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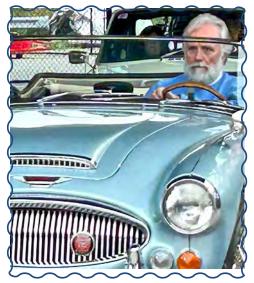
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#### ON THE COVER

Running the rallye at Encounter 2023.

### What's In The Flash

By Tom Mulligan

**ENCOUNTER** – Encounter 2024 **Registration is open**. The Philadelphia Region will host this year in Ocean City NJ. See the enclosed flyer, registration form, and more information about the event from the Encounter Chairs. **Registration is also available on-line**.

https://www.austin-healey-stc.org/show.html

**AUCTION REPORT** – This month it's "A Tale of Two Sixties." We follow the sales of 2 1960 BT7s. One sold, and one did not. Both generated interesting discussion on the Bring a Trailer site as the merits and faults of each car were debated. As is often the case, these cars offer valuable insight into the online auction process for anyone contemplating buying or selling

**CONTEST** 2024 – This year's contest is down to the last 2 months. The answer to the May question and those who got it correct are in this month's issue. Check out the new June question and **engage the whole family.** 

FOR SALE - Free Sprite parts in the classified section!!!

**TECH ARTICLE** – Inspired by a previous Flash tech article, Paul Parfrey has contributed his thoughts on overdrive engagement, and an alternative idea for throttle linkage. Thanks Paul









### PRESIDENTIAL RUMINATIONS

Steve Feld AHSTC President

ave you registered for Encounter 2024 in Ocean City, NJ, on September 15-19? If not, you should. The event is the centerpiece of our club's annual activity calendar. AHSTC Encounter is THE event where we renew old friendships, make new ones, and just enjoy the company of our fellow Healey enthusiasts.

The Philadelphia Region has put together an outstanding agenda at a wonderful venue. Trish Woglom, Leo Kob and their team have been hard at work to make this event even better than their 2019 Encounter at the same location. Ocean City in September promises great weather without the summer crowds and The Flanders Hotel is a classic hotel in an ocean front location. And who among us doesn't look forward to the display of our Healeys on the Boardwalk where spectators are wowed by seeing our classic Brits.

Later in this edition of The Flash, you will find all the information you need to register for Encounter 2024 and make your hotel reservations. We look forward to seeing you in September at Encounter 2024!

#### https://austin-healey-stc.org/registration.html

On a different topic, but one which I like to repeat (if you haven't noticed), have you had your Healey on the road this week? How about the week before last? If not, why not? Your club is here to help if you need some help getting something fixed so you can drive your Healey. We have many members who are willing to help diagnose or repair mechanical problems or refer you to a shop who can do so. If you don't ask, we can't help. As I read recently in a Hagerty article, a classic car that sits is a car that's dying. Driving our cars is what they were assembled for. They look great sitting but even better in motion



# HARRISBURG

Bob Preston
Substitute Editor

Pam Frazier

ain event, so to speak, in May was the annual Carlisle Import Show on the 10th and 11th. We have personally been attending this event for over 30 years and have seen all kinds of weather from windy artic cold to jungle heat. But this year the weather on Friday must rank up with the most miserable day in memory. Pouring rain, windy, and chilly (read cold). In a first, AHSTC shared a large tent with Lanco MG and Keystone British Car Club. The AHSTC NJ contingent understandably canceled their Friday trip. Chaz and Kim DeBourbon were there on Friday from Keystone. We were not there on Saturday, so I don't know how attendance fared that day. Jim Cox and Fred Sherk reported decent sales of parts, despite the weather. The idea of sharing a large tent with the other British clubs has merit. However, the weather didn't allow the full benefits to show through. Thanks to our good friends George Wagman and Rob Shingle who welcomed us into the Rolls Royce Owners Club tent. They also won the best tent award for the show. Congrats to the RR gang. We have a year to pray for good weather for 2025 Carlisle!

#### **AHSTC Harrisburg Region 2024 Schedule of Upcoming Events**

Saturday, June 1— Movie Night at the Preston's - 7:00 PM, Movie – "Gran Turismo" Hot Dogs,
Popcorn, Drinks provided. Bring a Chair.
RSVP to Pam

rpreston1609@comcast.net or 717-490-4256

Saturday, June 8 — C&C hosted by Rob Shingle and Jim Keener at their GULF garage car Collection. A don't miss event! 2822 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA. 10:00AM.

RSVP to Pam- rpreston1609@comcast.net or 717-490-4256

Thursday, June 13 —Joint club picnic at Rocky Ridge Park at 11:00 AM. Bring your own lunch to share and a dessert on your own.

