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# New England News

*The Newsletter for members in the New England Region of the  
Austin-Healey Club of America  
NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME & Northern NJ*



## From the Editor

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The holidays are now past and I hope they were enjoyable for each and every one of you! This year, our intent is to publish a newsletter every month.

The last time I spoke to Jim about the newsletter, the question came up about when he wanted to do the editing of the "New England News" again. The decision was made that I should continue editing the newsletter until I could find someone else who would be willing to take it over. It has been a long time since Jim has been able to climb into his Healey say nothing about racing or even turning wrench in his garage. As he continues to improve, his energy must be spent with those activities in mind and not typing on his laptop.

So, you can see that I will be looking for someone who would like to take over my job. Please call me (413-625-6568). I will fill you in on all of the details (it really isn't that bad!!).

Soooo.....what do I want from you this year? **For many more of you to start receiving the newsletter by e-mail.** Some of you have not kept your e-mail address current. So, if you know someone who has changed their address recently and has not been receiving newsletters, please have them notify me as to the change.

I need articles!! If there is anyone who would like to write an article (it could cover 1 page with pictures if you choose) about an interesting time finding your Healey or problems you might have had with it. (I will never forget my husband telling me that he intended to buy every Healey he could find...18 have made in our garages). (cont'd pg. #2)

Happy New Year Healey Enthusiasts,

My anticipation for the Healey driving season is already growing strong, especially after the brief business and planning meeting we held prior to the Christmas party in December. We had a very nice turn out both for the meeting and for the dinner. Our financial position is good since we have nothing invested in the stock market and the initial list of events for the year sounds great.

We continue to brainstorm creative ways to sell the remaining Conclave regalia and are looking for ideas for new items to have available for general club regalia. If you have an idea for club regalia please let us know about it. We are looking into Craig's List as well as E-Bay as merchandizing avenues for our regalia. The remaining Conclave Regalia is a great price but sizes are becoming limited. You will find a current summary list at the back of the newsletter.

As for events for the year, we have Kingston Conclave 2009 almost in our backyard this year up in Ontario (we have a pretty big backyard) and it looks like there will be a neat activity event up in Camden ME. If you have not been to either of these places, make these events the reason to visit. You will not be disappointed with either venue. Our northern friends sadly will not have the F-1 event this year as the Montreal race is not on the 2009 F-1 schedule. The event in Camden might give you a replacement opportunity to create your own competition. We will be adding more event ideas at our main business meeting on January 24, 2009 from 10 – 12 at T J O'Brien's in Sturbridge, MA. Please bring your ideas or send me an e-mail.

We are looking for ideas and locations for more basic one day local events. I encourage you to put on a simple local event like a short local tour around your area or to a local place of interest or backyard (and driveway) barbecue. The events do not need to be extravagant. Some of my most enjoyable events were to local places of interest that I had never visited before. Of course a small group of Healeys does seem to draw attention anywhere they go. If anyone has any questions about listing and running an event, please give me a call.

We are also looking for people interested in learning how to run some of the fun competition events like gymkhanas. These events can be run in a local parking lot and can be run on lowest time or most consistent set of times for those concerned about over stressing their cars. (I seem to have a little recent experience in that).

There is a technical session scheduled for March to shake off the remnants of cabin fever. Does anyone have ideas for February meets like maybe looking for some ice racing event to watch if the lakes ever freeze over?

I am excited about the coming season and realized I need to get my parts ordered and get into the garage to start the prep work for that new clutch. Everyone who can make it to the January 24<sup>th</sup> planning meeting please drop me an e-mail. Hot Healey cockpit and burning right calves are just around the corner.

Safe journey,  
Bill Berg

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## 2009 Current Calendar of Events

Date	Event
March 21, 2008	Tech Session Sports Car Specialties Grafton NH
May 15-17	Carlisle Import and Kit/Replicar Carlisle PA
June 6 - 7	MMSCC British Car Weekend Camden ME
June 7	British Cars by the Sea Harkness Memorial State Park Waterford, CT
June 21 - 26	Conclave 2009 Kingston, Ontario Canada
August 6 - 9	Encounter 2009 Pocono PA
September 18 - 20	British Invasion Stowe VT

From the editor: (cont'd from pg. 1)

I am sure that there are many interesting happenings in your Healey's life. Brian McMahon wrote a fine article for a recent newsletter about his dad Bill's Nasty Boy.

