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What's In The Flash

By Steve Jekogian

Well, in New Jersey there has been very little snow this year. I have had the Healey out in the driveway running a few times but not on the road yet. Hope to get it out soon for a run.

I hope you have been getting to those “winter repair” jobs because you will soon be out and about driving to shows and events.

There is a great “Tech Tip” in this issue to help your soft clutch and brake master.

Also, check out the “For Sale” section for the parts you “might need.”

Encounter is in July this year so mark your calendar and register now and take advantage of the potential room discounts. The Encounter location is in Delaware and is such a great area with a lot of history, great roads and easy to get to. So sign up now.



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HARRISBURG REGION

By Fred Bennett • Photos by Sonya Bennett and Mary Ann Waltz



POLAR RUN 2020

If there is anything to the idea of reincarnation, we should all come back as meteorologists. Where else can you work and be completely wrong half of the time and not get fired? Harrisburg Region's Annual Polar Run (or "Frostbite Tour") took place on Sunday, February 16th. As of the preceding Friday morning, a mere forty-eight hours before the tour, the official forecast from all the various weather prognosticators was for "partly sunny skies and temperatures in the upper forties." Humbug! The temps never made it out of the thirties and the sun declined to make any appearance whatsoever until five minutes before sunset! To further rub salt in the wound, the following weekend, which was forecast to be rainy, turned out to be one of the nicest we've had all winter. Next time we plan a driving event we should just throw a dart at the calendar.

Despite the gloomy weather, nine hardy souls showed up in an "assortment" of cars for a little spirited back-road touring. The participants included Liz and Scott Brockman in a Lotus, Dave and Priscilla Hooper in a BMW, May Ann Waltz in a Honda (are you noticing a trend in the choice of vehicle?), and two side-curtain Healeys- Fred and Sonya Bennett's and Butch and Lynn Brewer's. The Brewers get the "Most Gnarly Healey Drivers Award" for doing the trip sans side curtains. As a matter of full disclosure I should add that their lack of cold weather protection was not a "choice"- Butch merely couldn't remember where he had stored the side curtains for the winter.



The Polar Run began at Fort Hunter Park on North Front Street in Harrisburg. For the next hour and a half, the cars wound their way through Fishing Creek Valley, over the mountain to Piketown, across Blue Mountain East Parkway, through the quaint village of Linglestown, and then looped back to the Boro Riverfront Restaurant on Front Street. The day concluded with a fine lunch on the Boro's heated, glass-enclosed deck watching the majestic Susquehanna flow by. No one seemed very anxious to break things up, so the afternoon turned into a nice chance to visit and get caught up on everyone's comings and goings over the long winter. Lynn and Butch seemed particularly reluctant to leave the warm confines of the Boro and get back in their semi-open car to drive home.

February Meeting Notes

The meeting on Tuesday, February 18th took place at our usual watering hole, the Hilltop Café. It was rather low key, as most of the upcoming driving season's events have been settled already. The following is a list of new dates and changes to add to your AHSTC events calendar:

- "Harrisburg Open" Go-cart racing, hotdogs and hamburgers on **June 16**
- **Annual Summer Picnic on August 1** at Bruce and Donna Brockman's
- **Holiday Party at the Stockyard Inn** in Lancaster on **December 12**



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Overall, the weather in January has been fairly good. Wouldn't you know, I installed heat-tape on the water pipes in Ocean City because last winter the temperature was around two degrees for a while. Although the weather has not been conducive to taking the cars out, I did run mine for a short time a few weeks ago. Hurry up, spring, as the daffodils have punched through the soil outside our house.

Not much is new in the way of Healey work so far this month. However, some members went to the Simeone Museum for their Best of Britain show. Leo Kob's description of the show will follow this Flash.

Coming up are a few tech sessions, including one at Leo Kob's garage on Sunday, January 26, to install the transmission and engine in his Bugeye Sprite. Another tech session will be held on Saturday, February 1, at Bob Ott's house to install new brakes, including wheel cylinders on the rear of his Bugeye Sprite.

We intend to have a Cars and Coffee event at Pour Richard's in Devon on Sunday, March 1, beginning about noon. Healey's are not required. Please come out for great coffee, pastries, and conversation.

In April, we plan to do an extended trip tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 18, to the Morgantown Antique Auto Mall. We will leave from the Lansdale area so that we travel back roads for those who wish to drive their Healeys. The museum is open Saturdays from 9 to 2, and we intend to find a restaurant in that area for lunch.

