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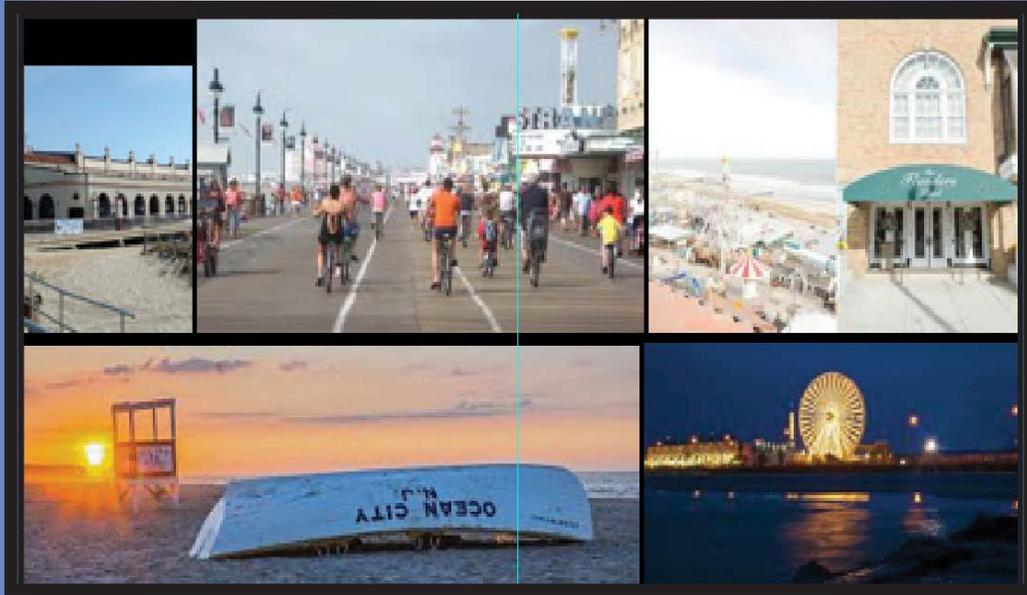


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What's In The Flash

Steve Jekogian



Yep, it is January. Yep, it is cold out. Yep, the Healey is under the cover in the garage. Yep, you are dreaming of warm weather.

You know what I am dreaming of?

Encounter. Yep, Encounter!

Why, because the info about the 2019 Encounter just was released.

**Encounter at “America’s Greatest Family Resort” Ocean City New Jersey.
September 22-26.**

What could be better? Sun, surf, boardwalk, boardwalk food, shopping, a “classic hotel the Flanders built in 1922 (of course haunted), bicycle riding on the boardwalk, Manco Pizza, Brown’s donuts at 1st st. and cars, cars, cars.

I have lived in Ocean City for over 50 years and it is a great place. Many of you know of it, and have been there, so you know the charm and fun it offers. September is the best time there and the Philadelphia Region will be putting on a super Encounter event.

A car show on the Boardwalk is a big thing in OC. Every year there are numerous car shows on the boardwalk and Chuck Ott, Randy Alkins and I have had our Healey’s at the antique car show in June. There is a Street Rod show, and the largest Corvette show (over 400 Corvettes) on the boards every September.

So plan your stay in OC and get there early on Sunday September, 22 as the Corvette show on the boardwalk will be happening to kick off Encounter.

Actually, I’ll show Lynn’s Corvette on Sunday and My Healey latter in the week.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Club Members & Happy New Year!

I hope that 2019 entails health, happiness and Healey memories for you and your loved ones. As I embark on my journey as AHSTC club president, I know that I have some big shoes to fill. Former President Ray Donovan did an incredible job during his long tenure. Although, I have no plans or aspirations to captain this ship for as long as he did, I hope to continue to bring value to our members and foster more participation amongst our regions beyond our annual event, Encounter. I am open to suggestions and new ideas from everybody on how to enhance our club and look forward to working with all of you to make our club even better.

I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know many of you over the years, but there are many that I haven't had the pleasure of meeting and only know of through our membership list. Over the years, I have developed some great friendships through the club which I treasure. My participation in club activities has been rewarding and fun. I hope that I get a chance to meet all of our members and share our mutual passion for all things Austin Healey related.

As some background, I've been a British car fanatic since I was an elementary school kid. My father owned a 1959 Jaguar Mk IX saloon and my best friend's older brother drove a TR3. The smell of leather and motor oil was addictive; Sports cars became a fascination. During my high school years of the late 60's, all of my friends lusted after muscle cars and/or mid 50's cruisers while I had my eyes on MG's, TR3's and especially Austin Healeys. My first car was a '62 Sunbeam Alpine which lasted for 18 months until it was rear ended and totaled courtesy of a good friend. I then moved up to a '64 E-Type that I bought for \$1500 that successfully kept me broke and often stranded during my college days. Through the mid 70's I drove a series of fun cars including a rubber bumper MGB, a 260 Z and a BMW 320i. All the while I still lusted after a Big Healey. Finally, in 1982 I purchased my first Healey, a '67 BJ8 that was resale red and had all the qualities and issues associated with 15 years of abuse.

