

# The FLASH



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## **ENCOUNTER 2023 Recap**

[Article By Bob Preston](#)

**W**hat do you get when around 150 AHSTC family and friends gather in one place? An Encounter breaks out! For the 46th time, Encounter convened with a robust gathering of AHSTC Members and friends in Hershey at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. The Harrisburg Region was pleased to host the club back in Central PA. By most accounts, Encounter 2023 was a big success. We were pleased to receive 80 registrations for the event. Those attending were treated to a full schedule of activities. Even the weather cooperated!

The opening night event was a private evening tour of the renowned AACA Museum in Hershey. Expectations for participation were smashed with 106 people joining the tour requiring us to break into 4 groups. The visit included a behind-the-scenes tour of the building housing many vehicles in the collection that aren't currently on display in the main museum. They have a unique and beautiful collection, and AHSTC was pleased to have the museum to ourselves for the evening.



**Thursday** was Rally Day. A large group of hearty adventurers took off at 9:30 AM on a Liz and Scott Brockman created challenge. And the good news is that everyone came back!



**In the evening**, another cherished Encounter tradition, the Charity Auction was held before a large crowd in the Grande Ballroom. Everyone was overjoyed to welcome our perennial, and favorite, auctioneer, Alex Tricarb (aka- Paul Woglom) back to the podium to preside over the festivities. The auction benefited the Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development. James DeBord, Schreiber President, related inspiring and emotional details of Schreiber’s mission and successes. One of Schreiber’s “kiddos”, Graeme Flynn, and his parents, told Graeme’s story and even Graeme himself had the chance to get in front of the microphone. The star item of the auction was a beautiful, hand-made painting of a Healey 3000 by Graeme which started off the auction with a \$1,000 bid! Congrats to Steve and Gerri Kirland on winning that one-of-a-kind treasure! In the end, over \$5,100 was raised by our generous AHSTC family “for the kids” as auctioneer Paul would say.

On **Friday**, once the two big car carrier trucks left the parking lot, Del Border’s Gymkhana went off without a hitch before a crowd of enthusiastic spectators. It was a spirited competition, and the results are listed elsewhere in this *Flash*.

Also on Friday, an intrepid group ventured to the Cassel Winery in Hershey for a special wine tasting event. It was a nice break from all the car-related Encounter activity.

Following the Western Roundup BBQ, the Valve Cover Racing competition took place with 14 cars participating. Young and old (that would be the rest of us!) engaged in a spirited, single elimination event that was a lot of fun, win or lose.

Two unique tech sessions were a true highlight of Encounter. Our own Ray Donovan held forth on “Barrett-Jackson and the Auctions: Being there.” It was a fascinating look at the collector car auctions we’ve all seen on TV from someone who’s been there and could shed some light on the behind-the-scenes details. On Saturday, Dave Siwa shared gorgeous video and photos in a delightful travelogue from the Scandinavian Healey Tour he and Barbara took in June. Seldom have Healeys had the chance to travel on such picturesque roads and we were very fortunate to have Dave let us share in the sights and stories. Both sessions played to packed rooms!



**Graeme Flynn**

## SATURDAY BEGAN WITH CONCOURS JUDGING BRIGHT AND EARLY.



While that was going on, a memorable Funkhana, created by Shawn and Tammi Miller, played out before a crowd of curious onlookers. This is the first Funkhana in which participants remained seated in the car. Perhaps that helped to explain the large number of people who joined in! A large number not seen in years.



The parking lot was the location for the popular car show which took place on a sun splashed afternoon. 40 cars sparkled in the sunshine. We were very pleased to welcome four Jensen Healey's to the show field. That is the most Jensen's that anyone can recall at an Encounter. A great addition to the Healey family!

The capstone to Encounter 2023 was the Awards Banquet. Trophies and ribbons were awarded to the winners of the various events. Detailed results appear elsewhere in this edition of *The Flash*. The highlight of the night was the presentation of the George Null Award to Dave and Priscilla Hooper. There are few recipients of this cherished award who are more worthy of recognition than Dave and Priscilla. Congratulations Hoopers and many thanks for your incalculable contributions to the AHSTC for over 40 years.

