

HEALEY HAPPENINGS



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

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

Club Meeting	Feb 20
Club Meeting/Drive	Mar 11
Spring Tune Up	Mar 25
CBC + Tartan Day	Apr 1
The Gathering	Apr 15
Conclave	May 21-25
Southeastern	Sept 21-24

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SAVE THE DATES

February 20, 2023 10:00 AM Club Meeting/Brunch/Guest Speaker Famous Toastery. 1028 Edgewater Corporate Parkway, Indian Land, SC

**March 11, 2023 Club Meeting/Drive 11:00 AM
Chester State Park
759 State Park Drive, Chester, SC**



**March 25, 2023 Spring Tune Up 10:30 AM
Pond View Farm, 440 Langford Road, Blythewood, SC
Under and over car inspection service/lawn croquet/BBQ lunch**

**April 1, 2023 Carolina British Classic XV and Tartan Event
Historic Columbia Speedway
Columbia, SC**

**April 14-16, 2023 The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC
This year the featured Marque is the Austin Healey**

**April 29, 2023 Broad River Classic
Dog Head Farm, Twin Chimney Road, Shelby, NC**

<https://healeyclub.org/>



**September 21-24, 2023 Austin Healey Southeastern Classic XXXVI
Double Tree Inn at Biltmore Village Asheville, NC
REGISTRATION OPENS SOON—Stay Tuned**

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Many thanks to
George Hege,
John Jones,
Howie Lang and
Dana Rindge for
their contribu-
tions to this
month's news-
letter.



Stick around a few years and you might see a couple of Healeys that have been given new life.

Please consider stepping up and contributing an article for the enjoyment of all.

I am having problems with the hyperlinks working when I convert to PDF. If the blue links in the newsletter do not work, please jot down the address and go directly to the site.

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

It is evident that this year is going to be a good one, judging from all of the car shows and events that are popping up around our beautiful Carolinas! Some I have never heard of before. I guess we all have our favorites, including the upcoming British Car Club Midland's Centre's Annual Carolina British Classics Car Show at the Columbia Speedway, on April 1st. That's not an "April Fool's Day" event, but an "April Fun Day" event! (Please see the link in this newsletter.) Of course, it includes the Tartan Day South Festival, which is always entertaining! I am sending off my registration form tomorrow!

Of course, when February arrives, we think of the Super bowl, and all of the great times we have had watching it at John and Ann Jones' house! (Road Kill Stew, snacks, great conversations, Ann's contagious laughter, tasty desserts, checking the "grid" to see who wins the \$ at the next quarter, the halftime shows, etc.) Thank you, John and Ann! We miss you so much, Ann!

When we all get together at the Famous Toastery in Indian Land on Monday, Feb. 20th, we'll review the upcoming events and opportunities, and get opinions on which are the most fun. Come at 10:00 and we'll "kick the tires", as Ed says, and catch up some. One of our newest club members will share with us his experiences during the restoration of his big Healey. I'm sure several of us will be smiling as we remember similar "challenges" we had doing the same.

Many of us are anxious to register for The Gathering at the gorgeous Shelton's Vineyard mid-April. The online registration starts on Feb. 15th. Looks like several of us are planning on making it a multi-day event, as previously mentioned. More to come on that!

There's the NC MG Club's 26th "British Classic Car Show" in Raleigh on May 20th, and the "Cars on Kiawah River" on October 14th, in addition to our already healthy calendar. No shortage of things to do and events to enjoy!



There are many, many hours of work being put into our new web site by Bill Walton. His computer knowledge, wisdom, and skills are really impressive! (Thank you, Bill!) He also is deeply involved in our upcoming "biggie", the Southeastern Classic in Asheville, along with Bob, Ted, Ed, and others. Chuck and Monique's work, and time, is already measured in weeks. I knew, based on his well-planned mountain trips, that Chuck was a great negotiator, visionary, and planner. However, Chuck's writing skills will also be evident when you read about the SEC in the registration form description. Not only will you be ready to register, but you will have a clear picture in your mind of driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway both north and south, dining at the DoubleTree, enjoying the area and the entire event.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and time!

See everyone soon!

Cheers,
George



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Almost one third of our members have not yet renewed their Austin Healey Club dues. Please renew now so you can continue to receive the newsletter and information about our club events and activities.

Club dues were payable by Dec 31, 2022 to cover the upcoming year. A reminder notice has been sent to those not yet renewed. You can click on link (healeyclub.org) and renew online. If any problems or questions contact Membership Chairman, Jack Porter at 864-804-3848 or by email jackannette@bellsouth.net.

We need to keep our club strong and appreciate your help. Let's continue to keep the Carolinas Austin Healey Club one of the largest and most active clubs.

My Healey Connection by George Hege

Many of you will remember my good friend David Enochs, who, over the years, has attended several Healey events with me, including two conclaves and some British Car Day Souths. He lives in Manteo, so making that 7- hour drive is going above board!

