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What's In The Flash

By Tom Mulligan

Encounter – **Encounter 2024**, hosted by the Philadelphia Region in Ocean City NJ. See the enclosed flyer and more information about the venue from the Encounter Chairs.

New Contest for 2024 – The new contest is underway and the answer to the January question and those who got it correct are in this month's issue. Check out the new question and engage the whole family.

Tech Article – The Regional Report this month, from Lehigh Valley Regional Editor Bruce Lawrence, is actually a good Tech article. So, if you are contemplating some front-end bearing work check it out.

Thanks Bruce.

Auction Report – This month we look at 2 cars from opposite ends of the Healey spectrum. Another 100M has trouble with the Healey auction commentators and goes up for sale twice in 2 months. A lovely, non-original Bugeye does very well as a no-reserve offering on Bring a Trailer. Check out the links, read the comments and see if you agree with the outcomes.

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PRESIDENTIAL RUMINATIONS

Steve Feld AHSTC President

Two twenty-four twenty-four! Not a puzzle or an equation but a day you should make a trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania. As we previously informed you, the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum is exhibiting a special display of Austin Healeys until April 20. In a separate dedicated gallery, you'll see a Bugeye, a square-body Sprite, a Healey 100 and a 3000 (BJ8). The four are owned by AHSTC members Fred Sherk, Pam Preston, Don Schneider and Steve Jekogian, respectively. Also in the gallery are Austin Healey memorabilia, posters, and regalia.
<https://www.aacamuseum.org/exhibit/austin-healey/>

We've scheduled a joint member tour of the Museum for Saturday, February 24, 2024, beginning at 10AM. (If weather conditions prevent us from using the 2/24 date, we will gather on Sunday, March 10 instead.) Carpool with other members from your region and commiserate with other regions' members in the middle of winter instead of the normal heat of Encounter. After viewing the Austin Healey display, you're free to see the other winter 2024 exhibits: Muscle Cars Past & Present and Legacy Series Dodge Challengers Then & Now. You'll also be able to see a Tucker "48s among other classic and unusual automobiles and buses.

Afterwards anyone who wishes may join our group for lunch at Troegs Independent Brewery in Hershey. <https://troegs.com/visit/> The club will pay for your admission to the Museum, but lunch is on your own tab. Please consider joining us for this club-wide winter event.

While you have your calendar open, be sure to mark September 15-18 for Encounter 2024 in Ocean City, NJ. The Philadelphia Region has been hard at work planning our annual convention. You'll recall Encounter 2019 at The Flanders and this year's promises to be just as much fun.

The club thanks Del Border and Bob Ott for their service as officers of the club. Del faithfully served as Corporate Secretary for 20 years keeping our board minutes and reminding us what we agreed to in prior meetings. Bob served as Advertising Coordinator and brought in and retained many of our Flash advertisers, largely offsetting the cost of the publication. Thanks to both of you!

Filling the position of Secretary will be Rudy Hyzer from the North Jersey Region. The new Advertising Coordinator will be Tim Plesz from the Harrisburg Region. Thanks to each of them for volunteering for these important positions!



HARRISBURG

REGION

Pam Frazier

Since our monthly meeting on January 17, 2024, was cancelled due to inclement weather, I don't have much to report.