The common thread running through the entire event was participation. Participation was high at every event from the start through Saturday night and the Awards dinner. Thanks to all the Harrisburg Region members and other AHSTC family who helped with Encounter 2023. It was those efforts that made it such an enjoyable success.

See you in Ocean City next September for Encounter 2024! BE THERE!





[Article By Steve Jekogian](#)

**W**hat Encounter is all about—family and friends for years, seeing each other at Encounter is just a great time. The Walker parents, children and grandchildren always make Encounters enjoyable.

The Harrisburg Region, were wonderful hosts for this year’s Encounter in Hershey, PA. Many members / volunteers went to great lengths to make certain everyone had a memorable and enjoyable time. Here are some of the highlights:

Encounter Rallye results - A drive through Chocolate land

Liz and Scott Brockman again did a great job of sending the Healey rallyers through the great backroads and farmland that is the Hershey area.

We were on some of the nicest roads and, of course, with the tricks of the rally cars going in all directions it makes you think you are going in the “wrong” direction. Lots of questions, which was fun and a great conversation back at the hospitality room over a beer, or a couple of beers. It was great rally weather, as it was cool and cloudy, and you were not baking in the sun or the car overheating.

**First Place**

Steve and Gerri Kirlin

**Second Place**

Lucas and Maureen Bowie

**Third Place**

George and Lise Baxter

**Fourth Place**

Bob and Sue Ott

**Fifth Place**

Ann and Steve Feld

## FUNKHANA RESULTS

What were the organizers thinking? Let's put people in a car  
WITH THE DRIVER BLINDFOLDED AND HAVE THE NAVIGATOR TELL THEM HOW TO DRIVE IN A CIRCLE?

Shawn and Tammy Miller, came up with a unique Funkhana theme which was National Lapoon Family vacation trip to Walley World. Oh it was fun. We should have put a video camera in the car and watched and listened to the "directions/conversations". I bet we would have had a million hits on youtube.

Healey British cars

### First Place

Driver: Tim Walker

Navigator: Jaidis Wade

### Second Place

Driver: Mike Salter

Navigator: Bob Yule

### Third Place

Driver: Tim Walker

Navigator: Jackson Hauseman

## NON-BRITISH AND SCOOTER

### First Place

Lucas and Maureen Bowie

Honorable mention should go to Joe Spears and Angela Perna. Angela or "L" walked beside Joe Spears as he drove the scooter blindfolded and instructed him on how to steer. Then she completed the Funkhana with him and it was a great funny sight to see.



One of the main reasons to attend Encounter is the Cars. We all want to see them, hear them, and see what members have done to them.

The car show at Encounter was great. Cool, dry, and well laid out. It was a great day and show. We also had four Jenson Healeys attending, a welcome and rare sight and we appreciate them attending.

### Results

#### 100-4

- 1st Mike Salter
- 2nd Ray Donovan
- 3rd Jim Ellis

#### 100-6

- 1st Nick Ferrant
- 2nd Liz Brockman

#### 3000MKII

- 1st Tim Plesz
- 2nd Paul Woglom
- 3rd Ian Kessen

#### 3000 MKII

- 1st Don Schneider
- 2nd Nicholas Ludovic
- 3rd Gary Hartzell

#### 3000 MKIII DOUBLE LIGHT

- 1st Jim Cox
- 2nd Susan Rhoderick
- 3rd Scott Kocevar

#### SQUARE BODY SPRITE

- 1st Pam Preston
- 2nd Chuck Ott
- 3rd Mike Haran

#### BUGEYE

- 1st Bob Ott
- 2nd Nick Ferrant
- 3rd Fred Sherk

#### MODIFY/NASTY BOY

- 1st Del Border
- 2nd Tom Walker

#### JENSON HEALEY

- 1st Tim Hendricks
- 2nd Bob Wall
- 3rd Mark Brandt

### BEST IN SHOW

Jim Ellis 100-4



## GEORGE NULL CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations and thanks to Priscilla and Dave Hooper from the Harrisburg Region who received the 2023 George Null club person of the year award.

Dave and Priscilla have been long time AHSTC members and key members of the Harrisburg region. Priscilla received her Bugeye as a high school graduation gift and has kept it in great shape and attended every Encounter with it.

Dave and Priscilla are always willing to talk about the cars, the club, and the people and perhaps more importantly how many days a year they snow ski.

