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**Encounter 2025** – Next year we will meet in the Poconos. Our Encounter Chairs have a new message for the members in the February *Flash*.

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**Auction Report** – We have two very nice Healeys. A rare 2-seater 1962 3000 BN7 and a 1959 supercharged Bugeye with a 5-speed.

Check out both sales and read the comments on Bring a Trailer by following the links provided in *the Flash*.

**Tech Article** – Have you ever wished your Healey had 4-way flashers? Well Chuck Ott, from the Brandywine Region has the solution in this month's Tech article. Thanks Chuck.

**Flash Classifieds** – Two of our members are looking for parts. Perhaps you can help





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**T**he recent bitter cold and snowfall highlight our collective need for a “car fix” to restore or maintain our mental health. Given the success of last year’s winter “car fix” in Hershey at the ACCA Museum, we’re announcing this winter’s AHSTC-wide event.

## AHSTC Winter Event 2025

**Who:** AHSTC Members

**When:** Noon March 8, 2025

**Where:** Goober’s Garage & Diner, 1203 Lincoln St., Wilmington, DE

**What:** Goober’s Garage has approximately 40 cars contained in three rooms. The collection spans automobile design and technology from 1899 to the 2020’s. It includes cycle cars, brass era cars, trucks, muscle cars and rare special makes. Our private tour will be led by Garage Manager Kenny McNaughton.

**Lunch:** After the tour (around 1:15-1:30pm) we’ll dine at the adjacent Goober’s Diner in a reserved upstairs room. The Diner is a 2-story vintage art deco style diner replica that serves traditional diner-style food, including adult beverages.

**Cost:** Attendees will order from the Menu and will receive \$15/member from the club as an incentive to attend the tour and the lunch.

**RSVPs:** You must let your regional president know if you’ll be attending so we have an accurate count and the names of attendees. Please respond by March 1, 2025.

### Links:

**The Diner:** <https://goobersdiner-de.com>

The Menu: <https://goobersdiner-de.com/wilmington-trolley-square-goober-s-diner-food-menu>

**Local cable show about the collection:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9EBiPjOVYY>

Seeing club friends from other regions in March should at least get you thinking about making sure that your Healey is ready for Spring. You may see some non-regional club friends at summer car shows and Encounter 2025 is still more than half a year away (September). You now have a great reason to see many of them much sooner. Thanks to Chuck Ott for setting this up.





We have had a blast of cold, cold weather showing us what winter can be. However, in just about two months we will have spring weather. Our club's After-Holiday party was held on Saturday, January 18, at Mirna's Café and Grill in Blue Bell. Twenty-seven members came out to enjoy a great meal and great friendship. We all enjoyed a birthday cake for dessert. The gift exchange was fun as usual.

Attendees were Diane and Nick Ludovic, Dave and Barb Siwa, Marty and Leo Kob, Trish and Paul Woglom, Bob and Sue Ott, Donna and Terry McNelis, Sandy and Ralph Nazzolo, Lise and George Baxter, Gerri and Steve Kirlin, Rob Morrow, Allen and Judy Kramer, Ray and Charlene Donovan, Steve and Zara Wilcox, and Marlyn and I.

Not much else is going on; therefore, the attendee list above was filler.

Don't forget to contact me if you would like to organize a tech session in the next few weeks.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan restaurant in Montgomeryville. 





As I write this edition (January 24th) there is just one week left to the end of the first month of 2025, and it is now the eve of the due date for this article. Not a lot has happened, club-wise, during the past few weeks, but the world still keeps on-a-turning. Daughter, Sarah, anticipated a “slow news” period and came up with a poem to illustrate this and take a few lines of thinking off of my plate. I think I can figure out how to attach and send along to Tom. And, no; she is definitely not looking to replace me every month.

I had to go back and re-read what I wrote last month to refresh my memory, and find where I left off so I don't bore y'all (and, yes; that is an official word out of Texas) too much with repetition, so let's have a stab at the news for this go-round.

