job that can be done with just basic tools that you already have. First remove the seat bottom and then the six nuts that hold the seat back on. Now jack up the car and from below remove the six bolts that hold the seat rails in. The passenger side is easier – no exhaust pipes to contend with. Under the rails are a piece of wood and a sheet metal strip save them if you can. Once the rails are out determine how much you have to take them apart. If really frozen or if some bolts are broken you should separate the top and bottom rails. To do so put the seat rail in a vice and knock the pins out of the bottom rail using a nail punch, then remove the 8 ball bearings (four per end) by sliding them out the ends. Now the two rails can be separated. Wire brush or sand blast the rails to clean them up. To replace broken bolt on the top rail use a grinding wheel to grind the head down on the inside and then what's left of the bolt on the outside. Once flat put in a vice and use the nail punch to knock out the bolt. On the bottom rail you can not get the grinding wheel inside so ground down the bolt as far as you can and use the nail punch to knock it out.

To replace the bolts find a bolt of the right length and threads and grind down the head till it is about the thickness of a quarter. Now find a friend with welding equipment or ask your gas station guy to tack it in place. The seat rails were originally cad plated a silver color, so a little silver paint should be a close match. Use some white lubricating grease on the rails and the adjusting mechanism and put two ball bearings in one side of a rail then wiggle the rail to insert the other two on the same end. Masking tape on the ends of the rails can help keep them in place. Now reinsert the retaining pin and hammer into place. Do that for the other side and your done. Reinstallation is, as the repair manual says, " a reversal of removal". The wood piece is 3/8" thick if you have to replace yours and is wood colored. The sheet metal piece goes under the wood, and now is a good time to scrape and paint the floorboard in this area prior to bolting it all back together.





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September 19 Wednesday to the 23rd Sunday

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| Wednesday, September 19 | | |
| Registration Open | 2:00 PM | Lower Lobby |
| Wheatland Tour | 5:30 PM | Leave from DoubleTree |
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| Thursday, September 20 | | |
| Registration Open | 9:00 AM- 5:30 PM | Lower Lobby |
| Hospitality Room Open | 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM | William Penn |
| Rally School | 12:00 PM | Robert Fulton |
| Rally | 1:00 PM | |
| Welcome Reception / Charity Auction | 7:00 PM | Statesman A-B |
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| Friday, September 21 | | |
| Registration Open | 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM | Lower Lobby |
| Hospitality Room Open | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | William Penn |
| Bus to downtown Lancaster Central Market, Walking Tour | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Leave from DoubleTree |
| Tech Session | 10:00 AM | Robert Fulton |
| ENCOUNTER Open Golf Tournament | 2:00 PM | Willow Valley Golf Course |
| Gymkhana | 1:00 PM | Lancaster Harley Davidson |
| PA Dutch Buffet / Valve Cover Racing | 6:30 PM | Statesman A-B |
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| Saturday, September 22 | | |
| Registration Open | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Lower Lobby |
| Hospitality Room Open | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | William Penn |
| Funkhana | 9:30 AM | TBD |
| Concours Judging | 9:00 AM | Rear |
| Popular Car Show Voting | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | South Lot |
| Tech Session | 3:00 PM | Robert Fulton |
| AHSTC Board Meeting | 3:00 PM | TBD |
| Cocktails (Cash Bar) | 6:00 PM | Palm Court |
| Awards Banquet | 7:00 PM | Palm Court |
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September 19-22, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton
Lancaster, PA

Did you know.....?

Lancaster Central Market and Wheatland, home of President James Buchanan, are among the 10 top things to do in Lancaster, according to TripAdvisor. And that both of those attractions are part of the ENCOUNTER agenda.

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Is the average high temperature in Lancaster from September 19-22

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ENCOUNTER 2018

REGISTRATION FORM DETAILS

Wednesday Evening Private Tour of Historic Wheatland - This private AHSTC guided tour is FREE for the first 35 registrations (number of people per registration) received by July 1. If space is available after July 1, additional people are \$12 per person.

