

HEALEY HAPPENINGS



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Healey Happenings is the official publication of the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club and is published January through December.

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.

UP COMING EVENTS

Mountain Trip	Aug 4 -7
Quad Club Drive	Aug 27
Ice Cream Social	Sept 10
Enclave	Sep 18-23
Autumn in Mnts	Sept 24
Britfest	Oct 1
Southeastern	Nov 3-6

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SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 4th-7th

26TH Annual Mountain Trip, Double Tree Inn @ Biltmore Village, Asheville, NC www.my-event.hilton.com/avlbumdt-aus-26f8595e-d14c-

AUGUST 27th

Quad Club Drive, Beavers Den @ Lake Wateree, South Carolina

SEPTEMBER 19th-23rd

ENCLAVE

<http://www.enclave2022.org/>

Kalaharie Resorts, Pocono Manor, PA

SEPTEMBER 24th Autumn in the Mountains

<https://www.bccwnc.org/autumn-in-the-mountains-car-show/>



OCTOBER 1st

Britfest, Myrtle Beach, SC

<https://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/2022-10-01-britfest-registration/>

NOVEMBER 3rd-6th

Austin Healey Southeastern, Hilton Head Island, SC

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EDITOR'S NOTES



MOUNTAIN TRIP CARAVAN INFORMATION

We will meet @ 11:30 on Thursday, August 4th at the Tryon Equestrian Center. While there we can eat an early lunch at one of the on site restaurants before we head out for a back roads trip to Biltmore Village, Double Tree hotel. We should arrive at the hotel about check in time.

The Equestrian Center is located at 25 International Blvd., Mill Springs, NC. Exit 170 from I-26 Pea Ridge Road.

We have dinner reservations at The Corner Kitchen that is within walking distance from the hotel. There will be three seatings of 20 people. (6:00, 6:30 & 7:00)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Until further notice our meetings will be held in conjunction with our monthly drives, tech sessions or other activities. Please see our monthly calendar which will be in each newsletter January through November.

Newsletter

Submissions to the newsletter can be sent at any time to Ed Farnell. Deadline is the 5th of each month.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & RAMBLINGS

Wow, it is hard to fathom that the year is one half over. On the other hand the second half is chocked full of great Healey events.

I hope to see a bunch of you at the annual mountain trip in a couple of weeks. This test run for next year's southeastern promises to be a really outstanding event. I guess I will be seeing you in a SOB of British car since my Healey is presently missing a major component. Her engine is back from the machine shop and is in the process of being meticulously assembled. The goal is to be up and going for Enclave.



us have some prior experience and can help lighten the load considerably.

A special thanks to George for finding the restaurant for our June meeting and grabbing the birthday cake at the last minute for the July meeting and pool party. Thanks also to Bob and Debbie for being such gracious hosts.

As usual, a big thank you to Debbie and Bill for all the wonderful pictures that memorialize our events.

If you are new to the club and/or have never hosted an event, I challenge you to consider looking into hosting one next year. Our planning meeting is just around the corner. Think outside the box. It does not have to be a car event. The model trains museum in February was interesting albeit different and the Abingdon trip was well attended. There are lots of interesting places in the Carolinas that many of us have not seen that would make a fun trip. I would still like to see us make a trip back to Road Atlanta to the Walter Mitty races. Also you are never too old for a beach trip. Give it some though and bring your suggestions to the planning meeting in January.



While we are on the subject of the mountain trip, please be ready to volunteer as you can for Southeastern next year. Chuck and Monique have taken on a giant task and they will need a lot of help. Many of

TECH TALK



Several weeks ago I had lunch with club member Stuart Shepard during which we discussed engine building tools including a very useful material called “Plastigauge.” This material is a soft polymer filament that is sold in a paper envelope similar to that used for a drinking straw. The application for Plastigauge is to measure gaps between machine parts. In my example below, I’m using the Plastigauge to measure the main bearing clearance for a new crankshaft installation: bearing clearances must be within specifications to eliminate potential catastrophic engine failure that could destroy the crankshaft...or more! The graphics on the package indicate the tolerance range for the Plastigauge being sold. So, don’t be surprised if the attendant behind the auto parts counter asks you “*what color Plastigauge do you want?*” For my engine building project I chose the GREEN version that covers a gap range from 0.001” to 0.003”. The first photo shows the bearing journal to be measured (red circle). A one-inch piece of the Plastigauge is placed on the crankshaft and then the main bearing cap is bolted-on and torqued per the specs. Now, remove the bearing and cap and measure the squashed plastic thread per my second photo. In this example, we indicate a 0.002” gap which is within the acceptable tolerance range for my engine, thus, I’m good to go with this crankshaft and bearing combination. Unfortunately, Plastigauge can’t help with determining sliding contact gaps like rocker arms-to-shaft gaps, piston-to-block fits, etc.