As mentioned last month, aside from North Jersey Region's Holiday Party (December 7th) and the 10th annual Polar Run (December 14th), we closed out 2024 with a get-together to say farewell to longtime member and friend, Ian Kessen on December 15th. There was quite a turnout with, I'm guessing, in excess of over a couple hundred folks dropping in to pay their respects. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Sue and their family in these difficult times.

The rest of the year closed out rather quietly, albeit on the chilly side. It seems like we have been subjected to a long train of polar vortexes (or is that “vortexi”? my “auto correct declares that that isn't a word) that has me wondering just what planet I'm on. The batteries in both of my kids' cars crapped out; just couldn't take the chill. Jump starting and/or replacing a battery in the driveway in single digit temps is not my idea of fun! Allen Rosenberg found Ralph and Vera Scarfogliero a new home in Flemington, NJ (Hunterdon County) and they are in the process of moving and settling in. The place even has almost enough garage space to house Ralph's eclectic collection of big boy toys, a-la-Tim Allen.

Allen, Ralph, and I took a break a few days ago and attended an Open House at a restoration / repair facility (Authorized Imported Cars LLC) located behind the Costco in Flemington on Sunday, January 19th. The latest round of nasty weather blew in about noon that day, bringing with it a rumored 3 to 5 inches of that sloppy white stuff and slush (temps were in the mid-20s) that hasn't left yet.





Next up on my calendar, I expect, will be the Regional Club Meeting scheduled for February 11th at The Vintage Tavern in Gillette. Wander in around 6:05 pm (give or take a minute or two) if you'd like to order something to eat; the meeting starts about 6:30. One of the top topics will be piecing together a calendar of events for the coming year. Do stop in and help me give me something to write about!

I spotted this Chrome MGB at a used car dealer on Old York Road in September. The car is still there, sitting out in the weather (the price came down from 19,995.00) to the current price. It has been there at least 90 days. I just thought I'd pass it along.





Now take a few moments to enjoy the little ditty that Sarah penciled together called:

**An Ode to Winter**

**Sarah Crombie**

‘Twas the month after Christmas when all through the lands,  
The Healeys were tucked up; no driving was planned.  
The Polar Run had been run,  
And it’s been far too cold now to ride for fun –  
The colder climes  
Have even those waiting for warmer times!  
So, alas, with not even  
A meeting until Feb 11,  
We sit and wait,  
Hoping that Spring won’t come late.  
We’ve sat and waited,  
But this urge has not abated.  
George decided, “There’s been no snow!  
Ack, let’s go!”  
A ride we tried, but before we got to the car,  
The wind kicked up and blew Sarah far!  
After a pause, George broke many speed laws!  
But it was for a just cause:  
Trying to chase that girl to Oz.  
It had snowed along that Yellow Brick Road,  
And by the time we reached the Wizard, it was a straight blizzard!  
When we returned,  
You’d think we’d have learned:  
That ride should be the last,  
Until Winter has passed.  
We agreed that, for now, we’d wait,  
At least for the winds to abate.  
But alas, this is a new year.  
With these two? ‘Oh, dear...’!



Writing this in January, I would say that so far, the new year has not been very welcoming to living things or to cars. Howling winds, frigid temperatures, snow and ice, and salt on the roads have kept many of us indoors as much as possible. Even indoors the cold seeps in, especially when the winds are fierce and constant. There is always the danger of frozen pipes, branches or trees falling on one's house or car, etc. Let's hope this is not the norm for the next few months even if it is winter!

For Christmas I received a solid lump of dark chocolate from one of my daughters-in-law. That was a big surprise as it is my wife who is the chocolate lover not me. I do enjoy chocolate cake and chocolate ice cream but not chocolate candy. One day Susan decided it was time to eat some of the chocolate. She took it out of its plastic wrapping and looked at the hunk of chocolate every which way, trying to figure out what the shape was meant to be. Some kind of machinery? That piqued my interest, so I examined it. Lo and behold, it was a chocolate SU carburetor!! I guess my daughter-in-law made a good choice for me after all (even if I have no intention of eating it)!