Also.. If you plan to have a meet, please ask someone to take pictures and someone else to write about the meet and e-mail them to me. It rewards you for making the effort to host a meet and it lets those who did not attend see how much they missed.

Thanks for the support.....Carole

## Meeting Announcement

### January Business and Planning Meeting

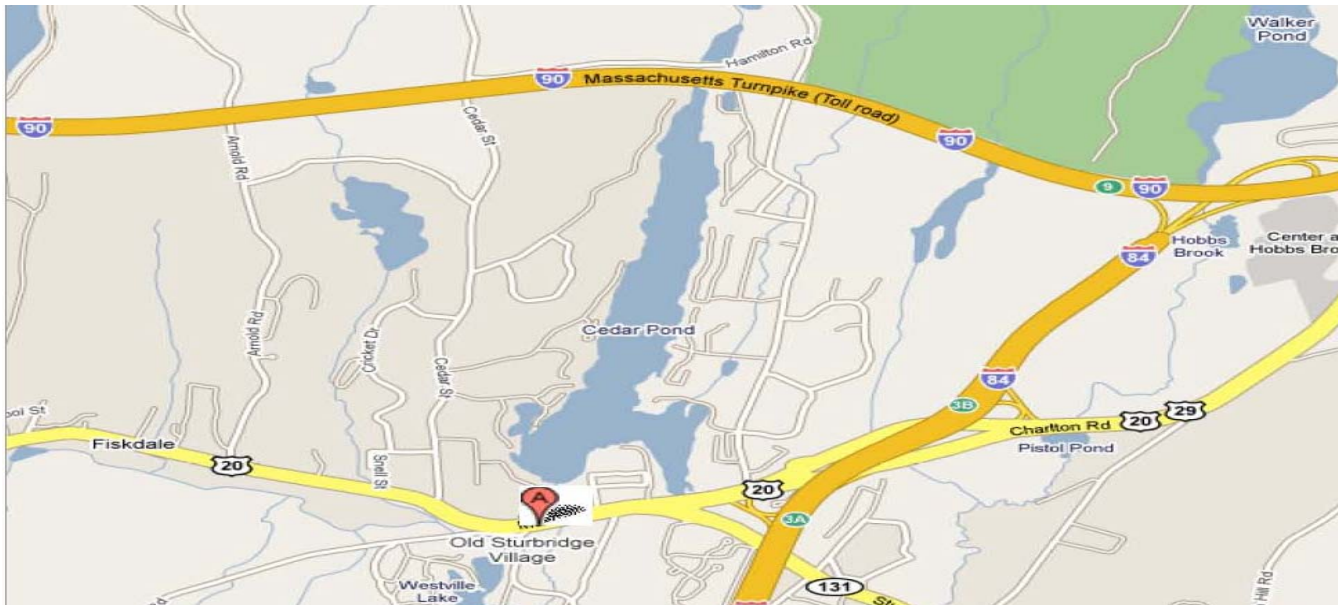
**When: January 24, 2009, 10 AM to Noon**

**Where: T J O'Briens Restaurant  
407 Main St  
Sturbridge, MA 01566**

**(Please note the map on page 3)**

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Map to T. J. O'Brien's Restaurant  
Location for the event planning meeting on January 24 From 10 am to Noon



## New England Healey 2008 Christmas Party

On Saturday December 13, about 40 New England Region Healey members met at the Nutmeg Restaurant in Windsor, Connecticut for the annual Christmas party. The food was fine and the atmosphere was festive. Santa was his usual jolly self enjoying helping the women find gifts under the tree. Sorry, guys, you were on your own to pick just that perfect gift and to hide it so that the next person could not remember where it was. The Yankee Swap is definitely the highlight for the fun for the evening. Many gifts made the rounds as swappers hoped that they would be the ones to end up with the prized gifts. There must have been a “moostake” in the selection of gifts since Keith Risk’s family went home with the two moose wall ornaments.