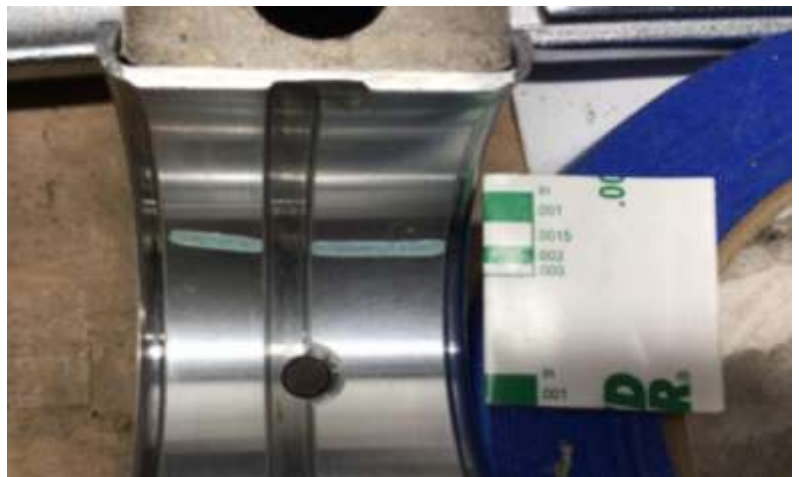
Some techniques that I discovered while using it:

- Eliminate any drafts or strong breezes in the work shop because, annoyingly, the very light Plastigauge filament may blow off the part to be measured.
- Order plenty of this stuff in advance of your project because I found that (1) not all auto parts stores carry it and (2) you only get less than 10 inches of this stuff in the little envelope it comes in.

For more details visit the U.S. Plastigauge site: www.plastigaugeusa.com

Happy Motoring,

Mike Bond





Happy Birthday, CAHC Members!!

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

Send an email to eafarnell@gmail.com.

July 4 Larry Griswold
 July 6 Don Schneider
 July 7 Sherry Rice
 July 8 Lori Avery
 July 9 Nancy Williams
 July 12 Priscilla Dabney
 July 16 Don & Donna Lamonds
 July 17 Bob Bove
 July 22 Mark Schowalter
 July 23 Debbie Bove
 July 23 Becky Hemphill
 July 23 Donna Trapp
 July 25 Charlie Grobusky