Tuesday, June 18 — Monthly meeting 6:30 at the Hillside

Saturday, July 6 – Poker Run Drive, 11:00 pm start – With Lanco MG Club. Start at Jim Mack's, 5745 Lincoln Highway (PA 462), York, PA.







ealey weather is finally upon us although we can do without the heat this early in the season. On Thursday, May 2, seven club members converged on Terry McNelis's garage to identify a starting problem that turned out to be electrical. After testing the battery and finding it in good order, we proceeded to diagnose what could be wrong as there was no power to the solenoid.

Attending were Nick Ludivic, Leo Kob, Dave Siwa, Steve Kirlin, Ray Donovan, and I. After checking some connections, we found that the shut-off switch in the bottom of the boot was faulty. As many of you know, this was an extremely hard switch to get to, but Steve Kirlin and Dave Siwa were able to jump the switch. In the process, we found the hold-down clamp was not positioned properly, so that was reinstalled. Miracle—the car started. We were rewarded with meatballs and sausage for lunch courtesy of Donna, Terry's wife.

On Tuesday, May 7, Dave Siwa and I in our Healeys went to Ace Café in New Hope. Ace Café caters to classic cars and motorcycles with plenty of parking for car shows and events. We were very impressed with the café food and the layout.

On a sadder note, we lost a long-time member of our club, Jim Lesher. Many members drove their Healeys to attend a service for him in Doylestown, PA. He and his knowledge of Austin-Healeys will be missed. Contributions in Jim's name may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10001.

Our monthly meeting was held on Monday, May 20, at the Metropolitan restaurant. At that time Trish Wolglom and Leo Kob gave updates on Encounter 2024. Events being planned include a rallye and various rides throughout Cape May County, along with other events.

On Saturday, May 25, I drove to Ace Café to attend a cars and coffee event being held there. I met with Steve and Gerri Kirlin, Steve Wilcox, and Pete Cosmides. The event was well attended with cars and motorcycles of all makes and models. It was so well attended that parking needed to be extended.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- . On Sunday, June 9, British Car Gathering in Hellertown
- . Our club picnic on Saturday, June 22, will be held at Donna and Terry McNelis's home beginning at 2 p.m.
- . On Sunday, July 7, Rebels and Redcoats car show will be held at Washington Crossing Park
- . On Saturday, July 20, Doylestown at Dusk car show will be held. Register before the event.

Get your Healeys tuned up and on the roads!





# North Jersey By George Crombie

ell, it seems that the family has survived the move of the century: Denise and I drove down to Palm Bay, Florida a couple of weeks ago to help move Denise's 87-year-old mother from her home there back up to the Northern Tundra of Fort Wayne, IN. Once in Palm Bay, we drove to Orlando International Airport to pick up our son, Mike, as he was tapped to drive her loaded car up to Fort Wayne, while Denise and I escorted the octogenarian herself to her new home. After a few days of helping her settle in, Denise, Mike and I drove the 11 hours back to Bridgewater. Try doing that in a Healey! I didn't; I took pity on, not only the ladies but, my back as well. We left Sarah home to mind the castle. Now I'm sitting at my computer with my back packed in a couple of freezer packs and a large bourbon on the rocks to keep me company. Now that the preliminaries are over, let me dust off the cobwebs of the past few weeks and re-cap the month of May 2024.

When I left you last month, a few of us from the North Jersey Region were interested in spending the day out in Bethlehem, PA at K&T Vintage Motorcars for Ken and Cindy Beck's annual Swap Meet & Open House on April 27th. Ralph Scarfogliero came by my place to pick me up for the drive out there, where we met up with Steve Feld. The three of us all made it out to K&T from the North Jersey Region. We had a good time wandering around the vendor area to see what kinds of goodies we just couldn't do without, while Steve sold a set of four gently "pre-owned" wire wheels he was trying to unload so he could increase coveted garage floor space by about two square feet. Good luck there. The workshop area was loaded with customer's cars awaiting attention, as well as a few cars that are looking for new homes.

On Saturday, May 4th, several of us joined up to represent the North Jersey Region of the AHSTC in participating in the British Challenge Rally. Ralph Scarfogliero navigated for Steve Feld (BT7); Lynn did the honors for Steve Jekogian (BJ8); Allen & Ginny Rosenberg introduced a couple of life-long friends to the world of rallying in a four-seat BJ9; while Paul Olson rode shotgun for me in my BN2. Michael Ipp also entered the competition in his Alfa with a volunteer navigator. If I remember the notes I took (and probably blew out the windows of my Chevy on our trip to Fort Wayne via Florida – I can't use the old "My dog ate my homework" excuse, as I don't have a dog), they probably read something like: Steve & Lynn 2nd overall with 95 points; Steve and Ralph, 85 points; and Paul and me close behind with 80 points. As Allen Johnson (Triumph Club and Rally Master) put it, "A major improvement for you, George!" I blamed my navigator. I mean, I congratulated Paul. He did pretty darn well for his first time out at a Rally! A couple from the MG Club (MGC?) were the overall winners with a score of 100% out of a possible 100. It appears that there are some folks that are very serious when it comes to rallying! Congratulations to all involved!











