

HEALEY HAPPENINGS



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Healey Happenings is the official publication of the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club and is published January through November. General membership, dinner meetings and tech sessions are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (for dinner, arrive around 5:30-6:00).

Membership in the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club is open to all owners of Austin and Jensen Healeys and to all others who have an interest in the car or the purpose of the club. Ownership of a Healey is not required for membership, nor is driving a Healey required to participate in events.

COMING EVENTS

Sep 21 Zoom Club Meeting
Oct 17 Joint Drive
Nov 7 Uwharrie Mt. Meet

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SAVE THE DATES

SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC XXXIV - April 21-25, 2021
Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, Tampa Bay, Florida

CONCLAVE 2021 May 16-21, 2021
Big Bear Lake, CA

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST!

MORE DATES TO SAVE IN 2012

ENCLAVE 2022 - September 18-24 2022. Joint meeting with Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club. Kalahari Resort in the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania. Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Austin Healey Marque. This will also be an International

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Submissions to the newsletter can be sent at any time: Ed Farnell. Deadline is the 5th of each month with the newsletter going out the week before the monthly meeting.

Classified "For Sale" ads: Advertising British cars for sale are FREE to members. Ads selling Healey parts, or Healey related items are FREE to all. Non-member "Cars for Sale" are \$10.00 per issue. Send information (photos should be jpg format) to eafarnell@gmail.com

All Commercial Ads: Advertise your business in the Healey Happenings! Annual display ad rates are as follows:

Half Page 5" X 8"	\$ 150.00 per year
Quarter Page	\$ 100.00 per year
Business Card	\$ 50.00 per year

EDITOR'S NOTES

Here we go again with nothing much going on and nothing much to say.



I do want to give a big shout out to Bill Walton, the ghost writer, who has been supplying much of the information that you have been reading in our newsletter. I bet he thought he had given up the newsletter long ago.

On a personal note, I think I have found a place for two of my American cars until I can try and sell them next spring. That would mean I finally will have room in my shop over the winter to work my long neglected cars so they will be ready for all those events next year.

As you can see on our calendar there are still a few events that you can participate in this year if they don't get cancelled. Hopefully we will soon have a vaccine that will put an end to this craziness and we can get back to doing all the fun things we love. Until then, please stay well and be ever mindful about how much we mean to each other as friends and Healey family.

MONTHLY MEETING OF CAROLINAS AHC

General membership, dinner meetings and tech sessions are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (for dinner, arrive around 5:30-6:00) at John's Family Restaurant and Pizzeria, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273, 704-588-6613, www.JohnsFamilyRestaurant.com.

The restaurant is on Westinghouse Blvd., approximately 1.3 miles west of I-77 (Exit 1A).

CAROLINAS AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Jack Porter, jackannette@bellsouth.net membership chairman, is the person to contact if you know of anyone who has not renewed. Please remind them to contact him. Also, give him the name and contact info for any potential new members.

The Metrolina MG Car Club, The Carolinas Austin-Healey Club, and The Triumph Club of the Carolinas Fall Gold Leaf & Christmas Toy Drive



Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a beautiful Carolina Fall season while making this a happier Christmas for less fortunate kids.

- When:** Saturday, **Oct. 17, 2020** meet between 9:30-10am
- Where:** We will stage our cars at Jimmies in Mint Hill, NC (7024 Brighton Park Dr, Mint Hill, NC 28227)
- We will drive the back roads of Mint Hill and Cabarrus County and end the run at the Cabarrus Brewery.
- Dining will be available with plenty of room for social distancing.
- Please bring a new (unopened) toy for the Union County Christmas Toy donation.
- All are required to wear their masks.**
- The Gibson Mill Antique Mall and the Auto Barn are also great places to explore.

*Special call out to Dick Lunney and The Batemans for making this possible!



Healey, Triumph and MG Joint Drive September 12, 2020

by Bill Walton

Photos by: Debbie White, Beth Lunney & Mark Vartanian (with the MG club)

Our second drive for 2020 with the Carolinas Healey Club, the local MG Club and the Triumph Club turned out great! The Triumph Club did an outstanding job organizing the drive for us. They had driving direction handouts at the drivers meeting and signs posted at key turns on the route. The Carolinas Healey Club, with 7 cars, was well represented like we were in our first drive in June. It was fun to see and drive with all the other different British car makes and models.



The weather was almost perfect and the spirited drive on the two lane rolling back roads was a lot of fun. It was good to catch up with our club members and fun meeting members of the Triumph and MG clubs. We finished the drive at a BBQ restaurant, Jim'N Nicks, where we were able to get tables (6' apart) outside.



Steve Ward, president of the local Triumph Club at the drivers' meeting with Healey Club members in the background.