August 2 Fred Dabney

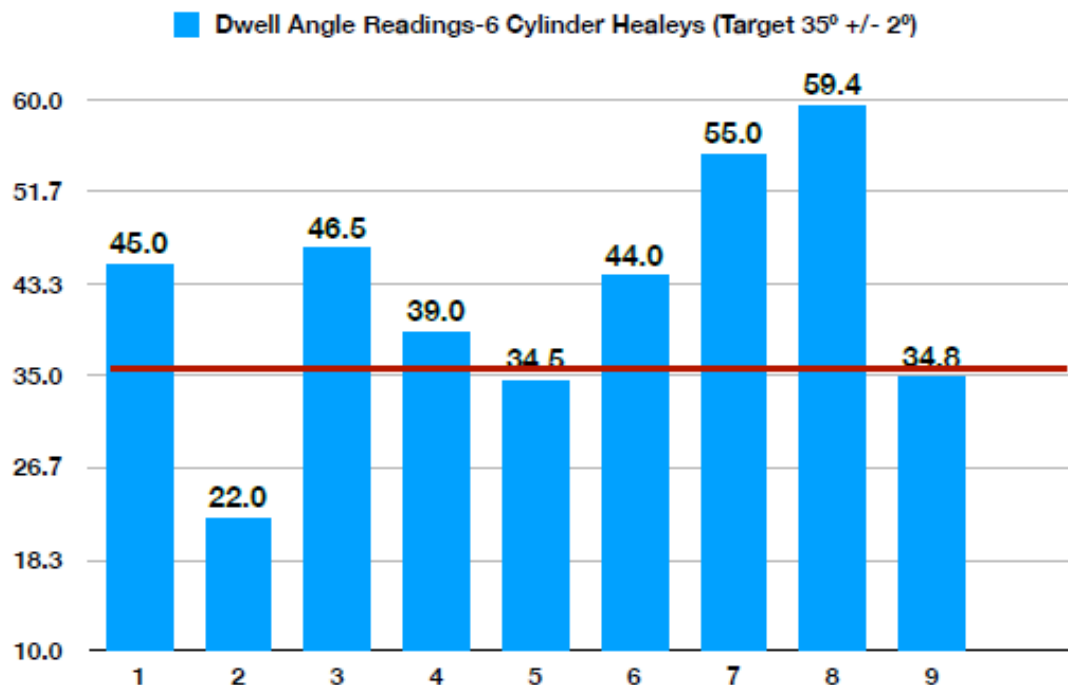


Kevin Thomas -
 Charlotte via Great Britain

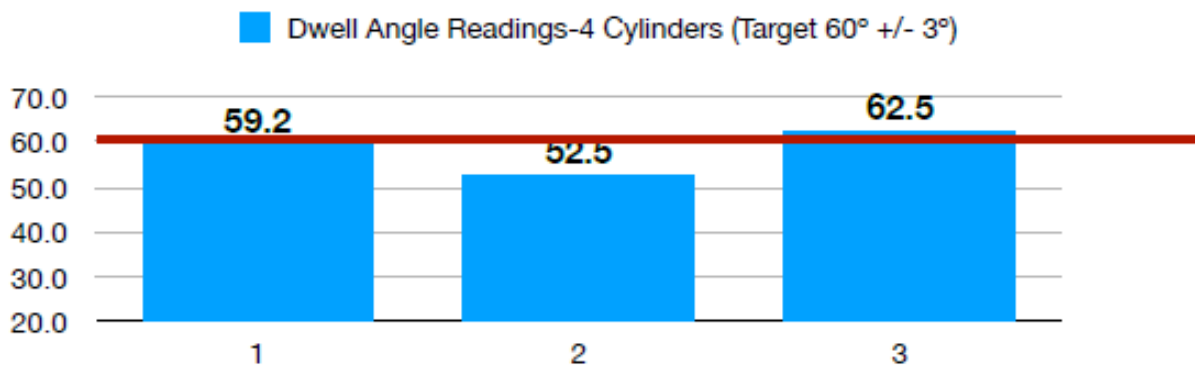
**Update on the Tech Session:
How to Check Points Gap Without Removing the Distributor Cap**
(Check your Dwell Angle and email your initial reading to Bill at bill.walton@mac.com
or text to 704-299-7462 so we can update the results below)

The response from club members have been pretty good after the short tech session in June and the tech article in the CAHC June newsletter on how to use a Dwell Meter to check to see if your ignition points gap is correct or not. We tested 5 distributors at the meeting and since then members have sent me another 7 dwell angle readings. I hope to receive more readings in the coming weeks. The results so far are pretty interesting.

Six cylinder cars: Of the 9 results received so far 78% were outside the target dwell angle range, with only 2 cars being pretty much spot on at 34.5° and 34.8°. Most of those outside the range had a dwell angle too high, meaning the points were closed longer than recommended, and the points gap, when open, was too small. This means the combustion of the air/fuel mixture is occurring later than it is designed to and has the effect of retarding the timing. This causes the engine to run hotter, a loss in power and poor gas milage. The likely cause of the too small of a points gap is that the points rubbing block is wearing down due to lack of lubricant service on the cam. As the rubbing block wears down over time, the points gap is closes. The solution is to reset the points to a little larger gap, then recheck with the dwell meter again as it is a trial and error process. If the points are not too pitted you may be able to gain a slightly larger gap simply by filing the points down with a points file. Or just replace the points at a cost of somewhere between \$7.00 and \$15.00. Either way, remember to put a very small amount of cam grease, like Lubricam SL-2, on the cam (or on the face of the rubbing block).



Four Cylinder Cars: Of the 3 results received so far for 4-cyl cars only one was out of the specification range of $60^\circ \pm 3^\circ$. The dwell angle on this Healey was a little too low, resulting in the points gap being too wide. This means the combustion of the air/fuel mixture is occurring earlier than it is designed to and has the effect of advancing the timing. Or in other words, the spark plugs are firing earlier in the compression stroke than desired. This could result in pinging, misfiring and hard starting.