#### CLUB | North Jersey

Next up, Rudy Hyzer and I ventured farther into the wilds of PA the following Friday, May 10th, and checked out the rather slim pickings being offered at the Carlisle Fairgrounds during the Imports and

Performance Nationals. To be honest, Friday was just a bit on the damp side (I think I saw a kayak going cross-country through the parking lot; not my fault that it was strapped to the roof of a Range Rover Discovery) which undoubtedly contributed to the dismal day. Rudy and I were up to the challenge, with me in my hoodie and floppy bush hat, and Rudy fully decked out in his foul-weather hazmat gear. Should have taken a picture, but I think my camera drowned. Everybody else, well, bailed out. A play on words? Sure, I'll buy that. We had two main purposes: To see if there was anything we just couldn't live without; and to let Larry Gersten know that he wasn't the only one who was crazy enough to venture out in a monsoon without scuba gear. Saturday dawned with clear blue skies, no rain, and drying lakes and rivers. In other words: darn near perfect. Figures!

That next Tuesday, May 14th, was the North Jersey Region's monthly meeting at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette. The meeting started roughly on time, with the usual cast of characters. As I was driving through northern FL at the time, my notes for this one are rather sketchy, but Steve Feld was kind enough to help out here and provide the following recap of the meeting:

"North Jersey's May 14 meeting was well-attended with 17 members participating. The primary topic was preparation for the 29th Red Mill British Car Day on June 1 at the Red Mill Museum Village in Clinton, NJ. We appreciate our sponsors, Chubb Insurance, Moss Motors, British Parts Northwest, AutoTech, Keystone Productions, Cam-Shield and Performance Garage Club, a couple of whom will be setting up displays at the show.

We then moved on to a roundtable in which members listed their top cars that they'd like to own if money were no object. Not surprisingly, the Mercedes 300SL and Lamborghini Miura made the list for a couple of members. Ferraris were also on the lists, i.e., Enzo, 250GT and Dino, along with the Ford GT-40. A classic Bugatti and Packard, from the 1930's, were bested in age by a Mercer racing model. The US was not left out with several mentioning Chevy SS, a 1970 Challenger, an Avanti S2 and the 1967 Corvette L88. Of course, air-cooled Porsches made the list for some. Last and far from least, several included the red Austin Healey 100 Coupe owned by Donald Healey and the 100S. Other British cars were not neglected with an Aston Martin DB5 (Silver Birch, of course), the Austin Healey 4000 and an AC Aceca (Bristol engine) meriting attention. What a varied, and valuable, collection of cars!

Someone then suggested we reveal the first cars we bought with our own money. Four members bought Austin Healeys as their first cars with one (Steve J.) still owning his. Most spent less than \$1000 on their firsts although one younger member spent considerably more for an Acura Integra. Other first dollars were spent on MGs, TR3s, Corvairs, Opels and, uniquely, a Studebaker Conestoga. The discussion was very lively with many stories of experiences about these and other cars (Renault Dauphine! and Mazda RX2!) over the years. Quite the conversation!"

Other topics included the TOUCH OF ENGLAND show (Saturday, June 8th); HELLERTOWN (Sunday, June 9th); CARS & CRUMPETS (pretty much every other Sunday starting on May 26th and going through the end of October) and all kinds of other stuff. The June MONTHLY MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th starting at 6:30 pm at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette. Newly added to the list of dates is the SUMMER PICNIC at Larry & Diane's home on the shores of Lake Hopatcong on JULY 27TH, from noon to 5:00 pm. Our SUMMER TOUR will take place on August 17th with the US Equestrian Olympic Training Center in Far Hills as the centerpiece. Get these dates marked on your calendars and come on out and join us!

Sarah stumbled (I keep telling her to not be so clumsy) upon a Healey on one of her somewhat local deliveries. We may just get a new (and enthusiastic!) member out of her clumsiness. I can tease you with a couple of facts: It is a '59 Nasty Boy (Modified) and has an interesting history. You want more? Come out to the next meeting and I'll elaborate a little. Or maybe the owner will bring it out to Red Mill or Hellertown or one of the other upcoming events. Or if you're really patient, I might get a picture or two for my November article. We'll have to see.





he Vintage Wings and Wheels show was held at the Bayport Aerodrome on Sunday, May 19th. Long Island member Tedd Krummeck volunteers one day a week at the Aerodrome, and he and Long Island member Mary Ann Sekelsky also help out at this annual event. This year Tedd was at the gate selling admission tickets, and Mary Ann was busy in the kitchen with the hamburgers and other foods prepared for sale. The weather was perfect that day and Mary Ann and Tedd were kept very busy with the substantial turnout. I was hoping to attend with my son Ian in his 1969 Cadillac Coupe DeVille and the two of us made our plans. Alas, it was not to be as he got called on to pitch two games in a softball league tournament in Central Park that day.