This is the second husband and wife team awarded the George Null award and it reflects Priscilla and Dave's commitment to the club and promoting the club and the marque.

This is a well-deserved award, and thanks for all their work in and for the club.

### PREVIOUS HONOREES

Allen Rosenberg	1998
Del Border	1999
Steve Jekogian	2000
John Morrison	2001
Baird Foster	2002
Mike Haran	2003
Nigel Smart	2004
Don Schneider	2005
Don Hoffer	2006
Ken Beck	2007
Bob and Pam Preston	2008
Larry Gersten	2009
Trish Woglom	2010
Paul Parfrey	2011
Rick Brodeur	2012
Dave Ehret	2013
Leo Kob	2014
Paul Woglom	2015
John Heffron	2016
Joe Spears	2017
Mark Goodman	2018
Gerry Kunkle	2019
Ray Donavon	2022

**Priscilla and Dave Hooper 2023**



**Priscilla and Dave Hooper received the award from AHSTC President Steve Feld**

## ENCOUNTER 2023 VALVE COVER RACE

[Article By Jim Cox](#)

The VCR event was again held this year on Friday evening in the Ballroom of the hotel right after the Western Barbeque Dinner. As usual, many fans, mechanics and competitors crowded into and beyond the venue.

A professional track first used in 2022 was set up with an extended runoff for the competition. In an unfortunate twist to recent tradition, Jim was stricken with a severe case of laryngitis, and he could not announce the event. Many thanks to Bob Preston who stepped in to announce and Steve Feld to keep score. Tim Plesz manned a camera at the finish line to record the correct results. Other volunteers caught the flying ankle breakers as they careened off the track at full speed!!

Categories were trimmed to just 4- and 6-cylinder racers with no age limit. This event was single elimination. We had a



total of 11 four-cylinder drivers and an additional 3 six-cylinder drivers in some unique and customized racers. Men and women always race together in this event. We also conducted a vote for People's Choice based on VCR appearance and creativity at the end of the competition.

In the end, the awards were presented, and the track was opened to friendly pairings. It certainly appeared that everyone had a good time.

As always, thanks to all competitors and observers for making this a fun event. We will reconvene at Encounter 2024 in Ocean City, NJ next year!

**The results were as follows:**

**4-CYLINDER DIVISION:**

- 1st – Jackson Houseman
- 2nd – Andrew Laverty
- 3rd – TIE – Tom Walker and Fred Sherk

**6-CYLINDER DIVISION:**

- 1st – Katie Laverty
- 2nd – Angela Perna (substitute driver for Steve Jekogian)
- 3rd – Del Border

**GRAND CHAMPION AWARD** – Runoff between Jackson & Katie was Jackson Houseman

**THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** vote went to Thomas Walker



**Winners Katie Laverty and Jackson Houseman**



**Valve cover best design competition.**



**Tim Walker, winning design.**



Angela Perna & Andrew Laverty, 4 cyl run-off.



Del's racer.

[Article By Del Border](#)

## GYMKHANA AND TEAMKHANA

**W**e had a nice turnout of spectators and participants on a perfect day that the weatherman predicted a full day of rain. Thank you to all who pitched in to get this event completed on time.

The gymkhana was scheduled to run from 9:30am until noon. We had two large tractor trailer auto carriers where the main portion of the gymkhana was to be run. The trucks were not moved until after 9:30 when a group of volunteers helped with the course layout, chalking cones, tech inspecting competitor cars and timing and scoring setup.

Below are the results of the gymkhana and Teamkhana.

### STOCK SPRITE

Driver	Car	Region	Time
Bob Ott	Bugeye	Philadelphia	25.957
Dave Carpenter	Bugeye	Unassigned	28.405
Nick Ferrant	Bugeye	Philadelphia	31.168

### MODIFIED SPRITE

No entries

## STOCK BIG HEALEY

George Baxter	3000	Brandywine	25.011
Steve Kirlin	3000	Philadelphia	25.340
Ian Kessen	3000	North Jersey	25.870
Ray Donovan	100	Philadelphia	25.921
Paul Woglom	3000	Philadelphia	27.834
Joe Costa	3000	North Jersey	29.200
Joe McGavin	3000	Lehigh Valley	31.838

## MODIFIED BIG HEALEY

Del Border	3000 Mk II	Harrisburg	23.699
Don Schneider	3000 Mk II	Harrisburg	25.574
Kirstin Border Snow	3000 Mk II	Harrisburg	26.248

## NASTY BOY

Tim Walker	Sprite/Ford	Philadelphia	24.939
Tom Walker	Sprite/Ford	Philadelphia	27.001

## TEAMKHANA

The Teamkhana consists of the two fastest Healeys from each Region from the Stock Sprite, Modified Sprite, Stock Big Healey and Modified Big Healey classes.