The Metrolina MG Club will host our 3rd and final Tri-Club, drive for 2020, on **October 17th**. In addition to another fun



back roads run, this will also be a "Toys for Tots" drive. Details are in this newsletter. Hope you can make it as these joint club events are a lot of fun. The three clubs are already talking about a repeat of these tri-club drives in 2021! As with all of the Carolinas Club activities/drives, driving a Healey is not required to participate. Just come and enjoy the time with your fellow club members.





Jerry Price in his '60
BN7, wearing his
"Healey" mask.



Mark V. Ganian, with the MG Club,
and his 1961 MGA purchased new in
1962 by his father.





Happy Birthday, CAHC Members!!

Are you a new member or not sure if I have your birthday?

Send an email to eafarnell@gmail.com.

September 5 - Dick Lunney

September 7 - Marilyn Hege

September 7 - Buddy Holly

September 16 - Sandy Harris

September 23 - Don Hemphill

September 28 - Edie Anderson



Carolinas Club members, join the 65 other members who follow the activities of the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club on Facebook!

is easy to join and you will find a number of post from your fellow club members with photos, videos of events, event registration forms and even helpful (and sometimes humorous) tech tips.

Note: You do not have to be an active Facebook member to join so that you can access our club's Facebook page!

Find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370282528849>

Carolinas Club Tech Hot Line
Open 24/7
Email your questions to:
CarolinasTechCall@gmail.com

Working on a repair or upgrade project on your Healey or other LBC and you are stuck on how to proceed? Email your club's tech advisors at CarolinasTechCall@gmail.com for advise or for a vendor recommendation.



Be Seen! Install a 3rd Brake Light!

Add a 3rd brake light to reduce the risk of being hit from behind. Our kits come complete with easy to follow instructions, custom bracket, wires, fuse and a highly visible LED light as used on emergency vehicles.

Kits available for all big Healey's, Sprites, MGA's and other LBCs (No drilling)
 (Specify application: 100-4, 100-6, BJB, etc)



Complete Kit \$65 + \$8 shipping
Contact: John Jones
britthirdlight@yahoo.com
704-351-0933

Questions from the June 18, 2020 Carolinas Club Tech Conference Call

Email your tech questions to your club's tech advisors at: CarolinaTechCall@gmail.com

Question 1, Fuel gauge issue: Installed an in-line fuel filter by cutting the solid fuel line going from the tank to the fuel pump. I installed it with two pieces of 1/4 " rubber fuel hose. Now my fuel gauge does not work (shows "Full" all the time). Any suggestions?

Response: The problem is most likely a loss of ground when the solid fuel line was cut as the fuel line was acting as the ground for the fuel sending unit. Try running a ground wire from one of the screws holding the fuel sending unit to the gas tank to a good ground location and that should resolve the problem. **Update: The recommendation worked!**

Question 2: How can you make your tires last longer?

Response: A response is provided elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

Question 3: I have a wooden steering wheel, Moto-Lita style. Do you have a recommendation on someone that can restore it for me?

Response: Recommend Mike Ruchman. He does custom restoration of British Bakelite, wood, and leather steering wheels. (<https://www.new2youwheelrestoration.com/restoration.php>). He gets great reviews on a number of the British car websites. Contact him at: ruckmnl@yahoo.com or 813-313-7343. He occasionally has NOS and/or restored steering wheels for sale too.

Question 4: I installed some LED light bulbs (four) for turn signals on my BJ8 (aka 1156's), and they will not work. It is negative ground and all electrical connections are good. Suggestions?

Response: Installing LEDs for both turn signals and brake lights is a great upgrade. When using LEDs for turn signals on our old British cars you will, as a minimum, need to replace your turn signal flasher with an electronic flasher. Our standard Lucas style flasher does not allow a low enough amperage, so suggest using, if your flasher is a 3 pin like BJ8s, a FL-3 Red (\$12.95) from SuperBrightLeds. On a late model BJ8's, if all 4 corners blink at the same time when using your turn signal after hooking up the new flasher, then disconnect the light green & purple wire from the "P" terminal on the flasher and take it to a good earth (ground). The warning lights are then driven individually by the left and right indicator circuits and controlled by the turn signal switch. Therefore there is no risk of current bleed, as the opposite warning light receives no current at all. This can reverse the left and right tell tales warning lights on your dash. If this happens, you can swap over the tell tale lamp holders, or leave as is.

Question 5: What can you do to lessen the likelihood of an electrical fire or a short in your LBC?

Response: There are a number of things to check:

- Check the grommet in the boot where the main battery cable comes into the boot for deterioration of the grommet and chafing.

- Check the main harness where it comes into the engine bay for deterioration of the grommet and chafing.

- Observe that there are only electrical wires going through the grommets.