The Bayport Aerodrome is the last grass air field on Long Island. Tedd volunteers on a regular schedule and works on the airplanes there. At the Vintage Wings and Wheels show, many interesting cars and planes caught his eye. He took lots of pictures and forwarded them to me. It was hard to pick which ones to share in *The Flash*. Thanks, Tedd!

Here are some events coming up this month. I hope the weather will be good and that many of you will get out to enjoy the events whatever car you take. Please keep *The Flash* in mind, take pictures, and forward them to my email. Include some of yourself! Even if you don't get to an event, stand in your driveway or garage or go for a spin and take a picture!

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**Merc Chopped and Channeled** 



**Tedd and Navy Vet** 



Mary Ann (far left) cooking up a storm

June 2nd was the AACA Greater NY Region Spring Meet at Old Westbury Gardens – Did anyone get to that?

June 9th - Keels and Wheels By the Sea at the Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville, 11-4. Vintage and antique boats and cars in a beautiful setting.

ALSO June 9th - Fun Car Show at the Rock Hall Museum, 199 Broadway, Lawrence – 9 to 1 – free admission to the museum.

June 29th - Vintage European 19th Annual Sports Car and Motorcycle Display at the Stony Brook Community Church. (Last year I believe it was an October event and we had several attendees.)

ALSO June 29th AHEPA Port Jefferson Car Show

I have sent fliers out for all of these and will continue to do so. If you don't have the information you need, give me a call or send me an email.

Brandywine

Chuck Ott Substitute Editor

ur intrepid newsletter editor, Ernie Leser, did not attend this month's event so he asked me to write the newsletter entry. Our May event was the Carlisle Import Auto show. I was planning to drive my BJ8 which had relatively recently returned from the shop after some paint and engine work but was concerned about the weather. I was watching the forecast with the intention of going on the better weather day, and it kept changing throughout the week. On Thursday it had pretty much firmed up that the better chance of rain was on Friday, so I decided to go on Saturday. Unfortunately, the weather forecasters could not guarantee that Saturday would be rain-free. I didn't want to show my newly refreshed big Healey covered in road muck, plus the amount of time it would take to get it clean again would be excessive, so I drove the trusty Sprite. As usual, it did not let me down, and wasn't too dirty when we arrived at the showfield. Friday was a washout from what I understand, but Saturday the weather was cloudy with a few peeks of sun, temperatures in the 60s. Perfect weather for a car show. The Carlisle events announcer said that this year there were over 2,100 cars registered, breaking previous records for the most cars at the event. Not a record showing for Healeys, though. Skip Hardy and Dave and Priscilla Hooper's bugeye Sprites, Del Border's 3000 and my squarebody Sprite represented the Healey club on Saturday, May 11.

I met up with Brandywine region members Rich
Hinterleiter, Paul Serdiuk, and Steve Garrett at the event. Paul
had a flea market space and was selling some items. Steve
and I wandered the flea market vendors, and each bought
a few things. We stopped by Larry Gersten's vending space
and Pete Delaney's, which was nice as I don't get to see them
very often. I also stopped and chatted with Dave and Priscilla
Hooper, John Heffron, Ray Donovan, and Del Border at the
tent that AHSTC shared for the first time with two other clubs,
I believe that it was the Lanco MG club and the Keystone
British Car Club. Tents at Carlisle are getting pricey, it costs
\$250 to rent a tent. We used to get them for free because we
had more than 25 cars registered, but that was a long time ago.
There were chips and cookies there, which I appreciated.



Chuck Ott, Steve Garrett, Larry Gersten and Rich Hinterleiter checking out Larry's vendor setup at the 2024 Carlisle Import show



Besides a nice display of cars, the Rolls Royce club's tent setup was the fanciest that I have seen.

Candelabras, tablecloths, teacups, and a bottle of champagne gave their hangout spot a touch of class.