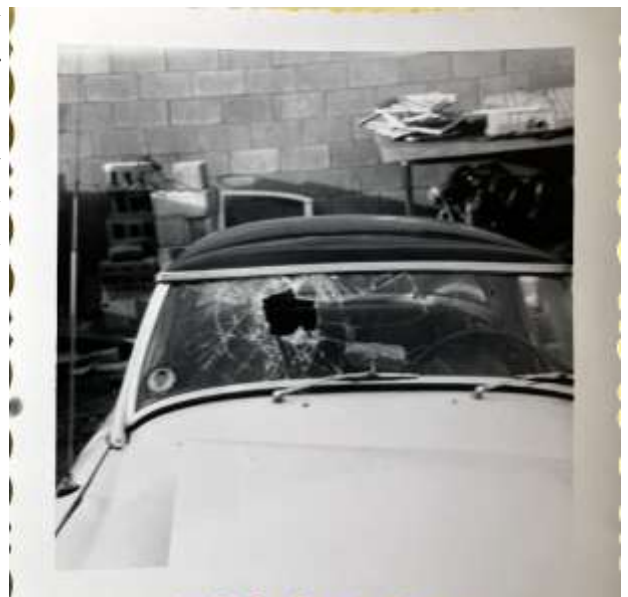
We grew up together in Winston Salem, as his family moved onto our street when we were both 9. His Dad had a white '59 100-6 four-seater, and that connection is why I am in the CAHC today, so I am thankful for that, and him!

In those high school days, Dave would drive the Healey, with me in the passenger seat, and Bill, another neighborhood kid, in the back. Books and musical instruments had to fit where they could. I played the trombone; Dave played the trumpet, and Bill, a flute.

So, we were coming back from school in the Healey, and approached an intersection with no stop sign. As we entered it, a Driver's Ed car drove right in front of us, and we T-Boned it. A direct hit with a pretty strong impact! Of course, in those days, the car didn't even come with seat belts, and we probably wouldn't have worn them if it had.

Dave bent the steering wheel, Bill's head took out the temperature controls, and my head went through the windshield. (Please see the picture.) I was OK, with minor lacerations and some glass imbedded in my noggin. I will admit that when one has an impact like that, and feels blood run down your face, you wonder just how you really are for a minute. We also never figured out how Bill got from the back seats to the temp controls, with the hardtop on, and without hitting the shifter.

We all looked at each other after the impact, and Dave says that my first words were, "I sure am glad my trombone wasn't between my legs!!" Indeed! My voice might be a lot higher than it is now if it had been. It turns out that there wasn't a stop sign at the other street, either, and the driver of the other car was driving for the first time in her life. Thank goodness no one was hurt more than we were!



Tech Talk

by John Jones

Aerosol Carburetor Cleaner

A club member whose name shall remain anonymous, recent decided that his HD8 carburetors were a little dirty and needed to be cleaned. He removed the air filters, dash pots springs and pistons then proceed to generously spray aerosol carburetor cleaner and wipe them down. After he had finished and reassembled everything he had a large gas leak from the rear carburetor. He removed both and brought them to me. After disassembly I found that the diaphragm in the rear carb was nice and clean but torn while the front diaphragm was dirty but in tact. Photos of each are below

Long story short, the aerosol carburetor cleaner had destroyed the Viton diaphragm. While DuPont Viton is much more durability than the original rubber it still has limitations. Aerosol carburetor cleaner is extremely aggressive. In addition to cleaning carbs it will also ruin paint if it gets on it. That is why I don't even have a can of it in my shop. Aerosol brake cleaner is more than sufficient to clean almost anything and it won't harm paint when used in moderation. When you buy make sure that you get non-chlorinated version vs chlorinated. The chlorinated version is very bad for your respiratory system.



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Tech Talk

by John Jones

Hub & Spline Maintenance



I think that I may have written about this previously, but it is worth repeating since I have not been very good at it myself.

I had the wheels off doing some other maintenance and I noticed that it was awfully difficult to get the knockoffs and the wheels off. I looked at the hub splines and threads and the grease was old. You should clean all of the old grease and accumulated dirt and grit from the splines, threads and the tapered areas on the hubs and wheels. It is amazing how much grit accumulates in this old grease and it just acts like sandpaper. Don't forget the tapered areas on the inside and outside of the wheels and the knockoffs.

I use my go to cleaner of aerosol brake cleaner. Then put a very light coat of chassis grease on all areas. Do not goop the grease on or else it will just get slung off all over those pretty wire spokes that you spend so much time cleaning. As I said, don't forget the tapered areas at the inside of the hub and inside and outer of the wheel and the groove around the inside of the knockoff. These are bearing surfaces.



Happy Birthday, CAHC Members!!

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

Send an email to eafarnell@gmail.com.