Over the next few FLASH issues, I will share with you my journey into the world of Austin Healeys. I am an accumulator of cars that interest me. I tend to buy too often and rarely sell. Hopefully, that will change but somehow I doubt it. I currently own 4 Healeys. My first, a '67 original Golden Beige BJ8 that I've owned since 1982; a '60 Bugeye that I bought for my (at the time) 10 year old daughter; an honest, very late '55 BN1; and a '65 MK3 box Sprite. In addition to these, I'm also the caretaker for a Sunbeam Tiger, a Mini Clubman Estate Woody, a 993 Porsche Cab, 2 1st generation Miatas and my 2nd favorite car, an Aston Martin Vantage.

As we embark on this new year, please don't hesitate to contact me should you have suggestions to make the Club more interesting and responsive to our members.

Regards,
John

HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett • Photos by Sonya Bennett

After a flurry of club activities in September and October, November was a month to slow things down a little and start preparing for the end of another driving season. Of course Sonya and I do not consider the season over until the salt trucks hit the road. If we let the cars sit for too long between drives they get grumpy and start acting up. In fact, I'm going down to the garage after I finish this article and take the Bugeye out and give it a good thrashing!



"In the Beautiful 'Stockyards' Upstairs Event Room"

Annual Awards Dinner

The Harrisburg Region held its "Annual Awards Dinner" on November 3rd at the Stockyard Restaurant in Lancaster, PA. The private upstairs room was beautifully appointed, and both the food and service were outstanding. Participants had the choice of prime filet, crab cakes, or feta cheese-stuffed chicken. (The Stockyard is apparently no place for vegetarians!) Thanks to Pam and Bob Preston for making all the arrangements for a wonderful evening. Also, thanks to Priscilla Hooper for handling all the financial arrangements.

Regional officers were re-approved for 2019 and are as follows: Joe Spear- President; Scott Brockman- Vice-President; Priscilla Hooper- Treasurer; and Fred Bennett- Flash Editor. After dinner, our fearless leader and terrific toastmaster, Joe Spear, regaled us with his usual blend of stale jokes from the 1950s and then presented the awards.

The "**Dick Waltz Award**" was given to **Tim Plesz** to commemorate his yeoman service finding sponsors for this year's Encounter. Tim's outgoing nature and sense of humor exemplify the qualities of the award's namesake. Tim could not be at the



Joe and Del Border

banquet for us to thank him personally, but we all send him a hearty “Well done!”

Del Border received an award for organizing and running the **Gymkhana at Encounter**. This event takes an enormous amount of planning, expertise, and attention to detail. Del’s dedication to making it a signature event year after year is quite an accomplishment.

Liz and Scott Brockman were given the “**Rally Award**” in recognition of their now-legendary ability to put together amazing rallies for our Encounters. This year’s event in Lancaster was, by all accounts, their best ever! Team Brockman also maps out our regional “**Fall Tour**” every year, which we all look forward to driving.



Joe and Fred Bennett

The “**Big Healey Award**” went to yours truly. I guess there wasn’t much competition this year for that particular award. Sonya really does most of the work anyway. I just take most of the credit. That’s what marriage is for, isn’t it, Guys?

Annual Progressive Dinner

The Progressive Dinner was well-attended this year, as usual. Twenty-five Healey enthusiasts and friends gathered at the home of Russ and Connie Thomas for libations and appetizers. Typically, the fellahs were all crowded around the Thomas’ red Healey 100 in the garage, while the gals were left to fend for themselves in the kitchen.



Joe With Liz and Scott Brockman



The Men Folk Ogling the Red Healey

Then it was on to the Schneiders' abode for a wonderful chicken dinner prepared by Flora. Tradition dictated that we follow up dinner with a trip to the basement where Don put on his engineer's hat and operated his magnificent Lionel train collection for everyone to enjoy.

We were all having such a great time playing Casey Jones we ended up leaving late for our final destination and desserts at the Prestons'. Bob and Pam are terrific hosts, so there was no shortage of laughter and good times over delicious cookies, pies, and cakes. The highlight of the evening was the "ugly gift exchange." After some spirited horse-trading, the Brockmans ended up with the coveted painted bed pan. It's rather nice, actually, with its interior surface decorated with a sort of Bob Rossi-inspired winter scene, complete with "pretty little trees" here and there.



All Aboard the Schneider Express!

Thanks to the Thomas's, Schneiders, and the Prestons for hosting another fun Progressive Dinner!

Save These Dates- Upcoming Events...