We plan to have a winery tour and lunch in May; the date has not been determined. Our intention is to visit a winery close to Washington Crossing, have lunch in Wycombe, and spend the afternoon at the New Hope winery on Rt. 202.



We are looking for other tech sessions, so if you have work on your Healey that needs to be done, contact me, and it will be scheduled. 



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Brandywine

Ernie Leser

REGION

The annual “Pizza at Pete's event was held Saturday, Feb. 22nd. While this event had been moved to March last year anticipating poor weather in February, the club took a chance this year and the weather was beautiful. Almost a Spring like feeling. Members attending were: Dave and Ann Ehret; Brian, Ben and Allison Ehret; Dee Caffrey; Pete Roberts; Diane and Tom Zalewski; Jim Martin; Jeff and Lisa Lanno; Astrid and Roger Bono; Nigel, Gabriella, Hayley and Dylan Smart; Ernie and Joan Leser.

Once again, Dee turned out a delicious assortment of pizzas with various toppings. She has this down to a science – excellent! Salads and dessert completed the feast. Dave brought along several of his own brewed beers. I thought the Helles Lager was particularly good and suggested to Dave that this would be worthy of outside sales.

While touring Pete's collection of beautifully restored Healeys, he enlisted the help of several members to re-install the radiator in his BJ8. Pete had discovered a water leak earlier and had subsequently removed the radiator and replaced the water pump. The new water pump was installed, but the help was appreciated in re-installing and positioning the radiator. All went well.

Diane, our Encounter 2020 chair, then held a meeting to update where things stood for the July event. The preparations for the various events, tech sessions, etc. are in good shape. As usual, early registrations are coming in rather slow. This should improve as we get closer to the April 15th cut off for reduced cost early registration.

Meanwhile, no snow. Looks like Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of an early Spring could be correct. The Tech Session on March 28th will help to get us into thinking of the new driving season ahead.



Enjoying the pizza!



Part of the Ehret clan.



Master chef Dee at work.



Inspecting the radiator install.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March, Sat. 28th, 1 pm. Tech session. Chuck Ott's garage, 109 Airmont Drive, Middletown, DE. Various projects.

April, Sat. 25th, 1 pm. Encounter meeting. Zalewski residence, 21 Autumn Woods Drive, Elkton, MD.

May, Sat. 2nd. Lewes British Car Show. Contact is Mike Tyler (302-228-5225).



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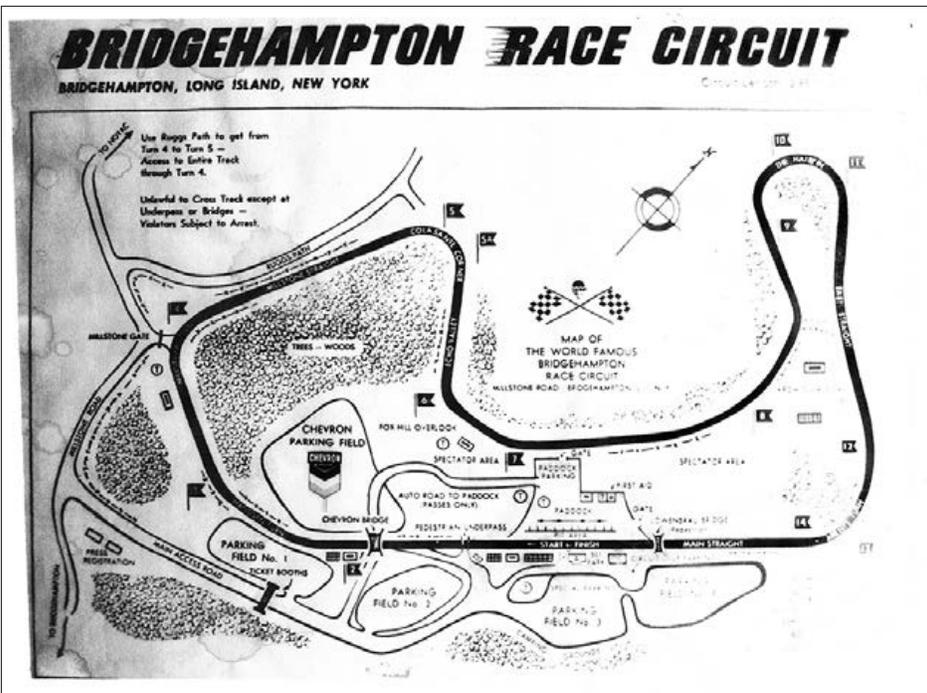
straightaway. The SCCA racers on hand told us you needn't lift off the accelerator at the right hand turn at the end. None of us could do it. Well, I did it as after my last glance at the chart, I found myself in the turn. My brother-in-law Joe was riding shotgun, and as we exited the turn, he asked, "Are your underpants the same color as mine?!"