February 8	Dennis Harris
February 16	Debbie White
February 16	Mike Bond
February 18	Chuck Reeves

March 1	Ric Anderson
March 12	Bob Bender
March 20	Linda Brown
March 22	Ted Sjolander
March 22	Lisa Bond
March 25	Karl Steene

Paul and Bonnie Glendinning
Myrtle Beach,
SC
1964 BJ8



Jack Purkis and Sanja Krajnovic
Mooreville, NC
1959 Bug Eye Sprite

New Member's Future Ride



New member Howie Lang's new project.

1959BT7 purchased from a long time friend.

Photos by Dana Rindge

Some of you have seen Dana's Healey frame sourced from AH Spares during one of our Aiken events.

With the help of a donor frame from Pete Delany and some really nice sheet metal from Kilmartin combined with some skills and patience that most of us do not possess, Dana is making nice progress on the frame for his project Healey BJ8

When the project is finished, he will start transferring parts from his running BJ8 that has some frame rot issues.





EVENTS IN THE WINDSCREEN



CLUB MEETING/DRIVE/PICNIC at Chester State Park. 759 State Park Drive, Chester, SC March 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM

As evidenced by last two years, it could be a nice spring drive or a Polar Bear run. We shall have fun either way.

Caravans from the Charlotte area will leave at 11:00 o'clock sharp from the Harris Teeter at 6271 Carolina Commons Drive, Indian Land, SC and from the Columbia area at 11:00 o'clock sharp from the BP station at Exit 27 on I-77 in Blythewood, SC



EVENTS IN THE WINDSCREEN

CAROLINA BRITISH CARCLASSICS XV

Saturday April 1, 2023

Historic Columbia Speedway, Columbia, South Carolina

To Register www.bccmc.org



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This is a peek at our new Website that is currently being built and should be ready to go live in the month of February 2023. At the planning meeting Bill Walton gave us a review of the site that is still being developed. He has done a ton of work on this over the last month.

Just as soon as the site goes live, you will receive an email blast. Meanwhile don't look for our site as the old one has been pulled down. Please be patient. I believe you will really like the new site.

As soon as we are live, please take the time to go in and register for Southeastern under the far right tab. First up get the best rooms.

CAHC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2023			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>CAHC Host</u>	<u>Details</u>
February			
20 th 10:00 AM	Club meeting	George Hege g_hege@bellsouth.net	Famous Toastery 1028 Edgewater Corporate Pkwy Indian Land, SC
March			
4th-5th	Amelia Island Con- cours D'Elegance		Ritz Carlton 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy, Amelia Is- land, FL 32034 https://www.ameliaconcours.org/
11 th 11:00 AM	Cub Meeting/ Gathering	George Hege g_hege@bellsouth.net	Chester State Park 759 State Park Drive, Chester, SC Bring your picnic and chairs
25 th 10:30AM	Spring Tune Up	Ed Farnell eafarnell@gmail.com	440- Langford Road Blythewood, SC Women's activities & Catered BBQ lunch
April			
1st 9:00AM	Carolina British Clas- sic XIV	Ed Farnell Eafarnell@gmail.com	The Historic Columbia Speedway 2001 Charleston Highway Cayce, SC
TBD	Tri-Club Drive		
14 th -16th	The Gathering Club Meeting	George & Marilyn Hege g_hege@bellsouth.net	Shelton Vineyards Dobson, NC Healey is the featured Marque
TBD	Club Meeting/Drive		
29th	Broad River Classic	Treasure Teague Tgee1@aol.com	Dog Head Farm Shelby, NC
May			
19 th	Club Meeting/Drive	Ed Farnell eafarnell@gmail.com	Landsford Canal State Park Home of the Spider Lilies Picnic Lunch
20th	26 th Annual Triangle British Classic		Hendrick Center for Automotive Excellence of Wake North 6600 Louisburg Road, Raleigh, NC
TBD	Great Scot British Car Show		
21 st -26th	Conclave		Crystal River, Florida
June			
1 st -4 th	Spring Thing Bluegrass AHC		Louisville, KY
TBD	Tri-Club Drive		

17 th	Club Meeting/Drive	Chuck & Monique Reeves Wolpackqb1@outlook.com	White Oak Mountain Catered BBQ lunch
July			
TBD	CluMeeting/ Southeastern Prep		TBD
12 th 11:00 AM	Pool Party/Club Meeting/Ice Cream Social	Bob & Debbie Bove rbsdiego@carolina.rr.com	5119 Bevington Place Charlotte, NC
24 th -26 th	Encounter		Hershey,PA
September			
TBD	National Ice Cream Social		TBD
21 st -24 th	Austin Healey Southeastern XXXVI		Double Tree Hotel Biltmore Village Asheville, NC
October			
7 th	Britfest		Market Commons Myrtle Beach, SC
14 th	Cars at Kiawah River		Kiawah River Johns Island, SC
16 th	Club Meeting		TBD
28 th	British Car Day		Palmetto Islands County Park Charleston, SC
TBD	Woolly Worm Tour	Triad AHC	Elkin, NC
November			
TBD	Tech Session/Club Meeting	Stuart Shepherd	
December			
9 th	Christmas Party		Camp Cherokee Kings Mountain State Park Blacksburg, SC