Tuesday, January 15- Monthly Meeting at the Hillside Café at 6:30

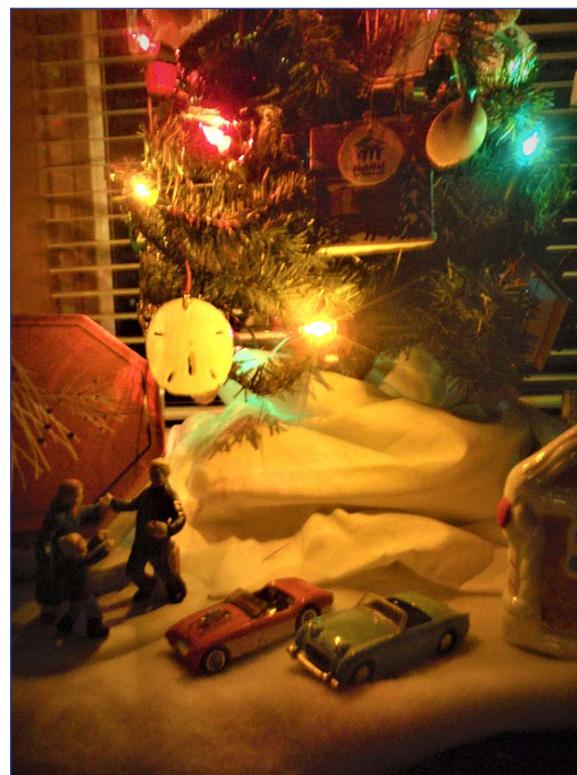
Saturday, February 23- Annual Polar Run and February Monthly Meeting



Looks like Santa brought lots of ugly gifts!

A Final Exhaust Note:

The Harrisburg Region would like to wish all our Healey friends in all of our AHSTC regions a happy, healthy, Healey-filled New Year!



PHILADELPHIA

REGION

The past few months have been cold and wet, not conducive to taking the Healeys out, but we can look forward to a warm spring. We had a few tech sessions at the end of October and during the month of November. On October 28, a tech session was held at Leo Kob's house to install a new wiring harness in his Bugeye. After much review of old photos and playing with the wires, we determined the right sequence for the wires to be installed.

On Saturday, November 3, Leo and I held an abbreviated tech session to reinstall the exhaust manifolds, intake manifolds, and attach the carburetors on my car. While coming back from Lancaster, I had hit something on the road which broke the rear exhaust manifold in a heavy rainstorm. Once everything was back assembled, we readjusted the carburetors to run properly. After much consternation, we finally got the idle to get down to 700 rpms and run properly.

On November 11, another tech session was held at Leo's house to replace both master cylinders and the slave cylinder on his BN6. It was an all-day project, but we learned a lot. A few things one might keep in mind are to check the quality of the threads on the new cylinders, using 3/8" and 7/16" nf bolts before starting. It is impossible to replace the clutch master without removing the brake master, so do both at the same time. Install the hydraulic lines to the cylinders before securely mounting it.

If the master cylinder is bench-primed, you can connect the brake lines without bleeding. Don't use stainless steel cotter pins for the pedal clevis pins. The job takes a very long day to complete; therefore, schedule it for two days.



Christmas party at the home of Sandy Nairns and John Heffron

On Saturday, December 1, we held the annual Christmas party at the home of Sandy Nairns and John Heffron. There were about 30 attendees who enjoyed good food and warm company. The gift exchange, as usual, was great fun with lots of laughter. We thank Sandy and John for hosting.

Encounter 2019 will be held in Ocean City, NJ, from September 22 to 26, at the Flanders Hotel. Events will include a rally, a boat trip, barbeque, auction, and banquet, and other festivities. More information will follow on an event that promises to be wonderful.

It has been suggested that we have a Cars and Coffee perhaps in February at Pour Richard's Coffee Shop in Devon. Obviously, Healeys will not be out. More details to follow.

We wish everyone a delightful New Year: "And now we welcome the new year, full of things that never were."

--Rilke



Brandywine

REGION

A happy and healthy New Year to all of our members! Hopefully all had a merry Christmas with their families.

Our December 8th event was the annual Brandywine Christmas party, this year held at Jeff and Lisa Lanno's residence. Our annual election of officers was added since our November 15th meeting was canceled because of snow.

The Lanno's hosted an excellent Christmas party in their beautifully decorated home located in Garnet Valley, Pa. Lisa had prepared a number of delicious dishes. An excellent assortment of wine and beer (and punch) added to the merriment.

The guests brought cookies for a holiday exchange. Also wines for one of the clever games Lisa devised. In addition to cookies, all of the guests took home wine that they had "won". A separate Christmas themed game involved dividing the guests into small groups which then

were tasked with solving questions concerning the holiday. Much fun!

In between the buffet and the games, the guys went on a tour of Jeff's garage. He is restoring a BJ8 which was dismantled earlier in 2018 by Jeff and Chuck Ott. Jeff has completed most of the welding of new metal into the car. This has been the most difficult part of the restoration so far. His garage is very well equipped with various machines, lots of tools and spare parts. It is also heated, which was much appreciated by the tour group.

The party goers included: Jeff and Lisa Lanno (our hosts); their



New officers for 2019.



Doing the Quiz questions.



The party group.

daughter Heather and her son Owen; Tom and Suzann Jaagus; Chuck and Sue Ott; Tom and Diane Zalewski; Pete Roberts and his son Lee; Dee Caffrey; Dave and Ann Ehret; Rich Banta; John Montague; Jim Martin; Roger Bono; Ernst and Joan Leser.

Our 2019 Brandywine officers were chosen from the above merry group.

President: Chuck Ott
Treasurer: Pete Roberts
Membership: Roger Bono
Activities: Dave Ehret
Newsletter and Chief Taster: Ernie Leser
Chairman for 2020 Encounter: Diane Zalewski

Thank you Lisa and Jeff for a wonderful evening!