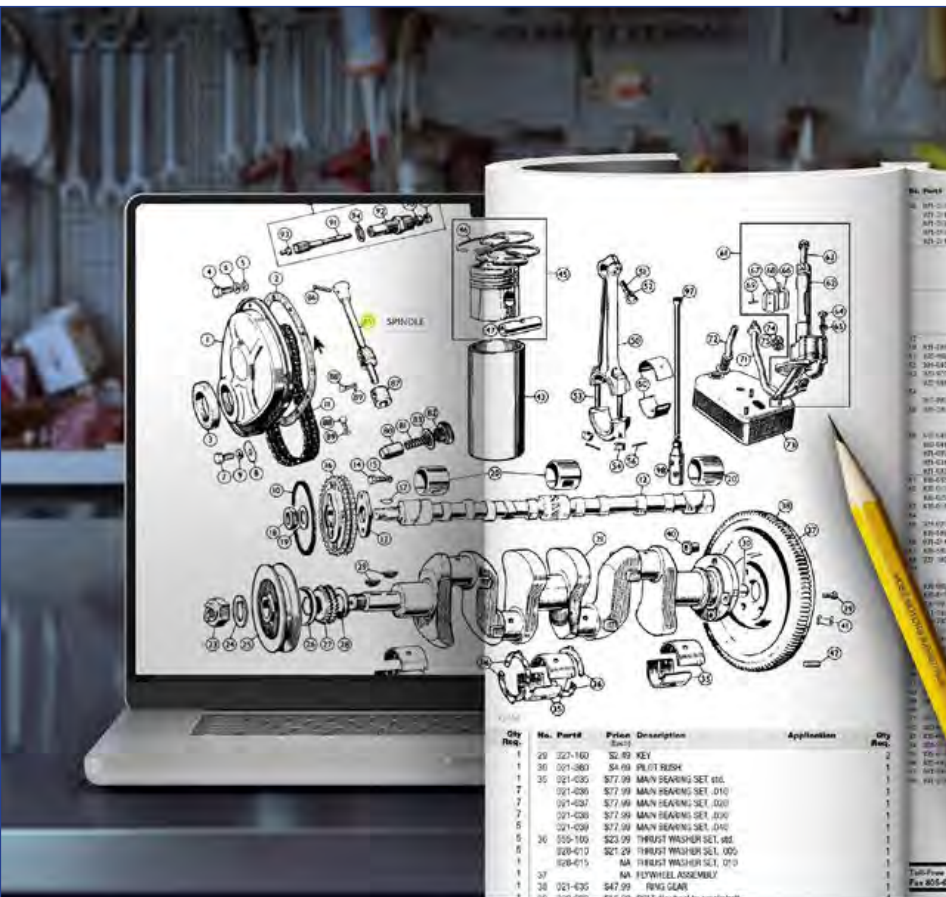
However, I've borrowed the text, with Pam Preston's permission, from her email sent to the Harrisburg Region on January 14, 2024, as follows:

"Happy New year Harrisburg Region! Hard to believe 2023 is already in our rear-view mirror. We're in down time as far as sports car driving for a while now that it's the dead of winter. Speaking of which, the weather forecast for Tuesday has those dreaded four-letter words in it, snow and cold. It sounds like weather only a Hooper could love! So, we are not going to have a monthly meeting on Tuesday evening (sic 1/17/2024). Everyone can stay safe and sound in their warm house.

The primary news item is from AHSTC, but it does involve Harrisburg. The club will be having a day at the AACA Museum in Hershey on Saturday, February 24th. The club is paying for the admission for all members to the museum that day. I will have further details in the near future on timing, etc. The main attraction is the Austin-Healey display which we put together in November. I believe the muscle cars are still the featured display throughout the museum. So even if you went on the free visit back during ENCOUNTER, there is plenty new to see.

There is a possibility of a food/drink stop following the museum, but those details are to follow soon. Main thing is to save the date in your calendars. The weather postponement date is March 2nd.

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PHILADELPHIA REGION

Over 700 days without snow and then twice in one week. Our two-year-old Westie, Healey, has never experienced snow so he was quite puzzled about what to do. We can hope that there is less rain and snow in the coming months.

On Saturday evening, January 13, members Steve and Zara Wilcox invited the club members to their house for our After Christmas Party. We were astounded by their extraordinary home, which was designed by Horace Trumbauer, a renowned architect who designed the Philadelphia Art Museum and the Free Library in Philadelphia. Marlyn wanted to take the grand library in the house home with us.

Arriving at 6:30 p.m., we enjoyed cocktails, appetizers, and conversation. The food was homemade and incredibly delicious. We feasted on various chicken dishes, salmon, vegetables, salads, and potatoes. There was a wide assortment of desserts to top off the meal. Steve provided a special assortment of wines, including dessert wine. As usual, the White Elephant exchange was a great deal of fun, with some good gifts and some gag gifts. The club thanks Steve and Zara for their warm hospitality, and for the opportunity to see a historic, glorious home.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 19, at the Metropolitan restaurant, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In a few months, it will be Healey weather—something to look forward to. 🇬🇧