Chocolate SU

In November's Flash article, I mentioned how Diane and Bob Squillari's beloved Austin Healey was on sale in Manchester, England. They had owned it and enjoyed it for many, many years. It had been to Encounters and had even won the Diamond in the Rough award one year. Bob sent me pictures of its current look. It is now black and silver after having had a makeover. By mistake, I neglected to include any of the photos so here they are now.

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Low mileage BJ8



Original upholstery and seats



By Substitute editor Chuck Ott

**W**had a good turnout for the annual Events Planning Meeting, which was held on Thursday, January 16th at The Deer Park Tavern in Newark, DE. The following members attended: Buzz Marshall, Dave Ehret, Pete Roberts, Dee Caffrey, Jeff Lanno, Rich Banta, Greg Mentzer, Chuck Ott, and Ernie and Joan Leser.

While waiting for our food to arrive, we completed the Brandywine region schedule of events for 2025. More details for each event will be provided through the E-Flash as the event gets closer.

## Brandywine Region 2025 Events

**February 8th (Sat) 10 am. Tour of the Simeone Car Museum** for “Tourist Trophy” demo day., 6825 Norwitch Drive, Philadelphia PA (Chuck Ott is the contact 302-378-7287)

**March 8th (Sat) noon Goober’s Garage tour and lunch at Goober’s Diner** 1203 N. Lincoln St., Wilmington, DE (Chuck Ott is the contact 302-378-7287)

**April 26th (Sat) noon. “Tacos at Pedro’s” Pete Robert’s residence**, 21 Waterview St., Downingtown, PA. RSVP by the 19th (Pete Roberts is the contact 610-458-5412).

**May 10th (Sat) 1pm Tech session at Chuck Ott’s residence**, 109 Airmont Dr., Middletown, DE. (Chuck Ott is the contact 302-378-7287).

**May 17th (Sat) Carlisle Import Show.** Remember to register with AHSTC if you plan to attend. (Chuck Ott is the contact 302-378-7287).

**June 14th (Sat) Barbie at the Smarts**, 401 Chrislena Lane, West Chester, PA (Nigel Smart is the contact 484-432-6181)

**July 12th (Sat) Cookout and tour at the Marshall’s**, 1511 Homeville Road, Cochranville, PA. (Buzz Marshall is the contact 610-513-6660)

**August 16th (Sat) 1pm Crab crawl and feast at Boondocks**, (Chuck Ott is the contact (302-378-7287)

**September 11th – 14th (Thurs-Sun) Encounter 2025 – Camelback Resort, Poconos.**

**October 4th (Sat) 1 pm. Brandywine Region Picnic at the Leser residence**, Elkton, MD. RSVP by Sept. 27th (Joan Leser is the contact 410-398-7308).

**November 20th (Thurs) 7pm. Annual Elections. Deer Park Tavern**, 108 W. Main St, Newark, DE (Chuck Ott is the contact 302-378-7287).

**December 5th (Fri) 6 pm. Christmas Party at the Lanno residence**, 2741 Chinchilla Dr. Wilmington, DE, (Jeff Lanno is the contact 610-496-5742)

**January 17th (Sat) 1 pm. Events Planning meeting.**  
Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St. Newark, DE.



## The Lehigh Valley Region Enjoys a Holiday Dinner at Brookside

The Lehigh Region enjoyed its annual Holiday Party this past December at the Brookside Country Club located in Macungie, PA. A private room was reserved for the group, which made for a much quieter and more enjoyable evening compared to its previous year's event in downtown Bethlehem. Members of the group dined on a number of delicious menu items prepared in the well-known Brookside's kitchen, including two different salmon dishes, hamburgers, pastas, steak and salads. And of course, people enjoyed their favorite drinks from the bar.

Those attending the Holiday Party included Ken and Cindy Beck, Kim and Charles de Bourbon, Rick and Sue Brodeur, Mike and Linda Hlasney, Bruce Lawrence and Barbara MacLeod, Joe and Nancy McGavin, Peter and Heather McMahon, Bob Pritchett, Bob and Sue Snyder, Don and Karen Struckle, Bob and Judy Weaver, Ken and Sue Weidner.