Our next event is the Events Planning for 2019 meeting. This will be held on Thursday, January 17th at 7 pm at Mad Mac's restaurant on rt.896 in Newark, Delaware. Bring with you ideas for events that you would like to see happen, events that you would like to host, and those that would conflict with other events. See you there!



By Paul Parfrey

Long Island

REGION

The Long Island Region has a new Healey. Not a new member, but a new Healey. Bob Maichin is now the proud owner of a 1967 Olde English white BJ8. Bob, like many of you, had sold his Healey but, unlike many of you, he developed seller's remorse.

Since my contact info is available on our AHST website, I receive emails and phone calls from non-members with Healey related questions. Recently, I got a phone call from a fellow who lives in Atlanta. He is the executor of his brother's estate which included a Healey, and he wondered if I could recommend someone to give him an appraisal of the car. That was a tough nut as the people I knew of were either dead or had relocated to Florida. What to do? If I could get a ride out to Garden City, I'd do it for him. Tony DiFrancesca came to the rescue!



Happy Bob



Accurate?

We arrived at the home in Garden City and, at first glance, the car looked pretty sad. The garage was dark, the paint was covered with dark brown spots, the seats were covered in what looked like dry mold, all four tires were flat, and the last inspection sticker was from 2007. Tony exclaimed, "Forget about it", or something like that. That was everyone's first reaction! But then... Member, Greg Kalmar, once called me the Healey whisperer after I walked him through a problem he had with his Healey. Well, maybe I'm more like a Healey listener as this sad-looking example was talking to



Healey Arrives at New Home.



Looking Better, Yet to Run

me. I was on my hands and knees, looking underneath, feeling frame outriggers, removing the oil filler cap, and peering inside – no build up of sludge.

I told Bob Maichin about the car as he had been sending me Ebay listings for Healeys from all over. He saw potential in it also. Now, what was it worth? I consulted a number of Healey people, and their assessment was on the low side. At this point, we had no idea if the engine was free. It was then determined that it was free, and Bob made a higher offer. After the car was his, he returned with a bucket to wash it, filled the tires with air, and freed up the rear brakes. At this time, it hasn't run yet as Bob is still dealing with the fuel system. A half full tank of eleven year-old gas is gone so moving under its own power is coming. Maybe a Healey club gathering at Bob's house will give us the chance to help him move things along.

I had another inquiry at about the same time. A fellow with a 100 asked if I could recommend a shop to repair a crack in his frame. I asked him for more info and he told me the car has a Chevy 350 in it. We corresponded by email many times and he sent me photos. I'll save that story for next month.

Meanwhile, Happy New Year to all, and remember the post-holiday party is coming up on January 27th. Hope to see you there!



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North Jersey

By George Crombie

As I sit down to hack out this month's article, Christmas is just a couple of short days away. Now, that poses a question: What is the difference between a "short" day, a "long" day, and a "normal" day? To my way of thinking (and even I haven't figured out how that works), a "short" day usually occurs when the night time hours far exceed the day time hours; hence a shorter day. This phenomenon quite often occurs on an annual basis up here in the northeast during the winter. As yesterday (December 21st) just happened to be the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, we can assume that Christmas is, in fact, "just a couple of short days away".

As I recall, I last left you around the end of October, and before our monthly club meeting in November, on Tuesday the 13th. My notes indicate that Jim Vollmuth, John Moore, Bob Pence, Tom Mulligan, Art Herkomer, Larry & Diane Gersten, Steve & Ann Feld, Allen Rosenberg, Ian & Sue Kessen, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, and I were in attendance. Topics covered included an update on the upcoming Polar Run; acknowledgement of the slate of local club officers for the year of 2019; North Jersey's annual Holiday Party; information regarding 2019's Red Mill All

British Car Day; a possible Lighthouse Tour for the Fall of 2019; and a few other events to be scheduled into the coming year. The Polar Run was on track to be held on Saturday, December 8th. It was scheduled to begin at the Wegman's parking lot at 10 am, with a departure time of 10:30 am. A couple of attendees indicated interest in participating. There will be a separate article on the Polar Run elsewhere.

The same slate of officers from the past couple of years agreed to help guide our Region through the 2019 season. These folks are: Steve Feld, Regional President; Larry Gersten, Treasurer; and George Crombie (oh, crud; that's me!), Newsletter. We just might get voted in next month. Stay tuned. The annual Holiday Party was changed from January 5th to December 16th, 2018, due to scheduling conflicts. This is the first time in my memory that it would be held on a Sunday afternoon. I would be curious to know how it turns out; I'll be in Florida that weekend, but I'm sure it'll be a blast for all involved. Stay tuned.

Word came down that there is also a scheduling conflict with The Red Mill All British Car Day. This has historically been held on the first Sunday in June; but the Red Mill has asked if we could change it to Saturday, instead. It is now on tap for Saturday, June 1st. We'll see how this works out. The request was also made for all members to try to solicit sponsors for this event. Sponsors definitely make an event. A couple of members volunteered to look into collecting information necessary to organizing a Lighthouse Tour for this Fall; maybe a weekend event in October. Stay Tuned. Or, better yet,



with all of these “stay tuned” items, wouldn’t it be better (and you’d get the scoop first hand; and even see your name in print – I can be bought...) if you made it to one of the next few club meetings?