Quick Dwell Angle Tips: 1) No need to test if you have electronic ignition and 2) If your car is **Positive Ground**, the red lead attaches to a good ground & black lead to the coil terminal where the wire goes to the distributor. For a Positive Ground car, calculate the dwell angle for a 6 cylinder by taking 60° minus your dwell meter reading. So if your dwell meter reading is 25° , then your dwell angle is 35° ($60^\circ - 25^\circ = 35^\circ$). For a Positive Ground 4 cyl subtract your dwell meter reading from 90° .

If you have any additional insight or questions about the above, or want to borrow my dwell meter please contact me at bill.walton@mac.com or text to 704-299-7462.

Anybody reading this, a Carolinas AHC member or not, please send me your initial dwell meter reading so that I can add your results to the survey.
Thanks, Bill Walton

Events in the Rear View Mirror



British cars at a 4th of July parade?

Selective outrage. We threw out the tea, but kept the Healeys. Sure am glad we mended the fence before Donald built the Healey or we might all be driving Fords.



ANNUAL POOL PARTY



It was a frog strangler

So everyone went inside for food



Bob begins the garden tour

Oops, one survived. Prayers answered.







What great hosts!

Thank you Bob and Debbie



26th Annual CAHC Mountain Trip

August 4-7, 2022

After much consideration & spirited negotiation, we are proud to announce that the 26th Annual Carolinas Austin Healey Mountain Trip will be held August 4 – 7, 2022 at the **DoubleTree by Hilton ASHEVILLE-BILTMORE**, part of the Biltmore Farms Hotels, 115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803. This property offers us the opportunity to bring you a spectacular venue at a great rate AND a chance to preview our hotel choice to host the 2023 Southeastern Austin Healey Classic scheduled for September 20-24, 2023. You will be amazed by this property & its location at the main gate of the world famous Biltmore House & property which will be included in many facets of both these events.

Make your reservations by calling The Asheville DoubleTree direct @ (828) 274-1800 -or- The DoubleTree Reservations Desk @ (800) 222-8733 ... Refer to "The Carolinas Austin Healey Mountain Trip" [these special rates of \$119.00/night are only valid until 4 PM July 4, 2022] (If you have not called you missed it)

As usual, there will be some knock your socks off Blue Ridge Parkway drives.

In between all the playing, a core group will be busy planning for our next year's Southeastern.



MORE PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO

Back by Popular Demand, Another Joint British Car Club Drive!
August 27, 2022



The Austin-Healey, Triumph, MG and the *British Car Club Midlands Centre* clubs invite you to join us for a joint British car drive on August 27th with a back roads drive to Lake Wateree in SC. This is a great event with a lot of British cars and fellowship!



When: Saturday August 27th If for any reason we need to call an inclement weather day, a notice will go out by email at least 24 hours in advance.

Where to Meet: For the **Charlotte area cars**, we will meet in the parking lot, gassed up, at the Harris Teeter on Hwy 521 at **6271 Carolina Commons Dr, Indian Land, SC 29707** at **10:15AM**.

We will have **3 additional meeting locations** for caravans to Lake Watree. For those British Cars driving from **Western NC** meet at the **V-Go Food Mart** at **401 W. Mills Street, Columbus, NC**. This group will then proceed to Spartanburg, SC where they will meet others at Ingles Grocery Store at the intersection of Pine Street and Country Club Road. The caravans will be leaving Columbus at 8:30 and Spartanburg at 9:30. Please call or text Chuck Reeves @ 864-270-0799 if you plan to meet at either of these locations. For the **Columbia SC** area meet in the parking lot of the **BP Station** at I-77 exit 27 in **Blythewood SC** at 10:30. RSVP to Ed Farnell at efarnell@gmail.com if meeting in Blythewood.

Lunch: Lunch will be at Beaver's Den, outside on picnic tables by the lake. They are offering us a special menu with discounted prices. **Beaver's Den** is located at **3482 John C. Richards Road, Camden, South Carolina** just off Hwy 97 between Liberty Hill and Camden.

What to Bring: Bring a chair if you prefer to sit in a chair instead of the provided picnic tables.





<https://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/2022-10-01-britfest-registration/>

SAVE THE DATE !