Region	Driver	Time	Total Time
Harrisburg	Del Border	23.699	
Harrisburg	Don Schneider	25.574	
			49.273
Philadelphia	George Baxter	25.011	
Philadelphia	Steve Kirlin	25.340	
			50.351
North Jersey	Ian Kessen	25.870	
North Jersey	Joe Costa	29.200	
			55.070

Note: No other regions qualified since they did not enter two Healeys in the gymkhana.

Special thanks to Tom and Tim Walker for bringing the pylons and helping with the course layout.

And finally, to the spectators and all the others who participated.



## CONCOURS

Article By George Baxter

The lead up to Encounter Hershey Concours judging was a bit nerve wracking, given how bad the weather forecast looked for both Friday (prejudging) and Saturday (full judging). George Wagman (concours liaison) and I were looking into several back-up plans, but fortunately we did not have to implement any. We had the most cars for Concours judging in quite some time, with a total of three cars. We had three teams of judges on the following Healeys:

**Jim Ellis' 1956 BN2 100M.** Lead Judge Mike Haran with Ray Donovan & scribe Geoff Turl. Jim's car was judged at Enclave 2022 and scored a Bronze. Over the winter much work was done to improve the car and it paid off with a Silver award this time around.




**Pete Knill's 1959 BN4 100-6.** Lead Judge George Baxter with Tim Plesz, Nick Ferrant & scribe George Wagman. Pete's car did not score high enough for an award.

This was my first time as Chief Judge (Ocean City does not count, since no cars were judged) and, all considered, everything went very well. I truly appreciate the time and effort our judges gave for this very important event. 100 M's are not easy cars to judge and have very particular details and knowledge requirements. George Wagman did a fantastic job as liaison (and scribe) and has set a new standard for the position, with top notch communications and organization. All judging teams also received very nice, embroidered hats, bags and quality flashlights, as well as both breakfast and lunch! Bob Preston was key in keeping the whole event running smoothly and a big thanks to him for also helping George Wagman do his job. Don Schneider, who has been Chief Judge for as long as we can remember, provided support and the use of his printed copy

**Ed Greene's 1956 BN2 100M.**

Lead Judge Mike Salter with John Heffron & scribe Robert Von Rintel. Ed's car scored a high-level Gold.

of the Guidelines, both of which were very much appreciated. Don also graciously stepped in for me at the Awards Banquet, when I had to leave early for a wedding of close family friends. Thank you, Don! Tom Dix was our runner and Guidelines researcher and volunteered at the last moment. His efforts were very helpful and greatly appreciated. Last, but not least, thank you to my wife Lise Baxter and to Flora Schneider for diligently handling the tedious job of tallying the score sheets. I look forward to future Concours judging events and hope they will be as well supported and run as smoothly as this one. I appreciate that Encounter values the work of our judging teams and respectfully refrain from scheduling competing events. 



Judges in conference.

# AACA CAR MUSEUM TOUR



## HOSPITALITY ROOM



## RALLYE SCHOOL





Heading out!



Navigating the clues.



Climbing to the hill top.



Made it!



GYMKHANA





Dave Siwa discusses 2023 EHM/Scandinavia Tour

## CASSEL VINEYARDS OF HERSHEY





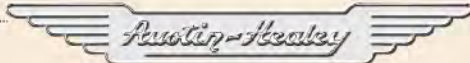








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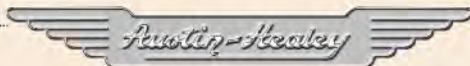
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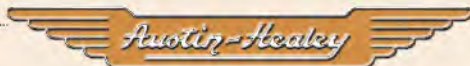
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