The Saab club gave a huge showing as usual, but the newcomer to the event was the Rolls Royce club. There were quite a few examples of the big British luxury cars there, and the club's tent was truly impressive. The tables all had tablecloths and candelabras, and the places were set with teacups and champagne flutes. I bet there was even some grey poupon.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, June 15th. Maryland Eastern Shore tour and lunch. We depart the Chesapeake Inn restaurant 605 2nd St., Chesapeake City, MD at about 12 noon for a leisurely drive on back roads thru some of the nicest horse farms in Cecil County for lunch at the Kitty Knight House, 14028 Augustine Herman Highway, Galena, MD. It will be a nice cruise on back roads, perfect for Healeys, ending with a nice meal at a waterfront venue. Even if you don't drive your Healey you are still welcome to join us. David Maule is contact (302-945-2952).

Saturday July 20th Tour ending in a picnic at Buzz and Paula Marshall's. Buzz Marshall is contact (610-513-6660).

Saturday August 24th Return of the Brandywine crab feast at Boondock's. Chuck Ott is the contact.







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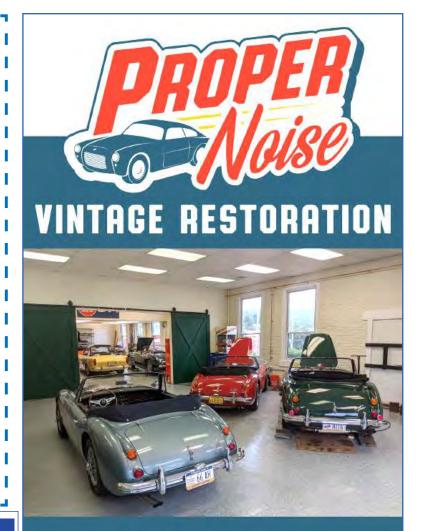
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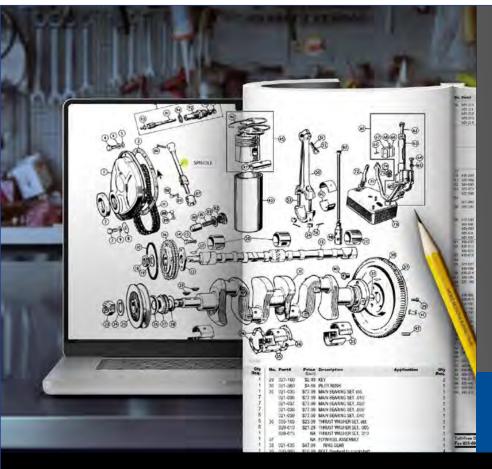
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### Healey Me Out to the Ol' Ball Game!

kay, so it wasn't the warmest of days, but let's remember this was Major League Baseball in summer we're talking about. (Actually, it was only minor league, at night and it was April 17.)

Austin Healeys were showing off at an IronPigs Baseball game at Coca-Cola Park Stadium in Allentown. Lehigh Region members as well as members from the Keystone British Car Club were invited to drive their classic British cars out to the outfield during opening ceremonies where they could be seen and adored by everyone in the grandstands. (Actually only two of the 13 cars were Healeys.) But let's not quibble; everyone agreed it was great fun and a terrific Healey Club event.

Region Member Joe McGavin at the wheel of his beautiful Austin Healey 3000 Mark III entering the ballpark in the parade of classic British cars during opening ceremony. A huge thank you goes out to Joe for planning and organizing this IronPigs event.







After the parade, Lehigh Region members joined car owners from the Keystone British Car Club for a special meal of hot dogs and hamburgers in the clubhouse's VIP room. Following the meal, attendees could either return to the grandstand to catch all the IronPigs action, or simply stay warm inside and watch the remainder of the game on the room's private, large screen closed circuit TV. To top the evening off, the IronPigs won the game... Nice!



Cars parked outside the ballpark before parading onto the outfield.

## If You Build a Swap Meet, They Will Come!

#### AND THEY DID!

t was a beautiful afternoon in the sun at this year's swap meet for British car enthusiasts at K&T Vintage Sports Cars in Bethlehem PA on April 27. AHSTC Lehigh Valley Region members came to buy, sell and haggle for used British car parts. Food was available for visitors who could also tour the K&T shop (always a fascinating experience to view dozens of British classic cars in various states of restoration or repair.) Among the crowd which numbered a hundred or so were Region members Peter and Heather McMahon looking to purchase Mini Cooper parts, and Bruce Lawrence, who explained "I bought \$15 of parts for my Healey and sold \$20 worth; I had a good day!"

Thank you, Ken and Cindy Beck, for hosting this fun Lehigh Valley Region event! Several attendees took pride in driving their classic cars to the Swap Meet. Parked together, the cars were as much a draw for curious onlookers as were the buying and selling of parts.



A dozen or so vendors found shady spots to display and sell their British car parts, accessories, and automotive memorabilia.



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### MEMBERS CORNER

By Rick Brodeur

We have 2 new member this month.