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BRITFEST IN SUNNY MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

HERE YOU WILL FIND OVER 100 BRITISH MARQUE CARS
ON A SHOWFIELD JUST A BLOCK AWAY FROM RESTAURANTS,
SHOP, THEATERS, AND ENTERTAINMENT. WE WILL HAVE
A LARGE HOSPITALITY TENT FOR SHADE AND LIVELY
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT YOUR LATEST ADVENTURES.

BOOK A ROOM AT A NEARBY OCEANFRONT HOTEL, THEN COME
JOIN US FOR OUR FRIDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION.

MORE INFORMATION AND ONLINE REGISTRATION AT

GRANDSTRANDBRITISHCARCLUB.COM

Saturday, October 01, 2022

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AUTO FESTIVAL



- **Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2022
 - **Location:** BMW Car Club of America Foundation (190 Manatee Ct, Greer, SC 29651)
- Host Hotel:** Hampton Inn Greer Greenville (112 N Main St, Greer, SC 29650)

Car registration will open soon and I will send another email to notify you. Entry tickets to the BMW Car Club of America Foundation and their new exhibit **The Power of M: Celebrating 50 Years** will also be available for purchase through our registration link at a discounted price of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

ENCLAVE 2022 - SEPTEMBER 18-23, 2022

Kalaharie Resorts, Pocono Manor, PA <http://www.enclave2022.org/>



ENCLAVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sunday will be registration and the opening night Welcome Reception
- Monday you will be experiencing the beauty of the Poconos with our Mountain Rally, followed by Tech Sessions and the ever-popular valve cover races in the evening.
- Tuesday will be another action-packed day at Enclave 2022 with the Funkhana, Concours Judging, Tech Sessions, English Tea, Barbeque dinner followed by the entertaining and rewarding Charity Auction festivities. Please consider bringing an item(s) to be auctioned off during the charity auction.

Wednesday we will kick-off the day at Pocono Raceway. You will have the opportunity to drive, ride, or watch NASCAR-type stockcars navigate the 2.5 mile “tricky triangle” with the StockCar Racing Experience, followed by parade laps in your Healey. The Stock Car Racing Experience and Ride Along's can be booked on-line at <https://877stockcar.com/austin/> Our popular Car Show will be held Wednesday afternoon on the streets of historic Stroudsburg. The vibrant downtown is home to museums and galleries, murals and music venues, wineries, and restaurants to please every palate for a casual late lunch, or early dinner.

Thursday will be the day for testing your driving skills with the Gymkhana, finals of the Hot Wheels competition, Tour of Pocono Organics - North America's Largest Regenerative Organic Farm. www.poconoorganics.com, and our annual 70th Anniversary Awards Banquet.



Southeastern Classic

XXXV

November 3-6, 2022

Welcome to Southeastern Classic XXXV. It's hard to believe some of us have been doing this for 35 years! As hosts for this event, the Atlanta Chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America welcomes you to this year's location – Hilton Head Island, SC!

Please join us for some of our traditional SEC favorite activities and events:

- Hospitality with old and new friends
- Self-guided tours
- Tech sessions
- Regalia
- Silent auction
- Funkhana
- Car Show (it's all about our Healeys)
- Awards Banquet

We have also added some unique twists to include:

- Outside venue to the Low Country Celebration Park adjacent to the hotel
- Excellent hotel location within walking distance to the well-known Coligny Beach Park and famous local restaurants.
- Low Country Boil Awards Banquet, a local tradition.
- Ladies Wine Glass Painting Event
- And a unique SEC Car Show Opportunity. The show will be held Saturday on the 17th fairway of the Port Royal Golf Club's Planter's Row Golf Course, adjacent to the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival Club Car Showcase,

Your SEC Event registration includes two (2) tickets for both Saturday's and Sunday's HHI Motoring Festival events. You will be free to roam the entire field of vehicles on Saturday and again on Sunday, at your leisure. Please check out their website at www.hhiconcours.com.

The Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance & Motoring Festival is a multi-day world-class experience; its two-day format makes it unique to other Concours events.

Sunday, there is an array of 100-200 outstanding cars and motorcycles displayed across the fairways of Port Royal Golf Club's Golf Courses. These vehicles are exceedingly rare, unique and of the highest level of restoration.

The HHI Motoring Festival welcomes you to apply independently for their Sunday Concours d' Elegance show if you wish to have your car included and judged. They will be selecting 10-12 Healey's split between the 100's and 3000's for this year's show.

