



## Healey Exhaust Notes

The official newsletter of the  
*New England Region of the Austin-Healey Club of America*  
 Serving the following areas  
 NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME & Northern NJ

### From the editor Carole Paye

Fall is right around the corner. The trees will be turning their beautiful golds, oranges and reds. There are only 2 meets left for this year. The beautiful Mount Monadnock tour with Bob Britton on October 10th and the Christmas party on December 5. Be sure to let each know by the deadline.

On Labor day Don & I went to Lime Rock for the Vintage Races where I was allowed to be one of the "guys" for the weekend. It was a great weekend, full of racing, car talk and great weather. The following weekend, we were at the Cape Cod in the rain with Pete & Jean Williams for their Lighthouse Tour. The hospitality was warm and inviting and it was great seeing our friends from the eastern part of New England. To top off the activities for September, we then travelled North to Stowe, VT for British Invasion. Dark clouds, wind, temperature 40°. Finally ..Sun and 60°. So, Healey meets can be sunny, wet or cold. It's the people that make it great.



As you can see, I was able to get some rest time

Please make my day by switching to EMAIL!!!

### Newsletter Deadline!

All meet write-ups and advertisements by the 25th day of the month.

### From the President:

We have made it through a busy event filled September with the weather cooperating pretty well for all the events we were able to attend. (We never put the hood up and never got totally soaked through all protective layers.) If you did not make it to at least one event in September, you missed some great ones and you need to try harder. In fact there were too many meets to be able to make all of them and we had to make some tough choices on which ones we could attend.

We started with the Vintage Fall Festival on Labor Day which turned out to be one of the best Vintage Fall Festivals in years. I commuted to LRP from Bennington on Saturday and Sunday. Hopefully those who were in attendance on Saturday did not come just for that breathtaking lap (breathtaking for a snail that is) on the track during the noon time break. LRP more than made up for it with our location in Paddock B, a lot of great racing and a chance to see some very historic race cars. Looking at some of the vintage race cars, I am always amazed at the bravery of those early drivers. Can you imagine racing in a Grand Prix car where you are surrounded by the fuel tanks sitting like saddle bags just outside both sides of the cockpit running completely between the front and rear wheels to improve aerodynamics and weight distribution. Check out the photo of the 1955 Lancia D50 further back in this newsletter. What were they thinking?

We did not make it to the Cape Cod Lighthouse tour to see a lot of our east coast friends but the reports I received from those who attended sounded like it was another great weekend.

We made it to the British Invasion the third weekend to round out a great Healey driving month. There were over 650 cars at the show and a great turnout of members from our club. We got a little damp on the drive up Rt 100 on Friday after hitting a light mist in Rochester VT which turned into a steady light rain by the time we got to Waitsfield where we caught up to another Healey on the road ahead. We kept pretty dry while we were moving but started to get wet when we stopped to help out the Healey ahead of us when their car had a minor fuel flow issue. (lack of it). We decided to leave the top down for the remaining dozen miles to Stowe knowing we could duck under the portico at the Commodores Inn on arrival. That was the last rain we saw all weekend with Sunday turning into a picture perfect day for the return trip home. Hey Bill, how many buffet dinners were on that check charged to room 219?

The days are getting cooler and the daylight shorter. You still have a few weeks to get out on one of those beautiful fall drives like the meet in Hancock, NH on October 10, or maybe a short drive in the countryside or along the coast near your home town. As always get out and drive!

Safe journey,

Bill Berg

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## 2009 Current Calendar of Events

| Date       | Event  |
|------------|--|
| October 10 | Monadnock Fall Foliage Rally Hancock, NH<br>Contact Bob Britton <a href="mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com">healeybj7@hotmail.com</a> |
| October 17 | Progressive Gastronomy Event Wethersfield, CT<br>Deb Katz/Bev Sealand<br>Postponed till a later date                             |
| December 5 | Christmas Party Sturbridge, MA Betty Bender  |

### MONADNOCK FALL FOLIAGE RALLY

**WHEN:** Saturday October 10, 2009

**WHERE:** Bob Britton and Linda Hakala  
17 Bittersweet Lane  
Hancock, NH 03449

**TIME:** Plan to arrive between 10-11 AM  
for a breakfast refresher

**WHAT:** A Fun Rally will start approx 12Noon and will be about 1 ½ hours in length. This rally will take you over many of the back roads through the "Currier & Ives" towns of the Monadnock Region in SW New Hampshire. This is peak foliage time in the area.