The only official business at the Holiday Party was a brief discussion to nominate Lehigh Region officers for 2025. The slate of nominated officers was unchanged from the officers then currently serving in their respective positions, and all of whom would be later formally elected during the first regional meeting in January 2025. Nominations were for Ken Beck to serve again as President, Joe McGavin - Vice President, Bob Snyder – Secretary, Bob Pritchett – Treasurer, and Pete McMahon for the Events Coordinator.

A fun and spirited time was had by all! 





*We have 2 new members this month.*

*Philadelphia*  
*John & Sharon Gottschalk*  
*Newtown, PA*  
*-67 BJ8*

*Chris Marrone*  
*Washington Crossing, PA*

Membership renewals are due by March 31st. Renewal notices will go out at the end of February for members whose membership needs renewal. Members who renewed for multiple years will not get a notice. If you aren't sure, you can contact me or your region President to see if your renewal is due.

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## Tech Tip – 4 Way Hazard Flashers for Your Healey

I have found myself in a situation wishing that my 1967 Austin Healey 3000 BJ8 double light model had 4-way emergency flashers like my 1969 Sprite has. I was on a tour when another member's Healey broke down and I was behind them on the shoulder assessing the situation. This started me thinking, how hard could it be to add a 4-way flasher switch?

For the BJ8 double light wiring, it is a relatively straightforward task. It may or may not apply to other Healey models. The turn signals work by taking power through a flasher relay, then the turn signal switch diverts that now on/off/on/off power to the right or left turn signal circuit. Each side's front and rear turn signals are interconnected in the wiring harness, so if you add a power connection with a flasher to any point in both the right and left turn signal wiring, you would be able to flash all 4 turn signal lights at the same time. An indicator light added to that circuit gives visual indication of the flasher operation on your dashboard. On the BJ8 double light cars it is just that simple.

The wiring harness on the driver's side firewall contains the turn signal wiring. The left and right turn signal wires are next to each other, each with a 4-port Lucas double bullet connector coupling. The power wire from the turn signal switch comes into each coupling and the front and rear turn signal light wires come out of it. That means there is an available fourth connection within the coupling to install the flasher wire. One wire from the flasher switch goes into the right turn signal bullet connector, the other wire goes to the left. If you install the flasher assembly under the dash and use the correct color-coded wires to connect to the harness, it is nearly impossible to spot the non-original wiring unless you know what you are looking for.

To provide power to the flasher system there is a single Lucas bullet connector on a purple wire under the dash behind the center console. This circuit was intended for the optional cigarette lighter and is powered even when the car is off. From this connector, the wiring goes to an in-line fuse, to a 2-wire flasher relay, to a DPDT toggle switch. This DPDT (double pole – double throw) switch has two power inlets and diverts each power inlet to a separate power outlet. Note: the DPDT switch that you use must be able to separate the two turn signal wire circuits, because if you connect them together you will have 4-way flashers whenever you use your turn signals! The wire from the flasher relay is connected to both input terminals of the toggle switch. I ran the wires from each of the two output terminals through the firewall and connected these wires to the open terminal on each of the two turn signal wiring couplers. I also connected one of the output terminals of the toggle switch (doesn't matter which one) to the indicator light.

I went a little further, adding a double bullet connector to the power supply, and added a wire to power a cigarette lighter outlet and a digital voltmeter/USB outlet unit. The voltmeter that I used includes a switch so that you can turn it off when you are not using it so that it doesn't drain the car's battery. I mounted the flasher switch, indicator light, 12V power port and USB/voltmeter in the center console where the radio speaker used to be.

So that's it – a (relatively) simple 4-way flasher addition for the Healey. I hope I never have to use them, but it is nice to know that they are there. I know I will use the voltmeter to monitor the car's battery, and the USB ports to charge my phone while I am using it as a GPS.