North Jersey

By George Crombie

The first official event of 2024 was North Jersey Region's monthly club meeting held on Tuesday, January 9th. Originally scheduled to start at 6:30 at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette, the time and place were changed due to another bout of rather nasty weather blowing in to put a damper on things. Instead, the meeting was rescheduled to 7:00 pm as a ZOOM call, thereby saving those interested in attending the hazardous journey from their kitchens to the more comfortable confines of their home offices or dens, and even allowing one of our slightly more remote (hi, Steve Jekogian!) the opportunity to attend. In addition to Steve Feld and Steve J., Allen Rosenberg, Rudy Hyzer, Tom Mulligan, Sue Kessen, Richard Ippoliti, Theo Padavano, John Conklin, and Dennis Meehan were all onboard enjoying each other's company when I joined in and promptly disrupted the proceedings with a lot of annoying audio feedback. It took me a few moments that I'm sure seemed like hours to those listening to find my "mute" button. I spent the rest of the meeting banished to the far, dark recesses of my so-called office making all kinds of comments to myself while on "mute". I'm really at a loss as to why none of my suggestions were commented on.

Some of the conversations that I eves dropped on included:

- Rudy Hyzer has agreed to the position of Corporate Secretary.
- This year's Red Mill All British Car Show in Clinton is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st, with Sunday, June 2nd as a rain date.
- This year's Holiday Party may be held at a restaurant (TBD – a couple of volunteers are looking at possible venues).
- The AACA Museum in Hershey is displaying four AHSTC members' cars in a special exhibit through early April (I think; check elsewhere in The FLASH for particulars), and the Regional Clubs are looking to mob the museum en masse on Saturday, February 24, with lunch at a Hershey area restaurant. There is a possibility of organizing a carpool for the trip out and back.
- Steve Feld is planning to host a get-together at the Felds' in Morristown in April to kick tires before touring some of the local backroads to lunch. More details to follow.
- We had a reminder that this year's Encounter "Back to the Boardwalk" is scheduled for this September 15th – 18th (Sunday through Wednesday, leaving on Thursday).

The meeting ended after (or maybe during?) quite a discussion on and about car auctions. That is a topic that can go on forever, with many and varied opinions. Over two weeks later, and my eyes are still blurry (but I'm told that is normal for me)!

That, in a nutshell, is the re-cap of the monthly meeting. I trust that everyone made it home okay, as I didn't get any calls from anyone who might still be stranded on a frozen lake in Florida...

Stay tuned to your e-Flashes from Steve Feld for all the latest (that was too late to print)! 



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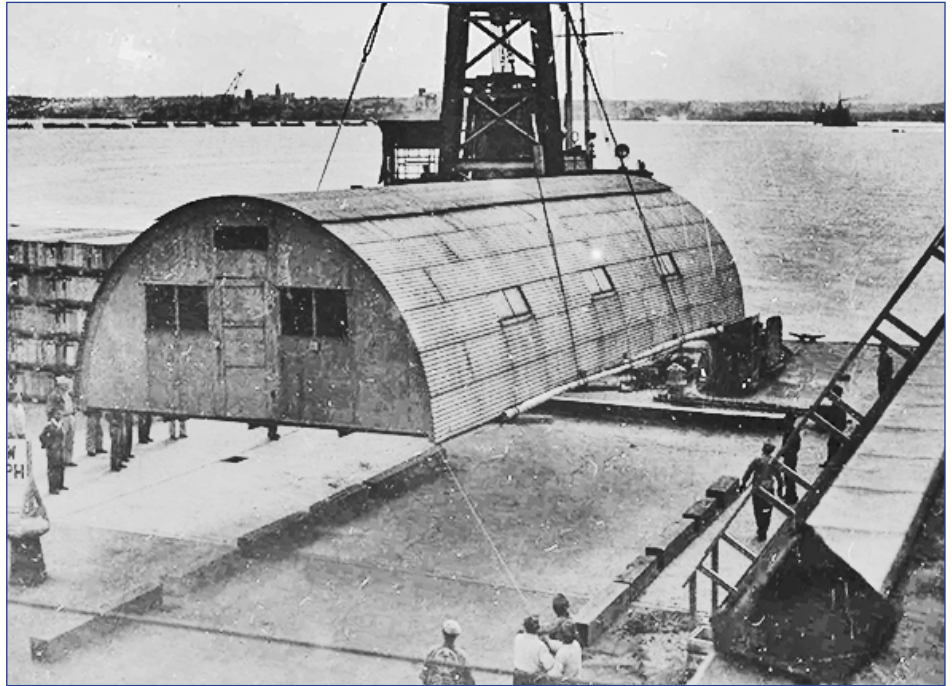
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Long Island REGION

By Paul Parfrey

Writing this article for The Flash brought to my mind the 1940 movie, "His Girl Friday, starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. They play rival reporters who do a lot of ripping their copy out of their typewriters due to rapidly changing developments in a prison break story. (It is a comedy.) That is like where I'm at now: my originally planned article is saved, and I've started a new one due to changing developments. (Albeit that's not as dramatic as ripping the page out of a typewriter!). Let me explain...