Go to www.healeyclub.org to register on-line. The event is located on the November calendar. You do not have to be a member to register. If you are an AHAC member, login and go to the calendar. If not, you can still register via the Events/Calendar.

If you have any questions please contact Charlie Moshell (charliemoshell@aol.com), Sheron Moshell (smoshell@aol.com) or John Miner (Registration) at jrminer47@gmail.com.

Tentative Schedule and General Information:

Golf Cart shuttles will be available to provide ease of navigation around the HHI Motoring Festival automotive display. Shuttle service will also be available to and from our wonderful host hotel, the Holiday Inn Express Hilton Head Island, at 2 Tanglewood Dr, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. (843) 842-6662.

As folks arrive on Thursday, we will be hosting Hospitality. Beverages and snacks provided.

Friday is our “FUNday Friday”. We encourage you to take in the sites of the island, the beaches, or even some self-directed driving tours, Burnt Church Distillery being a popular spot. Tech Sessions in the afternoon are always a hit as well. The ladies will have their own tech session this year, a Wine Glass Painting Class. No skills or supplies needed. BYOB is recommended. We will be limited to 40 registrations.

Continuing with “FUNday Friday” will be the Funkhana at the Celebration Park next door to the Holiday Inn Express. All within walking distance. Friday evening dinner is on your own. You can experience the many wonderful restaurants on the island, or you can keep it simple and partake in the delicious food trucks we will have available at the Park as well. Tables and chairs will be set up to accommodate the meal and hospitality.

Saturday morning will be our Southeastern Classic Car Show on the 17th fairway at Port Royal. We are limited to 80 cars, thus only one car will be allowed per registration. **Must be registered by October 14th to be eligible to participate in the show.**

Saturday evening, we will be having our SEC Awards Banquet. It will be a very casual event since it will be outside on the lawn at Celebration Park, ending the SE Classic with a traditional Low Country Boil. For those who are not into seafood, barbeque will be available as well. Do I dare say, “Hospitality” again? You are welcome to BYOB. Some refreshments will be provided.

Our SEC event is officially over following the Awards Banquet. However, for those who would like to stay another day and enjoy your tickets to the HHI Concours d’ Elegance on Sunday (included in your registration), the Holiday Inn Express is extending our deeply-discounted room rate of \$159/night to Sunday evening as well.

CAHC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>CAHC Host</u>	<u>Details</u>
August			
4 th -7 th	26th Annual Mountain Trip & Club Meeting	Chuck & Monique Reeves wolfpackqb1@outlook.com	Double Tree Hotel Biltmore Village Asheville, NC
27 th 11:30AM	Quad Club Drive	Bill Walton & Ed Farnell Bill.walton@mac.com	Beavers Den Lake Wateree, SC
September			
10 th	National Ice Cream Social /Club Meeting	Rick Lee writer@comporium.net	Club drive for Ice Cream TBD
19 th – 23 rd	Enclave Austin Healey 70 th Anniversary	Ed Farnell eafarnell@gmail.com	Kalaharie Resorts Pocono Manor, PA
24 th	Autumn in the Mountains	Larry Griswold	https://www.bccwnc.org/autumn-in-the-mountains-car-show/
October			
1 st	Britfest		Myrtle Beach, SC
6 th -9 th	Aiken Polo Event Club Meeting	Clark Moore cdmoore@atlantic.net	CANCELLED
22 nd	EURO 2022		BMW Car Club of America Foundation 190 Manatee Ct., Greer, SC
29 th	Woolly Worm Tour	Triad AHC	Elkin, NC
29 th	British Car Day	Bill Walton Bill.walton@mac.com	Palmetto Islands County Park Charleston, SC
November			
3 rd -6 th	AH Southeastern		Car Club Showcase on Saturday, Concours d'Elegance Sunday Port Royal Golf Club, Hilton Head Island
TBD	Uwharrie Mountain British Car Meet	Ted Sjolander	Higgins Farm in Jackson Creek 2732 Beschler Chapel Road Denton, SC 27239 http://www.ccbas.org/uwharrie-meet.html
TBD	Tryon Rolling Art Show	Rick Lee	Tryon, N.C.
TBD	Carolinas AHC Tech Session & Club Meeting	Bob Bove rbsdiego@carolina.rr.com	5119 Bevington Place Charlotte, NC
December			
10 th	Christmas Party		Camp Cherokee Kings Mountain State Park Blacksburg, SC