Friday Morning Trip to Downtown Lancaster - This trip includes bus to historic Central Market and a Walking Tour of Downtown featuring notable and historic buildings and architecture. Lunch on your own at any of the many restaurants in the downtown area. Cost for this trip is \$15 per person and includes the bus transportation and walking tour.

Friday evening PA Dutch Buffet Dinner - Our Friday evening meal will give you a taste of Lancaster County PA Dutch cooking and includes such favorites as Chicken Pot Pie, Pork & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes and, of course, Shoo Fly Pie! Following the meal, Valve Cover Racing will be held inside.

Saturday Night Awards Banquet - Dinner selections for the banquet are:

Thyme & Rosemary Roasted Chicken Breast

Garlic & Thyme Marinated Flat Iron Steak

Horseradish & Garlic Encrusted Salmon

****Dietary Restrictions for Both Meal Events**- Please communicate special dietary requirements for both Friday and Saturday evening dinners to us by checking VEG when submitting the registration form so we may make appropriate alternate arrangements.

Kids Meals - For both Friday and Saturday evening dinners, children ages up to age12 have the option of Chicken Fingers, Spaghetti, or a Hamburger and Fries. Children 4 and under are free for both meal events.

Concours Instructions - All Concours entrants must contact Don Schneider and submit their entries NO LATER than August 19. In addition all cars must current 2018 inspection sheets and a fire extinguisher. Judging fee of \$120 is selected on registration form.

Golf Event - There will be fun golf event on the 9 hole course at the hotel. We are still developing the details, but the event will be held on Friday afternoon. Cost/Green fees will be payable at ENCOUNTER. If you're interested in playing, please indicate the number of people participating.

Event Logo Polo Shirt - White, cotton/poly, polo shirts with the ENCOUNTER logo will be only be available by pre-order on the registration form. Men's and Ladies sizes are available.

HOTEL - Our reserved room block at the ENCOUNTER rate is guaranteed through August 19, 2018. Make sure to book your hotel room as soon as possible even if you're not sending in your ENCOUNTER registration yet.



Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

ENCOUNTER 2018

September 19 - 22, 2018 in Lancaster, PA

(www.AHSTC.org)

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 Attending Children's Names & Ages _____
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Car(s) You Are Bringing to the Event:

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

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Concours Information

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Expected arrival date: 9/19 9/20 9/21 9/22

Will you need flea market space? Yes / No

Will you need regalia space? Yes / No

Will you need trailer parking? Yes / No

PLAY IN FRIDAY PM GOLF TOURNAMENT? # of people _____

Registration Fees

\$65 if postmarked by July 1, 2018 \$ _____
 \$75 if postmarked after July 1, 2018 \$ _____
 Extra cars @ \$10 each \$ _____
 Extra adults (over 21) @ \$20 each \$ _____

Wed. evening private tour of historic Wheatland, home of President James Buchanan. FREE with first 35 registrations received by July 1, 2018.

No. of People- _____

If space available after July 1, \$12 p/person \$ _____

Friday 9/21 Trip to Downtown Lancaster Including Central Market & Walking Tour

___ No. of people @ \$15 each \$ _____

Fri 9/21 PA Dutch Dinner**
 ___ No. of adults @ \$35 each \$ _____

___ No. of children 6-12 @ \$20 ea. (Kids Meal \$14) \$ _____

___ No. of children 5 and under No Charge

Sat 9/22 Awards Banquet**

Adults @ \$45 each \$ _____

Chicken ___ Beef ___ Fish ___ Veg ___

Children 6-12 @ \$25 each (Kids Meal \$14 ea.) \$ _____

Chicken ___ Beef ___ Fish ___ Veg ___

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****See Page 2 for Special Diet & Kids Meals for these events**

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Thanks John jsts@optonline.net

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Wanted

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