Here are some of the parts that I found on Amazon that apply to this build. As you can see, I had to buy multi-packs of some components, so I have some extra components. I also have a supply of the correct turn signal wires, green with white stripe and green with red stripe. Contact me at [chucknsueo@yahoo.com](mailto:chucknsueo@yahoo.com) if you need these parts.

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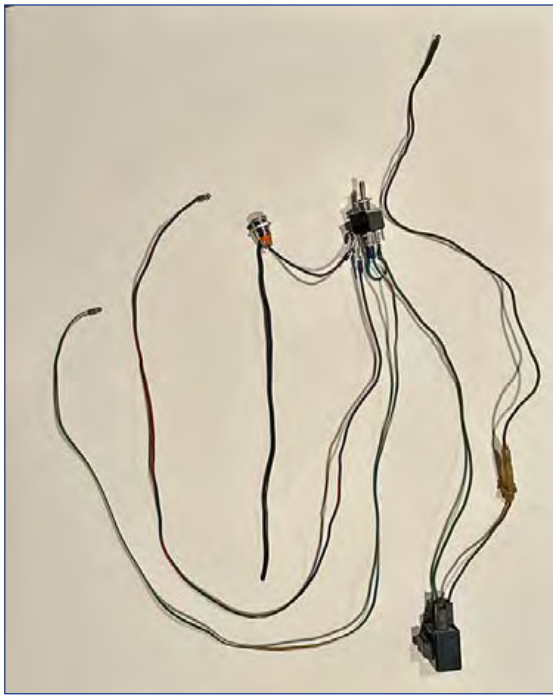
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I separated the speaker grille from the surround. It just pops right out.



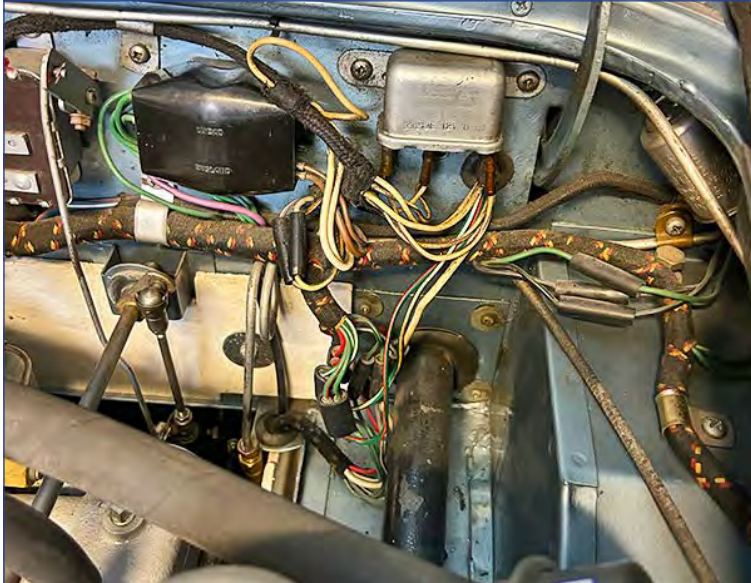
I fabricated a piece of metal with the holes for the different electrical components to fit the speaker grille surround and covered it in vinyl to match the dash.



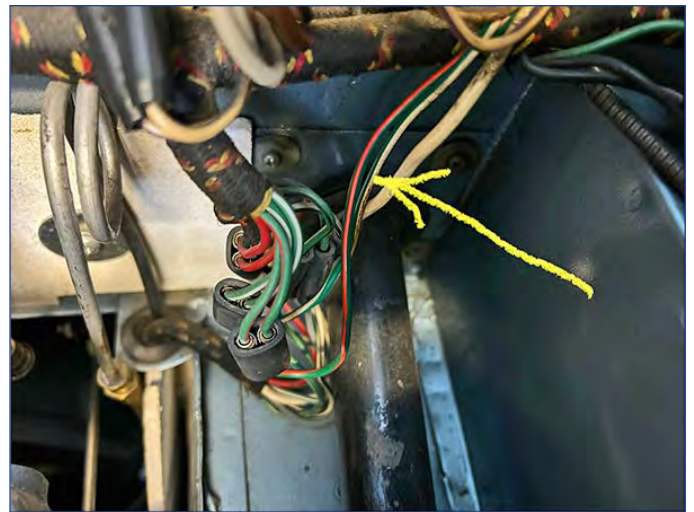
This is all the wiring needed to install the flashers.