It all started when I opened Howard Kroplick's Vanderbilt Cup Races Newsletter of Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, and found a photo of LI member Skip Norsic's new storage building in Southampton. The building is used to store the trucks used in his business. It stands on the site of the now defunct Long Island Automotive Museum. Skip hoped to rehabilitate the original building, which was a Quonset hut, but the building was too far gone. An ingenious solution was to replicate the façade of the old building and build a new building behind it. (Quonset huts, with their distinctive semi-cylindrical cross section, were first deployed at Quonset Point, RI at



Quonset hut installed in Japan after end of WWII.



Old and less old



A family heirloom.



New facade in the style of the old museum.

the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center. They filled a need for a lightweight prefabricated structure in World War II that could be shipped anywhere and put together easily. They were made of corrugated galvanized steel. 150,000 or more were made during the war, and afterwards the surplus was sold to the public. Many are still standing and used for businesses, homes, military museums, etc.)

As a child, Skip would disappear from his family's property and reappear next door at the car museum. So, you can see why this place holds special memories for him.

The museum was the creation of Henry Austin Clark (1917-1990). He was the son of the treasurer of the Cuban American Sugar Co., "Jack Frost" brand. Henry's first old car, a 1915 Model T, was purchased by him at age 11. When he returned from military service in World War II, he began planning a place to show some of his cars. The Automotive Museum of Long Island on County Road 39 in Southampton opened in 1948. It closed in 1980 after most of the collection had been auctioned off. There is a model of what it was like in its heyday in the new building.

Does anyone reading this remember the Museum? Did anyone visit it? Let me know.

Thanks to Skip Norsic, Howard Kroplick, and Gram Spina who took many photos and shared them with us. Also, you might want to sign up for Howard Kroplick's Vanderbilt Cup Newsletter. It contains lots of photos, history, and listings of events. 



Interior of old outbuilding shows Quonset hut construction.



New framing of the front.



The holey galvanized corrugated steel.



Diorama of LI Automotive Museum.



Skip Norsic and Howard Kroplick.



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Brandywine

Ernie Leser

REGION

The Events Planning Meeting for 2024 was held on Thursday, January 18th at the Deer Park Tavern in Newark, DE. Holding the meeting at noon afforded ample parking in the tavern's lot avoiding the evening crowds. As a bonus, the Thursday burger specials were enjoyed by all. We also were treated to a beer tasting of some new IPA's that the bartender was considering putting on tap.

Members attending the meeting were: Chuck Ott, David Maule, Buzz Marshall, and Ernie Leser. Not a great turnout, but the weather may have been a factor.

The following calendar of events was developed during lunch. As usual, the events are flexible. Detailed information about each event will be provided through the E-Flash as the event gets closer.

BRANDYWINE REGION 2024 EVENTS

FEBRUARY, SAT. 24TH, 12 NOON. AHSTC DAY AT THE ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA.

Meet at Troegs Brewing, 200 East Hershey Park Drive, Hershey, PA. Contact is Chuck Ott (302-378-7287).

MARCH, SAT. 16TH, 1 PM. "PIZZA AT PETE'S". Pete Robert's residence, 21 Waterview St., Downingtown, PA.

RSVP to Pete by March 9th (610-458-5412).

APRIL, SAT. 13TH, 1 PM. TECH SESSION AT CHUCK OTT'S TAJ GARAGE, 109 Airmont Dr., Middletown, DE.

MAY, SAT. 11TH. CARLISLE IMPORT SHOW. Remember to register with AHSTC if you plan to attend.

Contact is Chuck Ott.

JUNE, SAT. 15TH. MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE TOUR AND LUNCH. David Maule is contact (302-945-2952).

JULY, SAT. 20TH. CHESTER COUNTY TOUR AND PICNIC. Buzz Marshall is contact (610-513-6660).

AUGUST, SAT. 24TH, 1 PM. CRAB CRAWL AND FEAST. Boondocks restaurant, Smyrna, DE.