I came away with a number of lessons. First was to get my speedo rebuilt. Second, was, in spite of my souped up BJ8 engine, I could not stay with Frank's E type on the straightaways. Third was my Midget was much better planted than the Big Healey on the back straights and corners. The back part of the track was in dire need of repair. The bumps upset the Spridget much less at speed.

We had one car that left the track for the sand. A member who will remain nameless succumbed to the "red mist" as they call it, driving too fast for conditions. Luckily, the only damage was to his ego and two of his wheels, which had stones between the rim and the tire. Actually, his ego was further damaged when an SCCA licensed driver driving his Healey critiqued the Healey by declaring that it was the worst driving car he had ever driven, and refused to drive it further. Our member was incredulous, but the rest of us were not surprised. We all drove Healeys after all.

It all made for great memories. The track became a golf course long ago. I was able to take my 11 year old son out on the track, with no other cars present, for a few laps. Thanks to the then president, Fred Pignataro, for arranging these great times with the track.

If I can find some of my old Healey junk, a tech session or a tech article could be in the works. Frank's loose crank nut story made a light bulb light in my head.



Bridgehampton Racetrack Diagram



Haran's Sprite, Parfrey's MG and Healey, Higgins' Volvo



Scott's BJ8



North Jersey

By George Crombie

It is hard to believe that it is that time again: Time to try to organize my notes and make some kind of sense of all the hieroglyphics that constitute “my notes”.

Wow! What a winter! Looking at the temperature graphs on The Weather Channel, all those ups and downs and peaks and valleys remind me of my last ECG... It's times like these past couple of weeks that I'm glad I don't let Little Red hibernate for the winter; I've actually had her out on 5 or 6 runs since the first of the year. I usually only take her out for a half an hour or so, but the last couple of times we got a bit carried away and were gone for over an hour.

The month of February seems to have just flown by most of the time, but at other times, I have to ask myself “Isn't this supposed to be the shortest month?” Well, yeah, but there just happens to be an extra day that we must make allowances for this year. That's probably why at times this year it seems like the beginning of the month was oh so long ago!

This year, the North Jersey Region held our Holiday/Post-Holiday Party on Saturday, February 8th (yeah, a bit late for that moniker, so the party went on, but was re-classified as “Beat the Winter Blues Party”). Again, this year, the gathering saw upwards of a couple dozen party-goers descend on Larry and Diane Gersten's home in Morristown, NJ to devour all kinds of goodies, and stop just short of thoroughly trashing their domicile. The list of attendees (and I know I'm missing a few names; for that I am sorry) includes: Larry & Diane Gersten, Ian & Sue Kessen, Dennis & Elaine Meehan, Ernie Marateo, Jay & Dawn Baumann, Bill & Marge Smith, Jim & Corrine Vollmuth, George Marinos, Steve & Lynn Jekogian, Ralph & Vera Scarfogliero, Paul & Beth Olson, Mark & Ilene Goodman, Steve & Ann Feld, John Conklin, and George, Denise, & Sarah Crombie. I know George Marinos took a couple of “black mail” pictures, and hopefully they will find their way into this edition of The FLASH. Now, about the Victoria Secret, I can explain. Really! There were a number of folks who were unable to attend this year's festivities, and they were certainly talked about behind their collective backs, and “volunteered” for numerous positions, events, and who knows what else, for the upcoming years... Seriously, they were missed; hope their calendars permit them to attend the next one, which, I'm told, will be back to being called The Holiday Party (or something like that). Several Healey-related items were destined to go home with individuals who had not chosen said items at the outset; but, overall, this year seemed a bit tame compared to the past several. I know of a couple of folks who showed considerable restraint.