To wrap it up, a few of the members gave updates on the status of their LBCs. Jim Vollmuth is planning (probably already done it by now...) to do a clutch job, replacing the throw-out bearing and pressure plate. John Moore sold the ‘61 Jag Mk II, and bought a non-running 1974 (and a half!) MGB (rubber bumper) with 45K original miles on it. With little effort on his part, it is now running. Allen Rosenberg’s BN2 is running; he is now shopping around for a body shop to address some of the inherent rust issues. Larry Gersten’s 3000 is coming along, albeit very slowly (tends to happen when you have too many irons in the fire), and his AN5 is just begging to have attention paid to its brakes. They are somewhat important. Steve Jekogian is planning to sideline his BJ8 for a bit while he pulls the tranny and has it rebuilt over the winter. And my AN9 is running well, and eager to lead the way on the Polar Run, scheduled for December 8th.

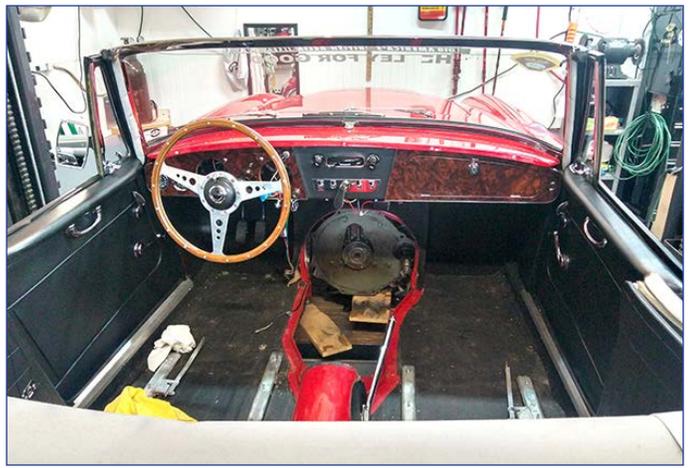
We had a surprise tech session in early December, for those who were looking for an escape from other obligations (i.e.; Christmas shopping, repairing house-hold plumbing, stringing Christmas lights...). Steve Jekogian sent out the word that he was going to pull the transmission in his BJ8 on Saturday, December 2nd, starting around 11:00 am. John Moore*, Frank Muratore*, Richard Ippoliti, Bob Pense, Steve Feld*, Rudy Hyzer*, Larry Gersten*, Dennis Meehan, Paul Olson, and George & Sarah Crombie all arrived at the Jekogians’ home in Harding Township, NJ prepared to help Steve do a bit of surgery on his BJ8. Steve was ready for us, having already done most of the pre-surgery prep work, by parking his Healey on his lift, removing the transmission tunnel cover, the seats, and the front carpets. As is typical with an operation of this magnitude, a few (in this case, Larry, Steve J., and Paul) did most of the “grunt” work, while the rest of us offered our very helpful (and mostly unsolicited) comments and advice. Occasionally, one or another of us spectators would reach in and get a smear of grease on a finger or two to justify having more of Steve’s coffee. While the surgeons were otherwise preoccupied, we also took turns raiding the kitchen and scarfing down the cold cut sandwiches and cookies before the working men had a chance. In no time at all, the tranny was removed and deposited into the trunk of Steve’s Mustang, awaiting delivery to the “tranny man” on Monday morning. I have since heard rumors that the tranny has been rebuilt, and is ready for the team to re-install it. I’m waiting for the word (and also more sandwiches) regarding the next phase: re-installation!

The Polar Run was held, as anticipated, on Saturday, the 8th of December. The day dawned a bit on the chilly side (isn’t that the purpose of a “polar” run?), with the temperature in my driveway showing 24* at 9:00 am. After



grabbing a quick breakfast sandwich and a large cup of coffee from my local McDonald's and fueling up, I arrived at Wegman's in Bridgewater Plaza to find that Ralph and Vera Scarfogliero (Jag coupe) were already there. Within short order, Frank Muratore (BJ8), Ernie Marateo (BJ8), Steve Feld & Rudy Hyzer (BT7), and John & Jeff Moore (BJ7) all came wheeling in. A few minutes later, Denise & Sarah Crombie arrived in Denise's Chevy Cruze (BJ9), pulling duty as the sweep vehicle. Denise has mentioned to me on several occasions that she doesn't care to freeze; she'll ride in the heated comfort of her BJ9 any time. We launched on time for the 70+ minute/43-mile Run over some back roads into Hunterdon County to our lunch destination at The Rail at Readington in Whitehouse Station. Along the way, we collected Paul Olson & Bill Tuma, waiting at the foot of Paul's driveway in his AN7 Sprite, and a bit farther along, we picked up Richard Ippoliti waiting along the side of the road in his 100-6. We ended up having 10 vehicles, with 14 people, and only one somewhat frozen popsicle. Paul & Bill, and Ernie joined Sarah & me in going topless. We only had one minor incident in-route, which led to a bit of discussion at the end. You will probably have the opportunity to read about it else-where. Or come to a meeting to hear about it first-hand.