SEPTEMBER 15-18TH. ENCOUNTER 2024, Ocean City, NJ.

OCTOBER, SAT. 5TH, 1 PM. BRANDYWINE REGION PICNIC. The Leser residence, Elkton, MD.

RSVP to Joan by Sept. 30th (410-398-7308).

NOVEMBER, SAT. 16TH, 12 NOON. ANNUAL ELECTIONS. The Deer Park Tavern, Newark, DE.

DECEMBER, SAT. 7TH, 6 PM. CHRISTMAS PARTY. THE LANNO RESIDENCE. RSVP to Lisa by Nov. 30th (610-496-5742).

JANUARY, THURSDAY 16TH, 12 NOON. EVENTS PLANNING FOR 2025. The Deer Park Tavern, Newark, DE.



Lehigh Valley

Bruce Lawrence



DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN REPLACING FRONT BEARINGS!

I'm a Lehigh Region member involved in a long-term project to restore a 1960 AH 3000. Winter cold forced me to retreat to my warm basement workshop where I'm currently rehabilitating my BT7's front hubs, including installing new brake calipers, disks and roller bearings. As a novice mechanic, quite eager but inexperienced, I'm confident that since I was able to change-out my front bearings, then so can you. The steps for bearing refit described below are specific to a 3000 Mark 1 with wire wheels and disk brakes, but I believe they are sufficiently generic to also apply to later models.

In writing this article, I relied heavily on the official Austin-Healey 100 and 3000 Workshop Manual Issue 6 issued by BMC Service Ltd. I urge you to obtain this manual, if for no other reason, then for the wonderful exploded-view illustrations showing inner workings for much of our beloved 3000s including the front hub assemblies. (These fascinating drawings are often reproduced elsewhere such as in the Moss catalog.) So let's get started, first working one front hub at a time, we will remove and dismantle the bearings:

1. Block the rear wheels for safety. Jack the front wheel off the ground. (I use a pump jack and two jack stands for secure lifting.) To check for bearing wear, excessive movement between the brake disk and the hub on the axle is a good indicator. Should a pronounced movement be apparent, (or if a squealing sound is heard in the front wheels when driving) the front bearings should be replaced.

2. Remove the knock-off hubs and pull the tire and wheel off the hub.

3. Remove the brake caliper from the wheel assembly and brake disk. (I tied back the brake lines for more room.) Extract the aluminum grease cup from within the hub. (The manual calls for a special tool for this, but in my case, needle nose pliers work just fine.)

4. Straighten the ends of the cotter pin and pry it out through the hole opposite the pin in the hub. Next, remove the large 23 mm nut and flat washer from the axle. (I used a 1 1/4" SAE socket instead of a metric socket. It worked fine.

5. Remove the hub from the axle using a bearing puller. Don't hammer against the brake disk to remove it because such pounding could bend the disk. (That happened to me but it wasn't a problem since I was replacing the disks in any event.) The hub is then withdrawn, complete with the inner and outer bearings and rubber oil seal still attached.



Right front wheel hub with its brake disk removed.

6. First, get acquainted with the layout of the bearings. I secured the hub to my workbench where I could work on both the inner and outer bearings. The inner bearing is the larger of the two and is located closest to the brake disk end of the hub, whereas the smaller outer bearing is located furthest from the disk. The bearings themselves are made up of two pieces - an inner roller portion and an outer race.

7. Withdraw the inner roller portion of the outer bearing together with its adjustment shims. (These are very thin washers about 1 1/2" in diameter. It varies but I had three such shims in my hub.) Remove the rubber oil seal from the inner end of the hub and withdraw the inner roller portion of the outer bearing together with the distance piece. (This is a hollow, cone-shaped steel barrel about 2" long.) I found that the inner roller portion could be removed easily by hand. However, the manual lists special tools for removing the outer race rings.



Small outer bearing and its race are shown on top, with a larger inner bearing and its race shown beneath.

Since I didn't have these tools, instead I used a common bearing puller on the outer races. Big mistake! After much huffing, puffing, and a little cursing, I gave up on the bearing puller. Discouraged by my lack of progress, I cleaned the inner hub of grease, only to find an obstruction, a low ridge of steel around the inside

circumference of the hub which prevented extraction of the bearing outer race. A solution presented itself. Further cleaning revealed two small slots on the inside edge of the ridge. Then, using a common drift punch inserted into one of the slots, I easily hammered out both the inner and outer bearing outer races. Success!