The monthly Regional Club Meeting was held the following Tuesday night, February 11th at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ with a whopping 15 members in attendance! Maybe we should have held our annual elections then? It definitely would have made for an interesting time! It even had the makings of a good old-fashioned political rally. Attending included John Conklin, Steve Feld, Steve Jekogian, Allen Rosenberg, Jim Vollmuth, John Moore, Ernie Marateo, Tom Mulligan, George Marinos, Bob Pense, Ian & Sue Kessen, Frank Muratore, Larry Gersten, and George Crombie. Topics of discussion ranged from the various shows and events of the up-coming season, to progress the attending members were making on the projects they had lined up for this “off season”. The most serious attention at this point is the push for The Red Mill All British Show in Clinton, NJ scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the inception of this event, and the drive is on for pre-registration as early as possible, and a HUGE Austin-Healey Club turn out. Volunteers are always needed, and welcomed, to help set things up, direct show cars (well, maybe their drivers...), and / or help wrap things up at the end of the day. Most of the hard grunt-work is already well in hand, but volunteers are still needed to help out, especially on the day of the show. Don't be bashful! Call one of the head honchos (Steve Feld or Larry Gersten; next month I may add even more contact people) and see what you can do to help. Even if your car (Healey, that is) won't make it to the show, we can still use your help. And your LBC might just get jealous and beg you to take her for a short drive out in the fresh country air. It's possible.

By now you should have received an e-Flash from Steve Feld depicting the most current Calendar of Events for you to be aware of. Starting in March, the Monthly Club Meeting is set for Tuesday the 10th at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ. The meeting usually starts just a bit after 7:00pm; but members begin arriving around 6:30 so we can order food and drinks, and hope to have our mouths full before the meeting starts (it's usually a bit quieter that way) for Steve so he doesn't have to raise his voice. Or hammer his gavel. Steve plans to have a bit of a "slide" (you remember those, right?) presentation of AHCA's 2019 Conclave in Deadwood, SD this past September as part of this meeting. As many of us may never get the opportunity to journey out to The Badlands of the Dakotas in our life-times, this presentation may be as close as we will ever get. On that note, if you have any interest in journeying out to Carlisle, PA in May for the Imports Show, or down to Crystal River, FL for the AHCA's annual Conclave in May, or down to Delaware for the AHSTC annual Encounter in July, attend one (or more!) of the next couple of meetings to see who else might be planning to travel that way, too. It helps in the planning, and it doesn't hurt to have company on some of these trips. Besides, just like the wagon trains of old: there's safety in numbers. And if you have more than one flat tire (or run out of gas), you've got some friends who might be willing to lend you a hand or two for the price of a pint!

Also in **March, on Saturday the 14th, Steve Jekogian** has invited folks to his place in Harding, NJ (just outside of Morristown) to kick tires and get greasy, if you are so inclined. The fun starts around 10:00 am, and lunch will be provided. Just give him a shout to let him know you'll be there. 201-213-8217.

Anyways, check out the latest e-Flashes from Steve to keep up to date on what's happening, and when.

March 10th: Monthly Club Meeting & Deadwood at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ starting at 7:00 pm.

March 14th: Tire Kicking Tech Session at Steve Jekogian's in Harding, NJ starting at 10:00 am.

April 14th: Monthly Club Meeting at Charlie Brown's in Chatham, NJ starting at 7:00 pm.

April 25th: Tentative date for the Spring Tour; stay tuned for more info.

May 2nd: Brit Fest in Succasunna, NJ.



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Lehigh Valley

Gerry Kunkle

As a continuation of my review of the **Burn Prevention Foundation Concours d'Elegance** the 2000 show field featured the 1955 Austin Healey 100-4 of Robert Tebbenhoff of Ramsey, NJ and the 100M of Dale Watson from Pemberton, NJ. Tebbenhoff earned a Bethlehem Star Award.

Nineteen years ago the show field included the 100 of Thomas and Pam Roadley, Charlestown, WV and the 100M of Bill Parks of Newport News, VA. This year the show featured BMW which maybe a reason that Austin Healey was not well represented.

2002 Bethlehem Star Award was received by Libby Sutton, Dallas PA who showed his 1960 Bugeye Sprite. The Best Sports Car Award 1957 and Later was awarded to David Venezia, Sr., Dunellen NJ who showed his 1959 100-6 Roadster.

2003 show field included the Austin Healey 3000 Mark II BN-7 convertible of Marta and Leo Kob, Wayne, PA. This year featured race cars of the past and included the 1947 Dreyer Sprint Car Single Seat, Open Cockpit race car of Fred Sherk, Palmyra, PA.