What was once an unused speaker grille now becomes an accessory panel.



Turn signal wiring in the engine bay. The green with red wire and green with white wire in the middle of the photo are the added wires.



Closeup of the flasher wires in the engine bay. They look like they belong there.

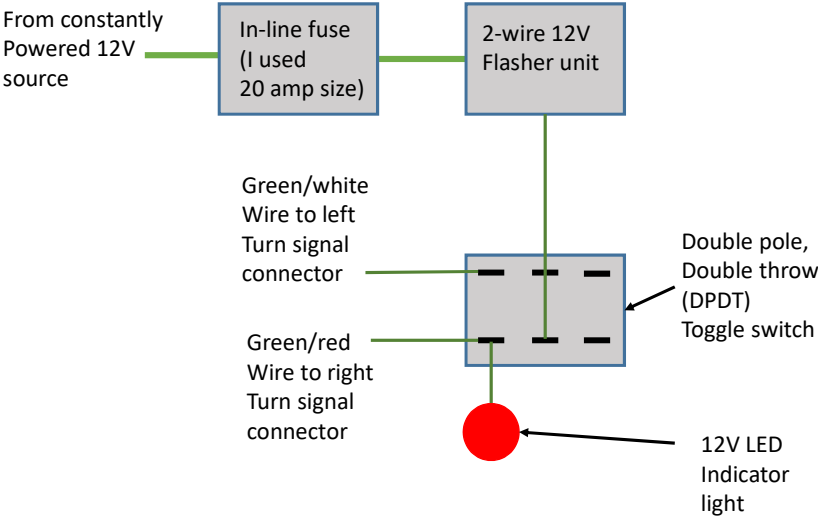




The finished product.



The voltmeter switches on with a push button underneath the rubber cover.



AUSTIN HEALEY 3000 4-WAY HAZARD FLASHER WIRING

Wiring Diagram





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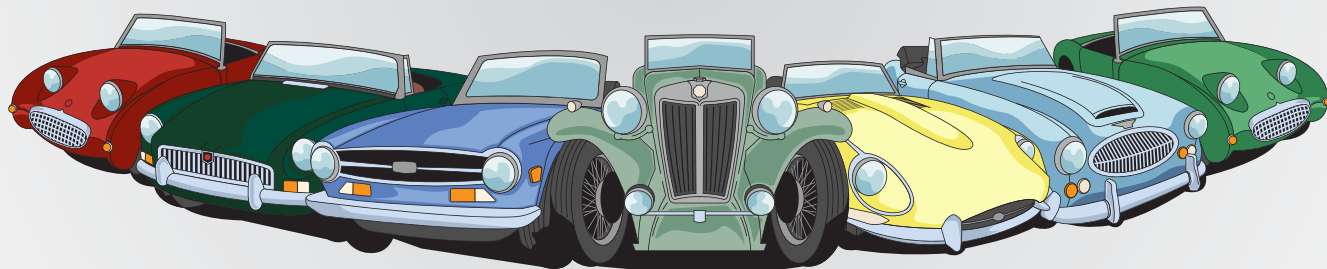
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We have a very nice Big Healey, BN7, and a very nice Bugeye this month. Both cars sold for, what I believe to be, the high end of the price range for these models today. One is a beautifully restored 1962 3000 BN7 MkII, and the other is a very nice 1959 Bugeye Sprite with an upgraded drivetrain. Both were recently offered on Bring a Trailer (BaT),

## First let's look at the 1962 3000 BN7

The car sold for \$99.75k, including the buyer's premium. Two-seaters, such as this, are rare cars with 355 made. That's rarer than a factory 100M. However, they never approached the pricing of the M's, as far as I know. The Keith Martin Price Guide, which tracks many auctions, has the price range for this model from \$50 to \$70k. Having said that, the best cars tend to routinely exceed price guides and average auction results, and I suspect that is what we have here. The comments during the auction seem to agree, and everyone loves Healey blue!