- Consider adding a fuse on all non-fused "hot all the time" wires. These are brown & brown & blue, and white.

- Check for bad ground connections.

- Check for corroded or loose bullet connectors.

- Look for botches by DPO (Dreaded Previous Owner)

- Use a pink eraser or 600 grit sandpaper to clean contacts, and smear a little dielectric grease on the contacts to help prevent future corrosion.

Southeastern Classic XXXIV

April 21-25, 2021

Save the Date!!

The premier Austin-Healey event in the Southeast is back!

Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, FL

Site of SEC XVIII in 2004

Host Club: Tampa Bay Austin-Healey Club



Registration Opens January 2021





REGISTRATION FOR CONCLAVE 2021 NOW OPEN
BOOK NOW FOR THE BEST ROOMS
COVID-19 MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Please go to www.conclave2021.com for online registration or to print a mail-in registration form as well as getting all the info on the scheduled and optional events.

Some things to keep in mind:

1. In case the event must be cancelled due to Covid travel restrictions, your registration fees, less a small handling charge, will be refunded. You would still receive your welcome gifts and any regalia ordered by mail.
2. The host hotel does not require a deposit to book your room and allows full cancellation with no penalty up to 72 hours before the event.
3. If you register online, with a guest or guests, you will be asked participation questions for each person in your group. Be patient, read the instructions carefully and complete each page in full.
4. After you have registered *and paid in full*, you will receive an email with instructions and code to book your room. You cannot book until you receive the code. You can book online or by phone. Best rooms are assigned first so don't delay.
5. Regalia Sales Will Open Soon. You will be notified by email when the Store is Open.

For more information and questions, contact Steve Kirby, Conclave Chairman at sackirby@pacbell.net or 949-261-8208



CAHC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2020			
September			
17 th - 20 th	Southeast British Car Festival (Event still on! We have club members attending!)	Peachtree MG Registry pmgrwebmaster@gmail.com	The Dillard House Inn Dillard, Ga 706-746-5348 Group Code:SEBF2020MG
21 st	Club Meeting @ 6:30	Charlie Grobusky grobusky@comporium.net	Zoom Videoconference-link via email 6:30-Open chat, 7:00-Meeting
October			
10 th	Brits & Brews 10:00-12:00 5th Year Anniversary!	<i>Good mix of old British & European cars and bikes</i>	Great Wagon Road Distillery 227 Southside Dr, Charlotte, NC 28217
19 th	Club Meeting @ 6:30	Charlie Grobusky grobusky@comporium.net	Zoom Videoconference-link via email 6:30-Open chat, 7:00-Meeting
TBD New Event	Joint Brit Car Club Drive <i>(Healeys, MGs and Triumphs)</i>	Bill Walton Bill.walton@mac.com 704-299-7468	The Metrolina MG Club is planning a tri-club drive and has invited the Carolinas Healey club to join in on the fun. Details to follow.
November			
7 nd	Uwharrie Mountain British Car Meet		Higgins Farm in Jackson Creek 2732 Beschler Chapel Road Denton, SC 27239 http://www.ccbas.org/uwharrie-meet.html
7 th	Tryon Rolling Art Show	Rick Lee writer@comporium.net	Tryon, N.C. https://www.facebook.com/tryonrollingart/
14 th	Brits & Brews 10:00-12:00	<i>Good mix of old British & European cars and bikes</i>	Great Wagon Road Distillery 227 Southside Dr, Charlotte, NC 28217
16 th	Club Meeting @ 6:30	Charlie Grobusky grobusky@comporium.net	Zoom Videoconference-link via email 6:30-Open chat, 7:00-Meeting
21 st	Carolinas AHC Tech Session	John Jones NaDaDawgRacing@yahoo.com	9913 Hermitage Oaks Lane Waxhaw, NC
December			
5 th	Christmas Party	Allen's & Delaney's	TBD

2021			
4/21-25	Southeastern Classic XXXIV (The premier all Austin-Healey event in the Southeast)	SAVE THE DATE! Registration opens in January 2021	Tampa Bay Healey Club Safety Harbor, Fa. “Site of the Southeastern Classic XVIII in 2004”
5/16-21	Conclave 2021	https://www.austin-healey.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=961230&module_id=390160&actr=4	Big Bear Lake, CA REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1965 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III BJ8 in beautiful condition with excellent red paint. 55K miles. Recent bumper-to-bumper “inspect & repair as necessary” by Allen at Hendrix Wire Wheel. Appears to have been subject to a significant restoration between 2002 and 2014, with only 5,000 miles since 2002. No rust. New Vredesteins on 72-spoke wheels. Family situation forces sale. \$48,000. Call Ken in Columbia, SC at 803-260-5400.