Harrisburg
Jim Stickney
Mechanicsburg, PA

Lehigh Valley
Robert Stover
Center Valley, PA
'66 BJ8

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 <code>membership@austin-healey-stc.org</code>. If you have any questions about your membership please contact me. Contacting me is the quickest way to solve a membership or access to the website problem. My phone number and email address are on the inside front page of the Flash and on the web site.

### Regalia Online Store

The AHSTC club has started a new way to get Bling. We have set up with a vendor who has all our logos.

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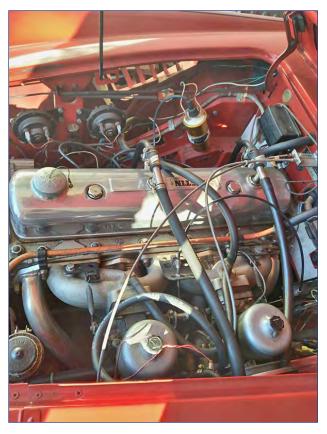
### Tech Tips & Clips

Article and images provided by Paul Parfrey

### MUSINGS ON OVERDRIVE

huck Ott's tech article in the November 2023 Flash, "Check Your Throttle Linkage Bushings", was well done. He illustrated how the bushings on either end of the throttle linkage shaft can deteriorate: the nylon bushing at the front and the rubber with a bronze bushing in the center at the rear. There is movement of the engine under hard acceleration. Actually, there is some movement of the drive train just cruising down the highway with new motor mounts and trans mounts. It's this motion that wears out these bushings. The two bushings are connected by a hard steel rod.

Here is where I personally deviate from the Healey way of doing this. If you had an accelerator cable instead of a hard steel rod, you would have none of this problem. I checked with Joe Curto who services all kinds of British cars, and he says he knows of no other car whose overdrive operates the way big Healeys do. (I have a theory that a Jensen 541 may be such a car



Intake manifold and carb float bowls are not stock.



MGB Acc. cable



**Bracket for MGB cable** 

### **TECH TIPS & CLIPS | MUSINGS ON OVERDRIVE**





Shift knob with switch

Door to access carbs

with a 4-liter Austin 6 optional Laycock de Normanville overdrive. Edgar de Normanville invented this overdrive in 1948 and Laycock Engineering built it. My research about this led me to the fact that Neil Young owned a Jensen 541. Unfortunately, there is no information on his transmission!).

Denis Welch, the famous British racing driver and after-market performance parts specialist, was a guest at one of our Encounters back when. I asked him if they raced in overdrive. He answered yes. Then I asked him how it was engaged. He said it was with an electric switch and the clutch pedal like any gear change. When you are using the clutch pedal, you eliminate torque on the clutch in the overdrive. During normal driving conditions, the slip of the overdrive clutch should cause no problem. Under racing or international rallying conditions the slipping would be fatal to the overdrive clutch linings.

I remember my first Encounter with New Jersey and Long Island in 1984. I had read about the overdrive switch location being moved to the gear shift knob in "Healeys and Austin Healeys" by Peter Browning and Les Needham. (I've owned my big Healey since 1971 and the book not long after that.). I bought an after-market leather shift knob and modified it to hold a small toggle switch. I travelled to Encounter with my new shift knob. I drove with the top down and left it that way. When I returned to my car to drive home, I found that some genius had pulled up the shift boot and disconnected the wires. It isn't rocket science to hook it up: you just connect a length of wire from the hot lead to the switch, and a wire from the switch to the return wire.

I never got around to modifying another shift knob. I used the overdrive switch in the dashboard and the clutch pedal to shift in or out of overdrive until I bought a shift knob with a switch inside from Denis Welch. My conversion involved an MGB accelerator cable, and a bracket on the outside of the firewall for the cable.

This is not something for everyone, especially not for those who want everything to be original. However, I have been very happy with the results. The throttle response is instantaneous.

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Back to the Boardwalk

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SHOW YOUR HEALEY ON THE BOARDWALK!

Austin Healey

### **ENCOUNTER 2024**

s you can see, we have a plethora of organized activities planned, but are also leaving time for individual destinations and scenic tours to several locations (some driving, some walking) appearing in your Encounter Program. The Popular Show on Wednesday will be held on Ocean City's boardwalk and is open to the public.

A third not-so-techy Tech Session has been added: long-time sponsor, Ragtops & Roadsters will have a representative on board with a topic to be announced soon.

Borrowing an idea from the highly successful theme awards banquets at past Enclave & Summit events, we are asking you to bring the Roaring 20's to our tables at the Wednesday night Awards Banquet. Think from the Great Gatsby to the Mob and Gangster era. Prohibition laws will be suspended that night affording all guests registered for the awards banquet free wine and beer with dinner. Prizes are awarded to the best dressed couple!