Check out over 300 photos, and over 100 comments at the link below. I think you will enjoy the show.

[1962 Austin-Healey 3000 BN7 Mk II for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$95,000 on December 24, 2024 \(Lot #175,348\) | Bring a Trailer](#)





Next is a fun little modified 1959 Bugeye in, what appears to be, great condition and finished in a beautiful red over black color scheme (not the original colors). It sold on BaT for \$27,400 including the buyer's premium. Some of you may think you are experiencing Deja Vue if you read last month's Flash, which featured an almost identical 1959 Bugeye, albeit unmodified, and which sold at a very similar price. The two cars offer an interesting side-by-side comparison of a stock and modified car.

Our subject car features a supercharged 1,275cc engine linked to a 5-speed transmission. Click here for more photos and comments.

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# Encounter 2025 Update



## Enroute to 'British Encounter 2025

Joe McGavin • Bob Snyder

***'British Encounter 2025' is coming! Still a bit 'round the bend, but get ready, because when it gets here, it will be terrific, and best of all, you're all invited!***

The Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club British Encounter 2025 is in the works. This year's event is being organized by the Lehigh Valley Region, and will be held at the Pocono Mountains' Camelback Resort in Tannersville, PA. This article is the first in a series of important messages highlighting our progress and plans. The Lehigh Region's Encounter committee will be preparing an article for inclusion in the Flash every month until the show. We also invite you to give us feedback; tell us what you like, what you want in terms of Encounter events; what you think of our plans as they unfold, and even, what we might be missing out on; important because we want this to be your Encounter, and to make it the most memorable of experiences for everyone attending.

Of course, we recognize that we are following in the wake of the AHSTC Philadelphia Region's wonderfully successful 'Encounter 2024' in Ocean City. We were amazed how the organizers remained flexible, and Encounter events unfolded in spite of unpredictable weather conditions. We especially like how they opened the car show to include other marques. Expanding on this clever idea, we also will be opening up our 'British Encounter 2025' so that other classic British car marques are invited to participate.

We thank everyone who helped the organizing committee by completing the 'Encounter 2025 Survey'. This survey provided us with much valuable feedback regarding what Encounter activities attendees will find most interesting. Recall that everyone who completed the survey was also entered into a drawing to win a free registration to 'British Encounter 2025'. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the 'Encounter 2025 Survey' was Mr. Nicholas Ludovic from the AHSTC Philadelphia Region. Congratulations Nicholas!

Traditionally, September is one of the most beautiful months to visit the Pocono Mountains. Fall foliage is spectacular; so much so, that in planning 'British Encounter 2025' at Camelback Resort, we were able to negotiate extended rates for hotel accommodations. Now, our special rates will apply for attendees to both the 3 days prior to, and the 3 days following the scheduled Encounter 2025 activities. We will explain more on why you may want to come early and/or stay late in our future 'In Route to Encounter 2025' articles printed in Flash. Also, please look for 'British Encounter 2025' registration and room information in the coming months. We hope to see all of you in September at Camelback Resort for a great time!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know at the following contact information:

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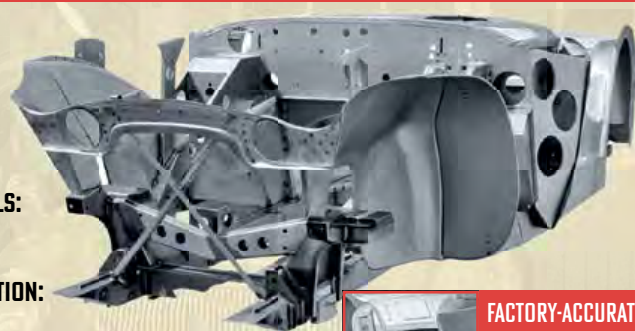


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