Post Rally Barbeque around 3PM

**RSVP:** By Thursday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> to let us know you're coming  
[healeybj7@hotmail.com](mailto:healeybj7@hotmail.com) or 603-381-3158

For those who want to stay overnight either before or after the rally there are numerous inns and motels in the area. Call for a list but you will need to make reservations as this is a busy weekend in the area

### DIRECTIONS:

**From the West:** I-91 to exit 3 Brattleboro, Take Route 9 East through Keene, NH, continue on Route 9 towards Concord, NH, right on Route 123 to Hancock, then left on Route 137 North, 2.5 miles then left on North Rd, 1<sup>st</sup> right on Bittersweet Lane.

**From the East:** Route 3 to Nashua, Route 101A West to Milford, Route 101 West to Peterborough, turn right on Route 202 East, continue 6-7 miles then take left on Route 137 South, 1<sup>st</sup> right on North Rd, 1<sup>st</sup> right on Bittersweet Lane.

**From the South:** Route 202 East to Peterborough, NH, continue on 202 East 6-7 miles, then turn left on Route 137 South towards Hancock, first right North Rd, 1<sup>st</sup> right on Bittersweet Lane

**From the North:** I-89 to Route 202 West, continue on Route 202 West through Hillsboro, Antrim and Bennington, then turn right onto Route 137 South, 1<sup>st</sup> right on North Rd, 1<sup>st</sup> right on Bittersweet Lane.



Happy Holidays to All  
"It's Healey Party Time"

Date: **December 5, 2009**

Time: 6 PM - Cocktails  
7 PM - Dinner

Place: **Romaldo's Restaurant 455 Main Street Route 20 Fiskdale, MA 01518**  
(Sturbridge, MA)

Dinner Choices

- \_\_\_ Eggplant Parm \$30.00
- \_\_\_ Roasted Chicken \$26.00
- \_\_\_ New York Strip \$40.00
- \_\_\_ Baked Haddock \$31.00

"CASH BAR"

Price includes: Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert with coffee/tea, tax, and tip

Deadline for Reservations: **November 30, 2009**

RSVP to: **Betty Bender 117 Patricia Avenue Dalton, MA 01226-2046**

Make Checks Payable to: **AHCA-N.E. Region**

**Motels in close proximity to Romaldo's Restaurant:**

**Motel 6** 408 Main Street Route 20 Sturbridge, MA 01566 (508) 347-7327

**Quality Inn** 478 Main St Route 20 Sturbridge, MA 01566 (508) 347-5141

**Sturbridge Host Hotel** 366 Main Street Route 20 Sturbridge, MA 01566 (800) 582-3232

**The Hearthstone Inn 508-347-9965**

Romaldo's Restaurant is part of The Hearthstone Inn

**The Hearthstone Inn Room Rates Special for the Austin Healy Christmas party December 5, 2009**

1. **Adams**- Handicapped accessible, queen bed, elegant private bath, first floor- Charming Country Room \$116
2. **S. Wesley**- Queen bed, whirlpool, first floor- Elegant Jacuzzi Room \$134
3. **Bradford**- Queen bed, twin bed, whirlpool, sitting area, first floor- Elegant Jacuzzi Room \$153
5. **Edwards**- Queen bed, elegant private bath, second floor- Charming Country Room \$116
6. **Bradstreet**- Queen bed, whirlpool, second floor, Elegant Jacuzzi Room \$153
7. **Marshall**- Queen bed, elegant private bath, second floor- Elegant Country Room \$116
8. **Hamilton**- Queen bed, elegant private bath, second floor- Elegant Country Room \$116
9. **Governors**- King bed, whirlpool, sitting area, balcony, third floor- Deluxe Whirlpool Suite \$170
10. **Presidential**- King pillow top bed, whirlpool, large sitting area, balcony, third floor- Luxury Whirlpool Suite \$189
11. **Grande**- King bed, deluxe whirlpool, wood-burning fireplace, large balcony, sitting area, second floor- Luxury Whirlpool Suite \$209
12. **Queen**- King pillow top bed, whirlpool, sitting area, balcony, third floor- Deluxe Whirlpool Suite \$170

FOR SALE

Bugeye nose - No bondo, no under-coat. Typical small rust holes behind wheel wells. Few dents. Large panels all good. \$700 or BO. Wayne - West Boylston, (508) 835-4038.