The 2005 showfield featured the 1959 Austin Healey 100-6, BN-6 of Jim and Linda Cox and the 1967 Austin Healey 3000 convertible of Fred and Donna Sherk, The 2006 showfield featured the 1962 Austin Healey 3000 MkII owned by Baird and Margo Foster. Baird also showed his car in 2009 when he won a Bethlehem Star Award. Over the years the Concours had on display some spectacular Nash- Healeys.

I received an email from Randy Alkins, Philadelphia Region, that they were having their monthly meeting at the Cosmopolitan restaurant in North Wales on February 17. The e mail stated that they were having a guest speaker and in addition the region had been given some materials that Baird Foster had collected over the years for disposition. It took me less than an hour to drive to the Cosmopolitan. It turns out that there were a half dozen boxes of car books, newsletters, programs and dash plaques, a good 100 pounds of materials, that Margo Foster donated to



David Venezia, Sr. 2002 Best Sports Car Award, 1959 Austin Healey 100-6.



2003 show field - 1962 Austin Healey BN7 of Marty & Leo Kob.



2003 show field – 1947 Dreyer Sprint Car Single Seat shown by Fred Sherk.

the club. As one might expect books were in pristine condition and included signatures of the authors. The guest speaker was Derek Jones who made a nice power point presentation of cars that he had either driven or raced through out the US and England. Thank you Philadelphia Region!

K&T Vintage Sports Cars is featuring a club swap meet on Saturday April 18 between 10AM and 2PM. The announcement says that if you have parts, tools, books, manuals or whatever to sell, give away or swap this is the time to do it. Bring your own table, or blanket to spread out your stuff on the lawn or parking lot or sell from the trunk of your car.

This is an opportunity to talk cars, tour the shop, and ask questions. There is no charge but call Ken or Cindy to let them know that you are coming so that they know how much space to set aside.

As far as I know the Lehigh Valley Region has no meetings or events scheduled except Encounter for 2020. If you have any ideas send them to our President, Ken Beck, whose e mail address is Kenbeck@rcn.com.

As I indicated above I attended the monthly meeting that was being held by the Philadelphia Region. Since I receive the e mail of monthly meetings from the other regions contact me if you would like to know date, time and location of these gatherings and maybe we can share a ride. 



Tim & Linda Cox's Healey at C d'E. Note the AHSTC club badge on display!

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Tech Tips • Clips

Article and images provided by Steve Jekogian

We all know the Healey clutch and brake master cylinder is a real job to replace. Many a skinned knuckle and much cursing to replace them. Every Healey owner has his secret way of replacing them. Some members remove the air cleaners, some remove the carbs (?). Some members work from below and all lose a nut and washer from the air cleaner down the frame void where it rusts and rattles for years.

If you want to replace the master completely or just rebuild it, it has to be removed from the car.

But Frank Muratore frankmuratore@hotmail.com provided the North Jersey members with a great story and idea to save time and effort.

If your goal is to rebuild the cylinder you have to remove the piston. NOT easy to get out. To remove the piston Frank used the tool shown below. Here is a photo of the magnet tool Frank used to pull the piston from the master cylinder body. He said he picked it up at the Carlyle swap meet. This one has a small head and fits nicely into the body of the master cylinder.



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By Rick Brodeur

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Birchrunville, PA

'54 BN1

North Jersey

Donald & Ariene Jenney

Baldwin, NY

'66 BJ8

It's that time of the year for membership renewals. If your membership is due this year you should have received a renewal form in the past week. Please renew as soon as you can. If you think you must pay dues this year and you didn't receive a form, check with me and I'll verify your status.

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Letter to the Editor

DON EARTHQUAKE OLSEN

After reading Steve Jekogian's column about Don Olsen in the February issue of the Flash where Steve asked for stories and memories of Don, I thought I should write something about Don since I've known him a long time. My initial impression was that most members knew Don because he attended every Encounter up to Ocean City, NJ in 2019. After thinking about that for a while, I realized most members would not know about his early contributions to the club or about his nickname "earthquake". Since John Morrison and Don Hoffer passed, I hadn't heard Olsen called "Earthquake" and probably neither had other club members.

First, some background information to set the stage. Liz and I married in August of 1966 and were DINKS (Dual Income, No Kids), living in an apartment while saving money to buy a house. With few responsibilities, we would take the Healey out for a drive every weekend to enjoy the country. On one particular weekend, probably in 1967, we happened to be driving on River Road North of Harrisburg along the Susquehanna River. I spotted a Healey 3000 with a vertical grille a few hundred feet off the main road. I immediately turned around and drove up to the Healey, recognizing it as a tri-carb. By the time I got out of my Healey to look at it a "large person" appeared, asking what I wanted. Explaining my passion for Austin-Healeys, we talked about them for a while before Liz and I continued our drive.