Close-up view of the inner hub showing the small slot on the inside ridge.

End-float movement in a Healey's front bearings must be checked and adjusted whenever the hub has been dismantled. End-float is adjustable by means of adding (or removing) the aforementioned shims. To reassemble:

1. Insert the outer race of each bearing into the hub using a rubber mallet and drift punch. Insert the inner roller portion of the inner bearing and distance spacer cone, making sure to pack each bearing with recommended grease. (A simple way to grease a new bearing is to smear grease in the palm of your hand and drag the bearing through the grease several times while rotating it with each pass.)

2. Fit the rubber oil seal to the hub and mount the hub assembly back onto the axle. Position the inner roller portion of the outer bearing, packed with grease without fitting shims at this stage.

3. Refit the large 23 mm nut and flat washer back onto the axle. Tighten the nut while at the same time rotate the hub back and forth until there is noticeable drag. This ensures that the bearing outer races are properly seated.

4. Unscrew and remove the 23 mm axle nut. Extract the washer and the roller portion of the outer bearing. Insert a sufficient number of shims to produce visible end movement. Note the number of shims used. Replace the roller portion and the washer, and tighten the 23 mm axle nut.

5. Measure the amount of end movement in the bearings. Unscrew and remove the 23 mm axle nut. Extract the washer and roller portion of the outer bearing. Reduce the number of shims to eliminate end-float movement while still allowing the hub to rotate freely. Using a torque wrench, tighten the axle nut to 40 to 70 lb./ft. of torque. This range of torque is so the hub may be aligned with the cotter pin hole in the axle.
6. Insert a new cotter pin through the hole in the axle nut and spread its tines.
7. Remove any surplus grease and, using needle nose pliers, press the aluminum grease cap up against the outer bearing. Do not put grease in the cap.
8. Replace the caliper assembly and tighten the securing bolts to between 45 to 50 lb./ft. of torque. Refit and if necessary, bleed the brake lines.
9. Refit the tire and wheel, and tighten the knock-off hubs.
10. Repeat all the above for the front wheel bearings on the other side.

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By Rick Brodeur

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North Jersey

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'61 BT7

We're approaching membership renewal time. Memberships are due by March 31st. In mid-February I'll be sending out renewal forms to those members whose memberships are due. You will not get a renewal form if you pay for multiple years. A reminder: the Member's Only area of the website is available to members. Initial passwords are set up and you'll be prompted to change it when you log in. If you have a problem receiving the *Flash*, please contact me at membership@austin-healey-stc.org 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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Letter to the Editor

Allow me a moment or two to vent:

A few months ago, around the middle of 2023, I was asked to sit in on a new committee that was being formed to assess the feasibility, and different angles, of STAHC's annual event, Encounter. I guess that, among other topics, one of the purposes was to try to come up with ideas on how to generate more enthusiasm, and greater participation from members. This was a very good idea, with lofty goals and really no downside that I could detect. Whoa! Let's slam on the brakes for just a minute.

Do I sense that the solution to all of this boiled down to scheduling the very next Annual AHSTC Encounter to coincide with AHCA's very next Annual Conclave? There are 52 and a half weeks in the year, and both of these large Healey clubs chose to start their respective annual meets at the same time – ON THE SAME DAY (AHCA is the largest – both geographically and numerically – Austin-Healey club in North America; while AHSTC is holding its own at third)! And we're not talking about a joint "ENCLAVE", as in 2015 in Gettysburg, or more recently in 2022 at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. AHSTC is having their annual Encounter on the Jersey coast in Ocean City, NJ starting on Sunday, September 15 and going until the end of day on Wednesday, September 17th, with attendees projected to break camp and head for home the next day, while AHCA has scheduled their Conclave to start on Sunday, September 15th and conclude on Thursday, September 18th in Elkhart Lake, WI. According to Google Maps, there are 972.5 miles (roughly) between these two venues, and it would take most people an average of about 15 hours and 25 minutes to drive. Yup: I can see how that would work in increasing both the enthusiasm and participation factors. Both are great venues, and I would have enjoyed going to check things out at Road America and kicking around on one of B.S. Levy's old racetracks. Ocean City, NJ? I was out there for Encounter 2019 and had a great time. I was looking forward to a repeat trip.