The December monthly meeting was held at Charlie



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Brown's in Chatham, NJ on Tuesday the 11th of December. Frank Muratore, Ernie Marateo, Larry Gersten*, Dennis Meehan, Steve Feld*, and George Crombie were in attendance. Asterisks denote drove British. Enough members were present to constitute a quorum, so the officers from last year were selected to continue leading the Region for 2019. Talk revolved around several of next season's shows and events, as well as the upcoming Holiday Party. The meeting was adjourned a bit on the early side, of which I was okay with, as I had to catch an early morning flight to Florida. As I missed the party, I will plagiarize the e-flash Steve Feld sent out: 40+ members showed up for the Holiday Party at Larry & Diane Gerstens' home. A few items seemed to be very popular (enough to have been "stolen" several times). Among the more popular items were two sets of interlocking Healey coffee mugs (a pair of green MK I Sprites, and a pair of red big Healeys); a jacket; a framed print of a Healey 100; and a rather unique chair. There were LOTS of desserts. I will try to gather a few pictures from Sarah to include next month (she is in Perth, Australia until early next year). Also, in the same e-flash is an announcement for **Encounter 2019, which will be held in Ocean City, NJ from September 22 – 26, 2019**. Check it out, and make your plans now! Local member, Gary Baumann is looking for a few parts, body and otherwise, for a 1959 BN6 that he has recently purchased. **The next Regional Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th**. I hope to see you there. Sarah wrote an article about the Polar Run before she headed to Perth. I hope to forward it to Steve for inclusion in this issue. Pictures may have to wait until she gets back.

NEXT UP ON THE CALENDAR:

JAN 15th: Monthly Club Meeting, Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham. 7:00 pm

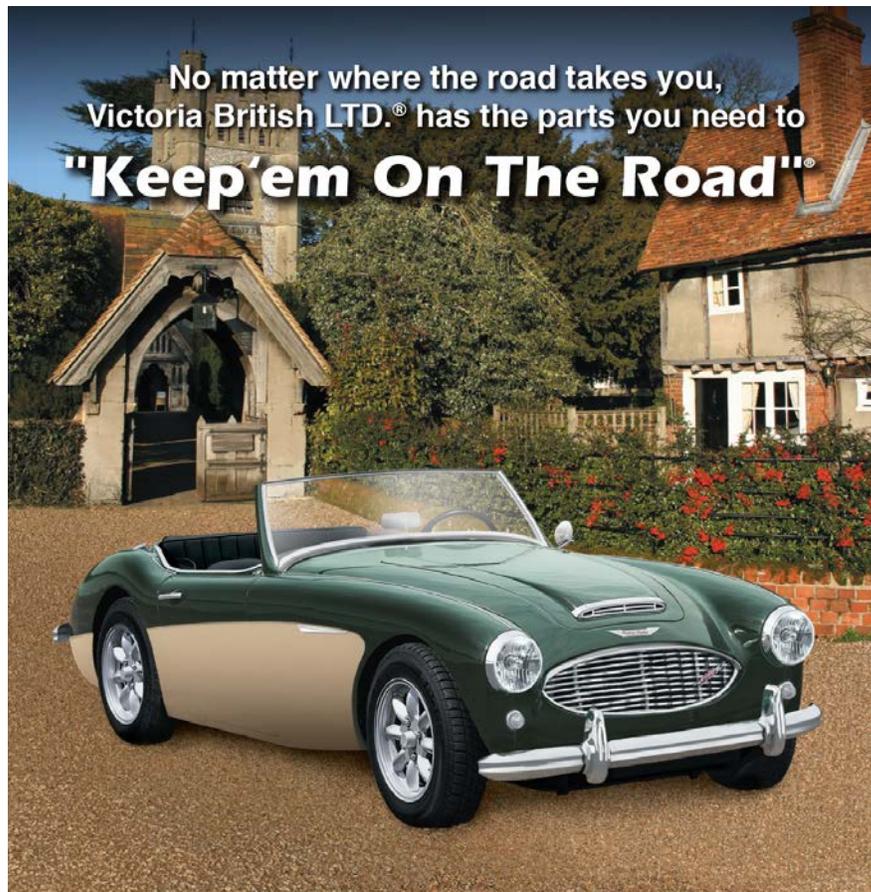
FEB 12th: Monthly Club Meeting, Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham. 7:00 pm

MAR 12th: Monthly Club Meeting, Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham. 7:00 pm

APR 9th: Monthly Club Meeting, Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Chatham. 7:00 pm

SEP 22 – 26th: ENCOUNTER 2019 in  Ocean City, NJ

As always, stay tuned to the latest e-Flashes from Steve Feld for all the latest information on events!!