Thank you Betty Bender for making the arrangements for this party. It’s too bad that Bob was absent when Santa appeared. I am sure that he would have gotten a kick out of Santa’s antics and jokes!

Here are a sampling of the revelers at the party:



## --TECH SESSION--

Be sure to set aside Saturday, March 21, 2009  
for what will be a great session at  
**SPORTS CAR SPECIALTIES**  
with Jon Thompson  
Grafton, NH

Jon is a self proclaimed professional "Tin Knocker" and started doing business in 1985 as Sports Car Specialties. He specializes in professional restorative services on antique, classic and exotic automobiles. This includes custom metal shaping/panel beating services from a repair panel to a complete body. He also does fixture built/straightened chassis and panel work. Be sure to check out his web site at [www.sportscarspecialties.com](http://www.sportscarspecialties.com)

Covered in his demonstration will be a brief discussion of the methods and theory of metal shaping (panel beating) including hand tools and their use as well as power tools and safety. He will also touch upon welding processes including joint configuration and hammering seams. These demonstrations will be explained as Jon completes repairs to an Austin Healey fender.

Coffee and pastries will be provided along with sandwiches and drinks at lunch time. It would be helpful if you notify Don Paye at [dpaye@crocker.com](mailto:dpaye@crocker.com) or 413-625-6568 in advance so Jon can plan on quantities. However this is not mandatory.

**Saturday March 21 st.**  
**9:30 Am to 4:30 PM**

**Directions from South and East:** I-93 N to I-89 and get off at Exit 11, and take RT 11 and then RT 4 West (not 4 "A") to Grafton then see BELOW

**Directions from South and West:** I-91 North to I-89, get off at Exit 17 and go East on Rt 4 to Grafton then see BELOW

**"BELOW":** From RT 4 in Grafton Village turn left if you are coming from Boston area/right if coming from I-91 and Vermont onto Slab City Road ( Jon warned that he is in very rural area) Proceed 1.9 miles to Dean Road (if you are using GPS it will be Dean Hill Road) and watch for signs to 444 Dean Road

**" HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! IT WILL BE WORTH THE TRIP..."**

### Just for Fun!!

Can you identify each of these pictures and to whom they are associated ?  
They all appeared at the Christmas party.



## 2007 Conclave Regalia (updated 1/6/09)

Item	Color	Sale Price	Small	Med.	Large	XL	2XL
SWEAT	BLUE	\$13.50			2		4
"	GRAY	"			2	6	2
JACKET	RED	\$30.00				3	6
"	BLUE	"		2			5
"	GREEN	"					5
MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE	DENIM	\$12.50	11	14	2	7	5
MEN'S LONG SLEEVE	"	"	10	7			2
LADIES SHORT SLEEVE	"	\$12.50	9	15	21	7	
LADIES LONG SLEEVE	"	\$12.50	6	2	2	4	
MEN'S POLO	YELLOW	\$15.00	6				
"	BLUE	"	6				3
"	WHITE	"					6
LADIES POLO	YELLOW	\$15.00	4	5	9	8	
"	BLUE	"	1	6	10	8	
"	WHITE	"	4	7	12	6	
MEN'S T SHIRT	CHAMBRAY	\$6.00	10				2
"	BRICK	"	10		4		
"	BLUE	"	8	5		3	8
LADIES T SHIRT	BLUE	"	5		1		
"	MELON	"	4		7	2	
YOUTH T SHIRT	BLUE	"	1	1	1		
"	BRICK	"	1				
PATCH		\$3.00	Plenty	in	stock		
LOGO PIN		\$1.50	Plenty	in	stock		

**Please email or phone in order for quote on shipping before sending a check for the total amount.**

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Several front and rear fenders, 2 doors, front and rear shroud for 100-6 early 3000.  
 poor condition all would need repairs.  
 Some other small items here and there.  
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