The Charity Auction's highlight exhibit will be a week's stay at Bluebeard's Castle Resort in St. Thomas, USVI in early October 2025. You must be there to bid! Don't disappoint our legendary auctioneer, Alex Tricarb. Speaking of the Charity Auction, don't forget to reach out to Charlene Donovan and let her know what item(s) you will be donating for this worthy cause. *Donovansix@verizon.net* is her email address.

Remember, you need your Encounter registration number to reserve your one-bedroom condominium at the Flanders. There are only 60 suites available, so don't delay! Since September is now the new August in Ocean City, practically all its shops, arcades and bike rental agents will be open. And the waves beckon.....

See ya 'Down the Shore'

September 15-19, 2024

### **ENCOUNTER TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

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( Date	Day	Begin Time	End Time	Event	Location
9/15/24	Sunday	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Registration	Map Room
9/15/24	Sunday	3:00 PM	5.55	Hotel Check In	Flanders Lobby
9/15/24	Sunday			Free Time - Dinner on your Own	,
9/15/24	Sunday	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Movie & Trivia Welcome Event	Boardroom - Flanders Hotel
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9/16/24	Monday	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Registration & Regalia	Map Room
9/16/24	Monday	9:30 AM		Rallye School	Crystal Ballroom
9/16/24	Monday	10:30 AM		Rallye Start	Parking Lot
9/16/24	Monday	12:30 PM		Lunch on your own	·
9/16/24	Monday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Hospitality	Board Room
9/16/24	Monday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Vendor Area Open	Promenade (Upstairs)
9/16/24	Monday	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Registration & Regalia	Map Room
9/16/24	Monday	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Tech Session	Crystal Ballroom
9/16/24	Monday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	AHSTC Board Meeting	TBD
9/16/24	Monday	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Charity Auction (Wine & Cheese)	Candlelight Ballroom
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9/17/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Registration & Regalia	Map Room
9/17/24	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Noon	Gymkhana	5th Street Parking Lot
9/17/24	Tuesday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Hospitality	Board Room
9/17/24	Tuesday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Vendor Area Open	Promenade (Upstairs)
9/17/24	Tuesday	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon	Jon & Patty's Restaurant
9/17/24	Tuesday	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Registration & Regalia	Map Room
9/17/24	Tuesday	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Tech Session	Crystal Ballroom
9/17/24	Tuesday	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Tech Session	Crystal Ballroom
9/17/24	Tuesday	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Southern BBQ Buffet	Candlelight Ballroom
9/17/24	Tuesday	8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Valve Cover Races	Hall of Mirrors
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9/18/24	Wed	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	Staging for Concours Judging	TBD
9/18/24	Wed	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Concours Judging	TBD
9/18/24	Wed	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Registration & Regalia	Map Room
9/18/24	Wed	7:00 AM	10:30 AM	Funkhana	5th Street Parking Lot
9/18/24	Wed	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Hospitality	Board Room
9/18/24 9/18/24	Wed	11:00 AM	3:00 PM 2:30 PM	Vendor Area Open	Promenade (Upstairs)
9/18/24	Wed Wed	1:00 PM 11:30 AM	Noon	Registration & Regalia Stage Cars for Parade On Boardwalk	Map Room 5th Street Parking Lot
9/18/24	Wed	12:00 PM	3:30 PM	Car Show on Boardwalk	8th - 11th St on Boardwalk
9/18/24	Wed	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Specialty Cocktails	Promenade (Upstairs)
9/18/24	Wed	7:00 PM	10:30 PM	Awards Banquet	Candlelight Ballroom
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Or register online: ahstc.org/registration.html Registration fee Includes:  • One show car, 2 adults, and all children under 21			\$79 postmarked by 6-1- \$99 postmarked after 6-		\$ \$	
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Make check payable to "AHSTC Encounter" Mail check with completed registration form to: Encounter 2024 Trish Woglom 212 Lower Valley Road North Wales, PA 19454			Tuesday 9/17 Buffet BBQNo. of adults @ \$47 e  Wednesday 9/18 AwardsNo. of adults @ \$60 e  Meals: ChickenBe	each • <b>Banquet</b> ** each	\$ \$	
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**NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 1** 

Will you need flea market space? Yes / No Will you need regalia space? Yes / No Will you need trailer parking? Yes / No

CIRCLE your expected arrival date: 9/15 9/16 9/17 9/18

<sup>\*\*</sup> Complimentary beer & wine at all club-sponsored meals held at The Flanders Hotel

### THE FLASH ENCOUNTER 2024 CONTEST

### Would you like to have some fun and win \$100 cash? Who wouldn't?

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

Starting with the 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.