George Crombie
Member, NJ Region



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Ocean City, New Jersey
September 15-18, 2024



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on the Ocean City, N.J., Boardwalk

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- Driving events down the block
- Tours to seaside attractions

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ENCOUNTER 2024

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By now you know Ocean City, NJ is our happy place and from September 15-19, 2024, the Philadelphia Region is hosting Encounter 2024. All the usual club events are being planned, plus a number of self-directed activities.

There will be some free time during Encounter, and we're hoping you extend your stay to take advantage of the many nearby attractions. Since your condominium units have full kitchens, your extended stay should cost less than a typical vacation weekend 'down the shore'. Here is a highlight of a few of the places to visit:

- **Ocean City Historical Museum**

Located downtown, this little gem traces the city's history starting in 1879 when four Methodist ministers set out to establish a resort based on Christian values. The first boardwalk was opened in 1887 and experienced numerous iterations. Learn about the merchant ship, Sindia and view many relics she carried from Japan. A section is devoted to Grace Kelly, whose family spent their summers in OCNJ (remember 'Kelly for Brickwork' tee-shirts in the 50's and 60's?). Her career in cinema and marriage to the Prince of Monaco are included.

ocnjmuseum.org



- **Lucy The Elephant**

Freshly renovated, she's even more majestic inside and out. If you haven't taken her in, don't leave without making this short excursion. There's a great little gift shop offering unique gifts for your grandchildren.

lucytheelephant.org

- **Absecon Lighthouse**

At 117' tall (228 steps), it's the tallest one in NJ, and third highest masonry lighthouse in the US. The Fresnel lenses were illuminated for the first time in 1857, marking the Absecon inlet at the north end of Atlantic City, just a few miles north of Lucy.

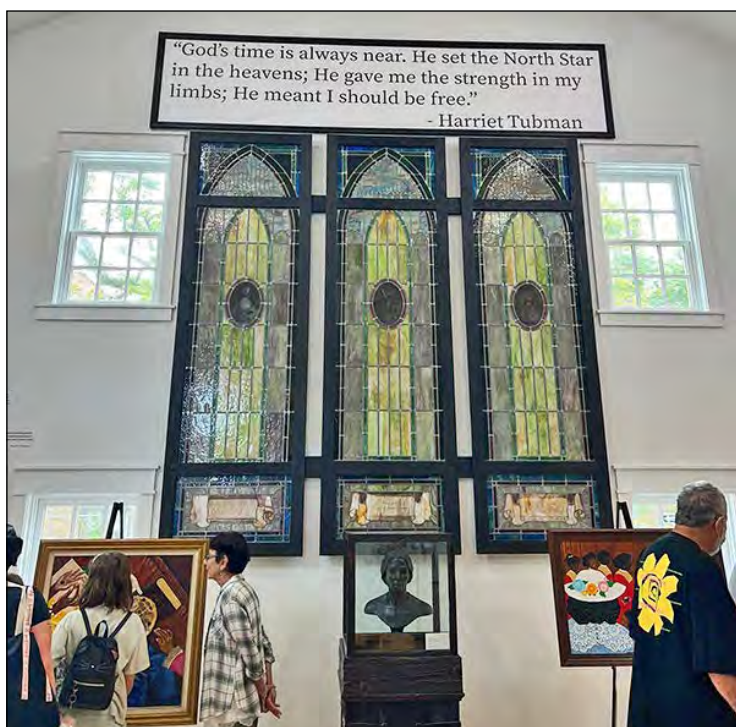
abseconlighthouse.com



- **Harriet Tubman Museum**

Cape May was an instrumental element of the underground railroad. Harriet spent several years working there to fund her efforts guiding slaves northward. The museum is nestled among three buildings that supported the migration. It's only three rooms. Guided tour at noon only. Self-guided tours hourly, best to make reservations a day or so in advance.

[Harriet Tubman Museum](http://HarrietTubmanMuseum.com)



- **Wheaton Glass Museum**

Southern NJ is the birthplace of America's glass industry (1739). The area offered all the natural resources needed: wood, sand, silica, and soda ash. Located in the pine barrens about 30 miles from OC, pharmacist Dr. Wheaton began making his own bottles in Millville in 1888. His grandson's life goal was to establish a community at the turn of the century that included a museum of area artisan's work that rivaled the one in Corning, NY (which displayed a lot of NJ-produced works). The 'village' wasn't opened until 1973. It has grown to 45 acres and 18 buildings. Glassblowing demonstrations are held daily. There are a number of shops offering tons of crafts, a holiday shop, as well as glass and pottery in all shapes and forms.