FOR SALE

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## Gillette Castle Meet

On August 15th, Gail and I were treated to one of the most tranquil Rallye meets we have attended. It was a perfect sunny and warm summer day as we arrived at the beautiful home of Bill and Joan Pollack in Old Saybrook, CT. (Just before we got close to their house, I mentioned to Gail, "You can smell the ocean!") Already the meet was sensational!

We caravanned, through the old sea town of Essex, to a stop with a view of the water and some boats. (You know - the cars without wheels that float.) Historical points of interest were *literally* pointed out by Joan! The drive to the Ferry Crossing went smoothly and *then* - HORROR - I had to drive my BJ8 onto a *boat*. Carefully! (Charlie, for sure was either laughing or praying for his car.) Oh, what a beauty our Connecticut River is!

Gillette Castle (Home of Sherlock Holmes) was directly in front of the ferry waaaaay up on a hill. I drove my precious Healey *off* the ferry and up to that magnificent dwelling. (Good job, Deb.) The castle had been closed for renovation and now was presented in impressive splendor. If you missed the meet, you should take a day trip to tour the castle and grounds.

The route back to the Pollack's was what can be termed a great *Healey Road*: shaded by trees, water falls, new smooth asphalt, sort of (shush) fast driving! It was great!

Pulled pork, salads, home cooked beans etc. were our feast after the *difficult day* we were treated to. Oh yes, Bill and Joan sure know how to spoil their guests. As we enjoyed ourselves on the covered patio, Michelle Markowski commented that this was like being family and one of the most relaxing meets she'd been to. I have to agree.

Deb Krut

Driver of the Pickle Barrel (still in one piece)

### Sue Bell's Recipe from Lighthouse tour

#### Pecan Fingers

Mix well    3/4 cup shortening  
              3/4 cup confectionary sugar.  
Stir in        1 1/2 cups flour  
Press into ungreased 13x9 pan.  
Bake at 350° oven for 12-15 min.  
Combine    2 eggs  
              1 cup brown sugar  
              2 Tb. flour  
              1/2 tsp baking powder  
              1/2 tsp vanilla  
              1 cup chopped pecans  
Spread over crust. Bake 20 min. Cool and cut.



Great to see you Jim!



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Hi, I have some Healey parts for sale: Cast aluminum finned valve cover six cyl. car, Ft complete shroud from 1967 BJ8 needs repair. Also pair of doors from 1960 BT7 and Head and valve cover for six cyl. car .

You can contact me at home at  
603-882-8682 before 9PM  
ask for Wil thanks

*NO Rain!!!...NO Mud!!.. This can't be the annual British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont. On the other hand it was a mite brisk Saturday morning as folks headed for the car show. It may be the first time I have received facial wind burn. But in time the fog cleared and about 600 British cars of all marques plus a slew of vendors provided a great venue for auto enthusiasts of all ages.*

*Members of the New England Region of AHCA drove away with the lion's share of trophies in the Austin Healey category. The Bells captured first place in the Sprite division while the Begins took first place and Gene Piscopo third place in the 110-6/3000 side curtain group. Bob Britton and Bill Berg came away with second and fourth trophies in the late model 3000 division. Club members and Healey friends gathered in the dining room at the Commodore Inn for a time of merriment while feasting on a delicious prime rib buffet complete with steamers and other delectables. Andy Plue says that one thing about the Healey Club is that there is always plenty of good food involved!!*

*As Sunday morning arrived and again the fog cleared for another day of bright sunshine, folks began packing up the Healey's for the trip home. We joined the Bells, Loosigians and Beyers for a leisurely tour down Route 100 to Ludlow where we bid our fond fair wells over Lunch and headed off on our various pathways homeward. Next year's British Invasion will be featuring the Austin Healey, so make your plans now and get polishing!!*

*Don*

*If you don't recognize the following events, you missed some great times!!*



*What happens in Provincetown, stays in Provincetown!*

*Thanks to Ralph Loosigian & Bill Berg for these pictures*