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

This month's Clue: Although an actor from an early age, he was welcome at our-gang from Bonneville to Talladega.

### 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.

Last month's clue: She was the Princess of the silver screen.

Answer: Grace Kelly, and the Princess of Monaco



CONTEST WINNERS MAY

Gary Hartzell
Bruce Gearns
Steve Kirlin
Alice Ferrant

Patrick Venezia
Chuck Ott
Dee Richie-Caffrey









### AUCTION REPORT

This Blue over white 1960 BT7 is what Bring a Trailer (BaT) refers to as an "Alumni" having been offered for sale in a prior BaT auction in April of 2022, which resulted in a high bid of \$42,250, and a Reserve Not Met (RNM) outcome. It was offered again recently, by a different owner, and sold for \$39,375 including the buyer's premium. It shows very well on the auction site with over one hundred photos and videos, but the comments during both auctions offer interesting reading. As an aside, I have noticed that it's rare for a car that has failed to sell in a previous auction to exceed the high price offered the second time around as in this case.

Check it out here:

No Reserve: 1960 Austin-Healey 3000 BT7 for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \$37,500 on December 22, 2023 (Lot #131,538) | Bring a Trailer







### AUCTION REPORT

This white 1960 BT7 was sold on BaT for \$25,200, including the buyer's premium. So, what is worth \$14,175 more on the previous car? Well, to my eye this car shows much more wear and tear. Also, the car is located in Canada, which may have given pause to some bidders. None the less, the comments seemed to lean toward the conclusion that the car was underpriced. I don't see it, but maybe you will as you go through the photos and comments.

Check out the auction and comments here:

1960 Austin-Healey 3000 BT7 Mk I for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \$24,000 on October 21, 2023 (Lot #124,725) | Bring a Trailer





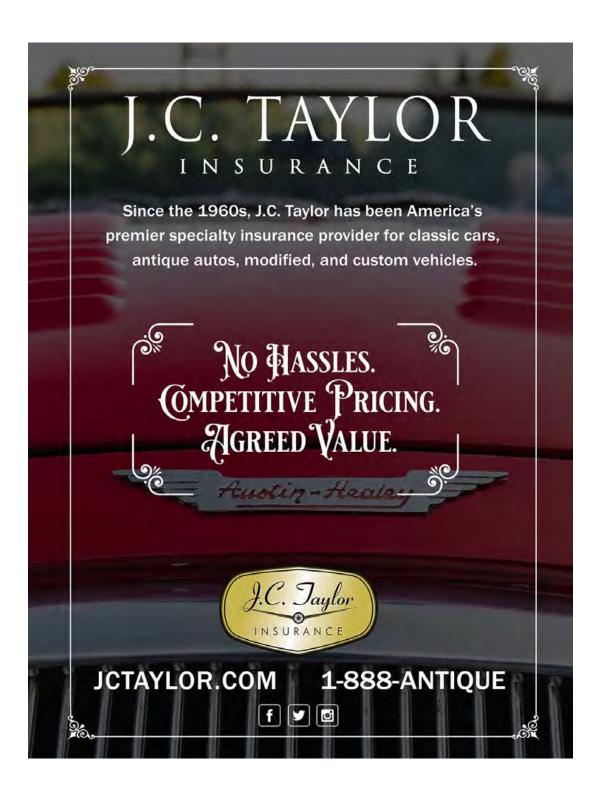


### FOR SALE

#### SPRITE PARTS FREE

Large collection of used Sprite/Midget parts. The collection includes 4 bins of miscellaneous small parts, wheels, motors. If interested, you can come to my house to take all parts before they are sent to the dump. I am unable to sort through parts or deliver them. I live near Hunt Valley, Maryland. Clint Becker 410-371-3188 charliez1650@gmail.com







### The Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

http://www.austin-healey-stc.org

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When Healey-Related organizations request our mailing list, can we include your name? YES NO Can we include your address and phone in membership lists distributed to our general membership? YES NO

Membership includes a subscription to the FLASH, our monthly newsletter. We send out our newsletter via email Monthly except for December. Members with email addresses will receive a link to download the Flash each month. If you don't have email, let your Region President know so arrangements can be made for you to obtain the Flash.

Members may place non-commercial classified ads, free of charge. Our membership year runs from April 1 through March 31. Dues are \$30.00 per year, \$15 if joining after September 30. For your convenience you can join for multiple years, just add \$30.00 for each additional year.

If there is a particular need that you think the club can help you with, make some notes below (or include a note) and we'll try to get you in contact with someone who may be able to assist.

If you have questions about AHSTC, contact the Membership Coordinator, Rick Brodeur at 215-536-6912 or <a href="mailto:info@austin-healey-stc.org">info@austin-healey-stc.org</a>

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