Fast forward about 10 years to Dante's Restaurant in Harrisburg where John and Sue Morrison, George and Joan Null, Don and Jan Olsen, Don and Dot Hoffer and Del and Liz Border were enjoying beer and pizza (some things never change). It was in 1977, one of the initial, if not the first, meetings to discuss the start of an Austin-Healey club. During the meeting, we all took turns talking about our cars and when Don Olsen spoke, he mentioned he previously had a tri-carb Healey while living near the Susquehanna River. Don and I came to realize we had a Healey "encounter" about 10 years earlier and told me the tri-carb was a victim of hurricane Agnes and resulting flood in 1972. I don't remember him telling me what eventually happened to that car.

Over the years, Don was very active in AHSTC, as President of the Harrisburg Region and conducting numerous tech sessions as he was very knowledgeable about Healey maintenance. As I mentioned earlier, he also attended every Encounter except for 2019. At Encounter 1998 or 2003 in Gettysburg, where Don Hoffer created the infamous cannon for the Funkhana, Hoffer was taken to the hospital when his Lucas pacemaker/defibrillator malfunctioned. Olsen jumped right in and ran the Funkhana without missing a beat. Olsen was also co-chair for those Gettysburg Encounters.

Don attended many of the AHSTC Board meetings held at Encounters both to observe and to voice his opinions. Don was a big guy and with his military buzz cut, straight military posture and booming voice, his presence commanded attention when he entered a room. I don't remember who first mentioned it, but he was given the nickname of "Earthquake" after a few of those entrances.

Don really loved the AHSTC people as well as the entity. It would be remiss if I did not mention his wanting the club to be autonomous, not wanting to merge with any other Austin-Healey club. He brought this up at several Board meetings to explain his reasons. He was always direct and to the point and there was never any question about where he stood. He was like the proverbial bull in a china shop, but he never broke the china.

Don was also passionate about his BJ7 as it appeared to him that model was not properly recognized. It was a Mark II, but with roll up windows, a one hand top and not a tri-carb, it did not fit into the Mark II Roadster class. Also, with the same interior as the tri-carb, meaning no center console, no wood dash plus no 2" SU's, it really did not fit with the BJ8 classes. As usual, he raised this anomaly at Encounter Board meetings, the proper forum.

Finally, on a personal note, Don had his BJ7 restored years before I had mine restored. I spent a lot of time going over his



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It's because of people like Don AHSTC that AHSTC survives today. During our first meetings at Dante's, we had no concept of where we were going, what we wanted to do or how to get there. Don "Earthquake" Olsen, thanks for being there since the beginning – it's been a hell of a ride.
—Del Border

Funny but eerily true :-)

Bill Smith

This needs no explanation - and is a fun read, no matter your gender.

Men Are Just Happier People !

What do you expect from such simple creatures ? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

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You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache... You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier !

NICKNAMES

- If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.
- If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

EATING OUT

- When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20 , even though it's only for \$32.50 . None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.
- When the girls get their bill, outcome the pocket calculators.

MONEY

- A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
- A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.



BATHROOMS

- A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.
- The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS

- A woman has the last word in any argument.
- Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

- A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
- A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

MARRIAGE

- A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't .
- A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

- A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.
- A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL

- Men wake up as good - looking as they went to bed.
- Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

- Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.
- A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

- A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing !

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Friday

Friday at *Encounter 2020* begins with the ever-popular **Gymkhana**, which will be held in the hotel parking lot beginning at **9 AM**. The club's resident gymkhana expert, Del Border, will be laying out a challenging course for which you don't even have to leave the hotel site. **Hospitality** will be open on **Friday** of course, as will be the **registration area and Regalia**. There is a **tech Session** on the schedule Friday as well as the **AHSTC Board Meeting**.

Friday night's activity is a summer buffet dinner at 6pm in the Hotel Ball room, followed by the Valve Cover Race will be held after dinner in the Ball Room.