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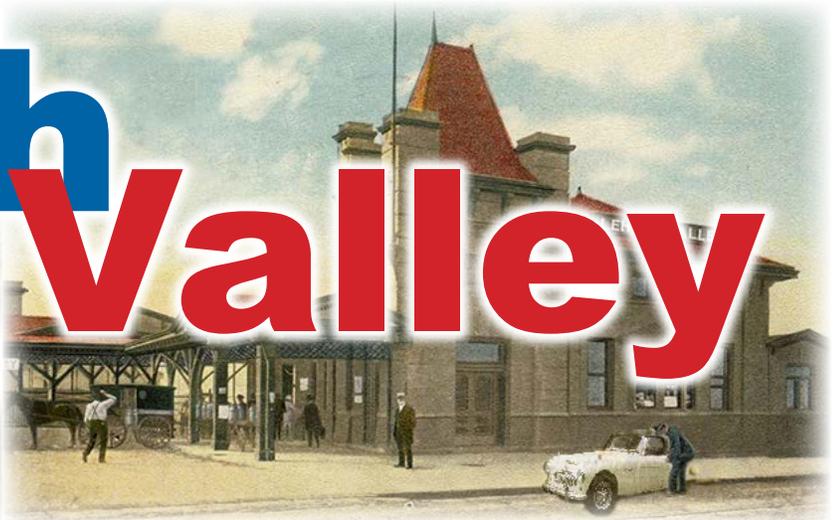
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Lehigh Valley

Gerry Kunkle



Highlights of events since our last Flash follow:
Holiday Party at Morgan's – On December 7 the Lehigh Valley Region again returned to Morgan's restaurant for our holiday dinner. The region paid \$25 per member and \$25 per guest for a total of \$50. I am surprised that more members did not take up the offer. If you ordered the Tuna Salad Wrap or the Basil Chicken Wrap you could have walked away with about ten dollars and change. Oh well.

Attending were Ken and Cindy Beck, Bob and Mary Pritchett, Dave and Rose Browne, Thom and Ginny Gatley, Bob and Sue Snyder, Bob and Judy Weaver and Ella Jane and I. Rick and Sue Brodeur had planned to attend. This represents only seven of the twenty seven members in our region.

At the dinner we discussed plans for a drive and luncheon at the Point Phillips Hotel, Tavern and Smoke House. They advertise great food, great history, great fun. This should be attractive since Point Phillips is north of Allentown and Bethlehem where many of our members, have nice roads to drive our Healeys. I am asking Bob Pritchett to make the arrangements.

K&T Open House – The annual "Holiday Cheer" party was held at K&T Vintage on Friday December 14. At Ken and Cindy's annual party was AHSTC members Dave and Rose Browne and Thom and Ginny Gatley. This "Pot Luck" affair included finger foods and desserts. I liked the tasty meat balls. K&T was working on at least a half dozen Healey's in various stages of restoration or repair. Of particular notice was Dave Ehret's BJ8 which had recently participated in the 2018 British Reliability Run but seemed to need a windscreen.

At our holiday party it was agreed that our region will continue the subscription to the British Marque for 2019 to those members on our roster as of November 29. If you do not receive the British Marque please advise me.

By this time you probably know of the passing of Mike Cook. Mike was the Editor Emeritus of the Jaguar Journal and the editor of The Vintage Triumph. Mike worked in various marketing, public relations, and advertising roles with Rover, Land Rover, Austin, MG, Jaguar and Triumph. When I thought Mike would be a good speaker for our Encounter he told me that he had previously spoken at Encounter. I remember driving Mike in my 1966 XKE to our Jaguar Slalom at the Phoenix airport when attending the Championship Challenge in Scottsdale, AZ in 2003. He was quite impressed that I had driven my XKE 3,000 miles to Scottsdale.

Keep in touch. Your thoughts and comments are always appreciated.



LVR members enjoying the holiday party at Morgan's.



Dave Ehret's beautiful BJ8 sans windscreen at K&T Vintage.

POLAR RUN 2018

Article and images provided by Sarah A. Crombie



“There is a fine line between brave and foolish.”

This was my thought as I rode along next to my dad in Little Red for this year’s Polar Run. Taking off with temperatures reading 28°F (or -2°C), with a wind chill making it “Feel Like” 23°F (or -5°C...), I’m pretty sure this was one of our colder Polar Runs – if not the coldest – in its 5 year history! Snow flurries were dancing down here and there as my mom and I left the house to meet up with my dad and the rest of the crowd. Even riding to the rendezvous in my mom’s creature comforted, heated and enclosed, 21st century Chevy, I was a semi-popsicle before the run even started! But, with other people riding topless, I CERTAINLY couldn’t be left out!! Thinking I’d left the house prepared with a hoodie to cover my legs, I ended up being very glad my mom had suggested I grab the blanket from the back seat of her car, and insisted on me wearing her gloves! (“Yes, Mom. You were right...”) There were 11 of us (fool) hardy souls gathered together in the Wegmans parking lot by the time we rolled out at 10:30am on Saturday morning, (December 8, 2018). Seven cars, of various styles and warmth, started the run, including: John Moore and his son Jeff in John’s BJ7; Rudy Hyzer navigating for Steve Feld in Steve’s BT7; Ralph Scarfogliaro was joined by his lovely wife Vera in Ralph’s Jag; Ernie Marateo, braved the wind top down in his BJ8; Frank Daparian in his BJ8; & Denise Crombie bringing up the rear in her BJ9 (did I mention with the heat blasting?? For someone who so loathes the cold, I apparently did not inherit my mother’s sense of sense! I can’t even blame it on the early hour, as we were on the other side of 10am!) George and ‘yours truly’ led the band of merry misfits along roughly 43 miles of winding country roads. Luckily, by the time we took off, the few little snow flurries that had been dancing down from the heavens had ceased and the sun shone bright, with not much wind to speak of. Although, I don’t know how much wind matters in a topless car, riding at 40+ mph – (or so I’m guessing... Little Red’s speedometer still doesn’t work, but that’s what the speed limit signs said, so we’ll go with it!)