[*WheatonArts » Explore, Experience, Create*](#)



- **Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum**

Located in Teterboro, it is open Wednesday - Saturday. Reservations recommended.

Displays include the rocket engine that propelled the X-15 to incredible speed and height records as well as the world's first hovercraft. There's an interactive aerodynamics exhibit: Fundamentals of Flight.

The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of NJ – Passion, Dreams and the History of Aviation! (njahof.org)



Current plans are to include a Welcome Movie & Trivia night (free to Encounter 2024 Registrants but limited to the first 100 guests). Complimentary beer and wine and light snacks will be included. Note that all club-sponsored meals at The Flanders as well as at Hospitality in the Flanders will include complimentary beer and wine.

Note- you must obtain your Encounter 2024 registration number before reserving a condominium through the Flanders Hotel, our home base. More details will be on the upcoming official Registration Form.

So plan to bask on the beach, walk in the sand, drive on the boardwalk, and share in the fun and the sun with your Austin-Healey family and friends.

***Set your vacation calendars now to
Sunday-Thursday, September 15-19, 2024
Ocean City, New Jersey.***

REMEMBER- SEPTEMBER IS THE NEW AUGUST 'DOWN THE SHORE.'



THE FLASH ENCOUNTER 2024 CONTEST

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME FUN AND WIN \$100 CASH?

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This year's Contest theme will be *"Celebrities Who Have Owned a Healey."*

Starting with this (January, 2024) issue of *The Flash*, each month's issue through July, leading up to Encounter 2024, will feature a clue.

The clue will be published on this page each month. Click the link to the AHSTC website beneath the clue and provide your guess on that web page*. The answer and the names of those members who guessed the correct celebrity will also be published here in subsequent months, along with a new clue for the following month.

AHSTC members in good standing, who correctly guess the celebrity will be entered into a drawing to determine the cash prize winner. The more months you enter the correct answer, the greater your chances of winning. The winner will be announced at Encounter (winner need not be present)

So, open each issue of The Flash, share the question with your family, and join the fun.

This month's Clue: *"He made a fortune selling "nothing" on TV."*

www.austin-healey-stc.org/contest.html

*The answers for each month's question must be entered by the 25th of the month in which the Flash is published. There is only one correct answer for each clue.

Directors and Officers of AHSTC are not eligible to win.

The Flash's Encounter 2024 Contest • Correct Answer List

Last month's Clue: "He was tall, dark, handsome, and dirty." Answer: [Clint Eastwood](#), AKA Dirty Harry.



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AUCTION REPORT

By Tom Mulligan

Here is another **100M** auction that provides valuable insight into the on-line auction process for anyone, regardless of the car make model or year. I have reported on 100M sales in recent Flash editions, perhaps disproportionately so. In the Healey community it seems these cars draw the most attention and the most scrutiny, which is useful to understand when buying or selling on-line.

This 100M is a very nice car with great curb appeal and it was first offered on Bring a Trailer in November 2023 when it was a reserve not met (RNM) at \$90.5k. One-Hundred M's are known to go for twice that much. The commenters questioned many aspects of the car's originality and authenticity, which is so often the case with these cars. To the seller's great credit this feedback was taken with a positive and courteous attitude.

The car was re-listed on BaT in December 2023 revealing that it has a replacement chassis. It again was a RNM at \$92k. So, the seller believes this car is worth more. However, one of the risks of selling on-line is that the auction history is available forever and the car's "value" is established in the minds of many collectors or would-be buyers. Read the comments in both listings and see what you think.

1956 Austin-Healey 100M BN2 Roadster for sale on BaT Auctions - closed on January 3, 2024 (Lot #132,301) | Bring a Trailer



AUCTION REPORT

This beautiful 1959 Bugeye caught my attention because I thought it had a great look. This car was sold on Bring a Trailer for \$23.1k including the buyer's premium. It is noteworthy that this was a no-reserve sale. I think that paid off for the seller.

The car is far from original, and has an upgraded engine and transmission, as well as other obvious deviations from stock. With its great color combination, Minilites and roll bar, it has a great "day-two" look about it from back in the day. Read more here:

<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1959-austin-healey-bugeye-sprite-19/>





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