As of this writing, there are still tickets left for the **Marshall Steam Museum** private showing event on **Wednesday evening**. A bus will shuttle participants to the Marshall Steam Museum from the Hilton. At the museum, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be passed by wait staff, and there will be stations around the museum both hot and cold, and non-alcoholic beverages. Participants will be able to get up close and hands-on with the vehicles in the collection, and even take rides on some of the steam vehicles at the museum, which are maintained in operating condition by the museum's staff. There will also be access to all of the vehicles in the museum's inventory. Of course, at the end of festivities a bus will transport you back to the Hilton.

Also don't forget to sign up for the Brandywine region hotel room **raffle, which gets you Registration #1** and a **free standard hotel room for Wednesday through Saturday** night. **Just \$20 gets you one ticket in the drawing**, just mark the number of tickets that you wish to purchase on your Encounter registration form and include the raffle payment with your Encounter registration fees. The winner of this raffle will be drawn at the Brandywine region meeting on April 25. Any entries received after the drawing will have their raffle monies refunded at Encounter, so make sure you get your entry in before the deadline.

For those who are not familiar with valve cover racing, here are the **Valve Cover Racer (VCR) Guidelines**:

VCRs are usually highly decorated racing vehicles that are run down an inclined track with the objectives of a) running in a straight line to stay on the course, and b) reach the finish line before the competition's racer does. Pretty simple. The VCR must be constructed from a stock BMC valve cover, or BMC vehicle aftermarket valve cover. Any type of wheel, wheel bearing or lubrication is allowed. All motive force must be provided by gravity. No electrical, magnetic device or mechanical propulsion is allowed. VCRs must run through the finish line within the marked course for a valid run. There are no construction material or height limits on VCRs. The VCR must fit on the starting area of the track in order to qualify to run. There will be "Stock" and "Modified" classes, and two age groups, "Juniors" (under 12 years of age) and "Seniors" (12 years of age or

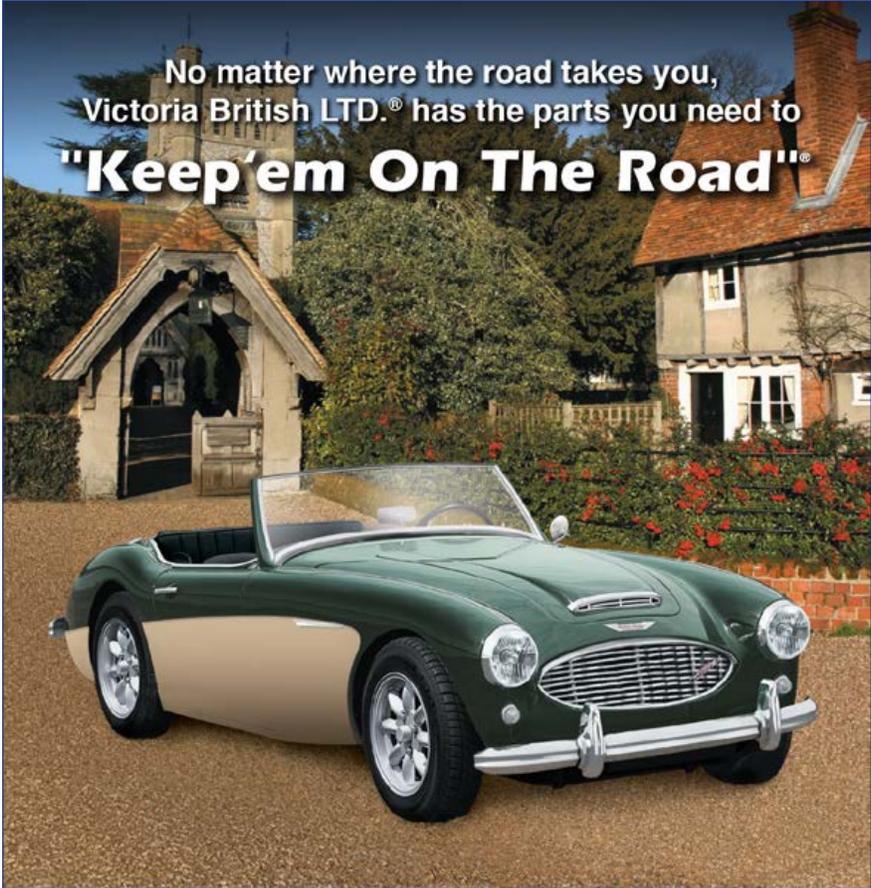
older). Decoration and personalization is encouraged!