Paul Olson, accompanied by his friend Bill Tuma as navigator, fell in line in Paul’s topless AH Sprite from the bottom of his driveway as we drove past, and Rich Ippoliti



was waiting for us on the side of the road in his 100-6 as our run made its way into his neck of the woods and tucked himself into line just past the halfway point.

By then, I was making sideways glances at my dad’s wristwatch, peeking out from between his hoodie sleeve and gloved hand, figuring there was only about 20 minutes left – or so I hoped, as the only feeling in my feet were freezing! So, on we rode, the “Red-nosed” Sprite leading the 8 “Tiny Reindeer.” About 5 minutes from the end of the run, my dad dug out his phone and handed it to me so I could read out the message he’d just gotten buzzed with. I’d no sooner opened a text and read aloud, “We ran out of gas,” than my mom called my cell phone saying we had a “man down.” (Actually, if you want to be technical, it was the car that was down... The people were perfectly fine! But I digress.) I must’ve really looked like an icicle by this point, as two of the guys each offered me blankets they were carrying! After a few minutes on the side of the road, a couple of the other cars that had been in the back of the line caught up and passed along the message that Denise was bringing the Stranded to get some fuel and we’d all meet up at the restaurant that was to be our end point. On we went, with me cocooned under a hat, goggles, heavy jacket, hoodie, 2 blankets and a third wrapped around me like a mummy, and sitting on my gloved hands.

We hadn’t been long at the restaurant before the rest of our crew caught up and joined us. After about an hour so to eat and socialize, we all went our separate ways. Now that it was 1pm – ya know, the “warmest” part of the day – and we were within 10 minutes of our house, I decided I’d ride back in the warmth and comfort of my mom’s Chevy... (Better late than never, I suppose!) Despite the cold, it was another great run, and a big “thank you” to everyone who made it out!



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By Rick Brodeur

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Teton Village, WY
'67 BJ8*

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Newport, PA
'60 AN5*

Returning members this month.

*John & Kerry Kain (returning)
Manor, PA
'58 BN4*

We recently transferred our club database to a web-based service. Officers will have direct access to the club database now. In the next few months I'll be using the new database for the Flash mailings. I'll send out notices about the new system before mailing out the January Flash.

If you have a problem receiving the Flash, please contact me.

Our member lists are available to any member just for the asking. Each Region President has a copy that can be distributed or I can send out a copy to any member who requests one. My email address for the Club is membership@austin-healey-stc.org. If you have any questions about your membership please contact me. Contacting me is the quickest way to solve a membership problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page of the Flash and on the web site.

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Ken Beck will be taking over as Regalia Manager and liaise with our new web site host.

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SIDESCREEEN SIDESHOW OR “BRITS LOVE THEIR BITS”

Article and images provided by John Kain

The little bits and pieces necessary to cobble together the “most correct” for our cars is a little like children – how can something that gives us so much pleasure drive us batnuts crazy? If you are interested in how to re-produce a small “unobtainium” piece for your sidescreen, then please enjoy this short article.

I’ll first take you back to mid-September in Pittsburgh PA (For those that are not familiar ...this is the month the sun stops shining until about May) and I decide to invest a little love back into my ’58 BN4. It’s an early Abington “crossover” car where all sorts of interesting production changes occurred, including the use of a third type of side screen with a fixed front pane and flat bar hardware to fix to the car. Just like the Longbridge 100-6 cars, the four sided “un-obtainium” wingnuts were used to attach the sidescreen front as well as the single eared wingnut in the rear.



Original sidescreens should bear this stamp on the inside center.



I knew my sidescreens were not correct for the car so I searched and acquired two sets to refinish. Two bits fell into the “un-obtainium” category – A small triangular piece of aluminum fitted to the outside bottom corner of the sidescreen and the rubber 5/8” round buffer that attaches to the front inside top to keep the sidescreen from rubbing on the windshield post. One can imagine the triangle piece rattling off the car, forever lost to the motorways.

Original bits to the sidescreen

I was able to find a friend to machine the small aluminum triangular piece. Because of the screw off set, there is a right and a left and we used a #4-40 truss head machine screw (as the original is some strange british thread)

You can re-produce the rubber bumper at home with some simple tools: Metal file, drill, dremel tool. First, I cut a screw so the point was able to be chucked into the drill. I was able to find a rubber stopper at Lowes with a 5/8” diameter. Carefully center and screw the rubber stopper onto the threads. Fire up the drill and verify its centered. With a metal file you can round off the top edge and create a line 1/8” from the face. At this point, the dremel comes into play to remove enough material to recreate the part.

While not perfect, it appears correct and will get your sidescreens protected from the windshield post. Here they are next to the original. Not bad for an office guy, eh?





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