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Plans are well underway for next year's Encounter and it's looking to be shaping up to be another great time! Our "pit crew" is working diligently to see that everyone enjoys themselves, and the Brandywine Region has been very fortunate to have a number of volunteers from outside our region willing to help. Believe me when I say, I'm very grateful for all the knowledge and skill they bring to the process!

Brandywine's focus for 2020 is for us all to enjoy ourselves and the natural beauty of this region. To get this theme underway, we'll be kicking off the celebration in the "heart" of the Piedmont's Red Clay Valley. At Auburn Valley State Park, where the historic Marshall Mansion (completed in 1897) resides, we will experience an evening of nostalgic automobiles, dining and fun at the Marshall Steam Museum! And for the dining options, well we'll have delicious hot and cold stations throughout the Museum! Oh and while there, don't miss out on taking a few spins on the steamed and electric vehicles that will be out for our riding pleasure.

Then first thing Thursday morning after a hearty breakfast, you'll Rallye through some of the area's pristine countryside and return to a special Chef's Table Luncheon where the Hilton chef will prepare a portion of our menu for our viewing and dining pleasure as a part of our "Tour of Italy"! Later that night, we'll be sponsoring the Reception & Charity Auction. This year's event is looking to raise a "glass," while raising the top off the contribution we'll be making to the American Diabetes Foundation. Remember to show up with a light heart and a full wallet!

Of course our plans include all the favorite activities that we've all come to know and love, such as the ever favorite Gymkhana, Funkhana, Tech Sessions (to take away the latest automotive knowledge), and the ever Popular Car Show.

Brandywine Region is especially excited at our new addition to the 2020 lineup! Our Event Banquet will feature a DJ who will "spin" us into the evening. So make sure to bring your dancing shoes and someone to dance the night away with!!

Well, that's all for now. Stay tuned as more details make their way to you.

In the mean time, Tom and I wish you all the best of the Holiday Season and are looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Diane Zalewski
Encounter 2020 Chair

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THU July 16

- Morning rallye through beautiful Brandywine countryside
- Afternoon tech session
- Evening reception and Alex Tricarb's fun charity auction

FRI July 17

- Morning Gymkhana
- Afternoon tech session
- Summer Buffet and valve cover races in the evening

SAT July 18

- Morning Funkhana
- Popular car show
- Awards banquet



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Draft Agenda for Encounter 2020

As of 1 November 2019 – subject to change

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
DAY ONE - (Wednesday)		
Registration open	2 to 4	Hotel Main Floor
Museum Bus Departure	5:00	Depart Hotel Parking Lot
"Trip Back in Automotive Time" & Reception	5:30 to 8:30	Marshall Steam Museum
Museum Bus Return	9:00	Return to hotel
DAY TWO - (Thursday)		
Breakfast Schedule (Hilton Guest Vouchers)	6:30 to 10:30am	E'central restaurant
Registration Open	9-11 & 2-4	Hotel Lobby
Regalia Open	9 to 12	Rosemary Room
Rallye School	8:30	Lavender Room
Rallye	9 to 1	Depart & Return to Parking Lot
Chef's Table - Cooking Demo & Luncheon	1 to 2:30	E'central restaurant
Hospitality	1 to 5	Parlor 184
Tech Session	2 to 3	Lavender Room
Reception & Charity Auction	7 to 10	Le Chameleon Ballroom
DAY THREE (Friday)		
Breakfast Schedule (Hilton Guest Vouchers)	6:30 to 10:30	E'central restaurant
Registration Open	9-11 & 2-4	Hotel Main Floor
Regalia Open	9 to 12	Rosemary Room
Gymkhana	9 to 12	Hotel Parking Lot
Hospitality Open	1 to 5	Parlor 184
Tech Session	1 to 2	Lavender Room
Board Meeting	2 to 4	Basil Room
Summer Buffet Dinner & Valve Cover Race	6 to 10	Christiana Ballroom
DAY FOUR - (Saturday)		
Breakfast Schedule (Hilton Guest Vouchers)	7 to 10:30	E'central restaurant
Registration Open	10 to 2	Hotel Main Floor
Regalia Open	9 to 12	Rosemary Room
Funkhana	8 to 10	Hotel Parking Lot
Concours Judging	9 to 12	Hotel Parking Lot
Tech Session	11 to 12	Lavender Room
Hospitality Open	1 to 5	Parlor 184
Popular Car Show	12 to 3	Hotel Parking Lot
Regalia Open	1 to 4	Rosemary Room
Event Banquet & Dancing	6 to 10	Christiana Ballroom





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