

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, nor is driving a Healey required to participate in events.

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April 6, 2024 **Carolina British Classic XVI and Tartan Event**
9AM-3PM **Historic Columbia Speedway, 2001 Charleston Hwy,**

April 19-21, 2024 **The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC**
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW Hampton Inn, Dobson 336-353-9400

April 27, 2024 **Broad River Classic**
10:00 AM **Dog Head Farm, Twin Chimney Road, Shelby, NC**

May 4, 2024 **Historic Houses and Revolutionary Park Tour with**
10:30 **lunch in Camden South Carolina**

May 28, 2024 **Triad Club Flynt-Hipwood Memorial Spring Drive**
11:00 **101 Front Street, Elkin, NC**

June 12-14, 2024 **Cooling off trip to West Jefferson with information to**
follow in the next few weeks.

August 1-4, 2024 **Annual Mountain Trip, Waynesville, NC**
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW Oak Park Inn 828-456-5328

September 12-15, 2024 **Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA**
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW Dillard House 706-746-5348

September 15-20, 2024 **CONCLAVE Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI**

October 3-6, 2024 **Britfest Car Show and old timey Beach Trip**

October 31-November 3, 2024 **Southeastern Classic XXXVII**

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EDITOR'S NOTES/

We have a lot going on over the next few months. Come on out and join the fun!!



IF YOU ARE GOING ON THE MOUNTAIN TRIP IN AUGUST YOU SHOULD CALL THE OAK PARK INN. ABOUT HALF OF THE BLOCK HAS BEEN FILLED SO FAR. 828-456-5328

CLUB MEETINGS

For dates, times and places please see our club calendar which will be in each newsletter January through November and on our website www.carolinasahc.com

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 & MUSINGS

Hi Members, wow is this year flying by? It seems just yesterday that we attended our planning meeting for 2024 and now here we are and a quarter of the year elapsed. The quickness is similar to following Jerry Price to an event or rally.

I have spent this last month getting necessary improvements on my cars. I'm still working on getting my tach working on my 3000...so far it has been a mystery, but it is my hope that the third installation may be the one that works! I also found my 3000 dead as a door nail (a phrase from the 1300's) so off I went calling AAA and after testing I got my credit card out and purchased a new battery. Starts right up each time now. My Bugeye seems to be in great shape, but the last trip to the Carolina British Classic in Columbia found me stranded 30 miles north of Columbia just off 77. After two other tow companies said they would pick me up, only to call back in an hour or so and cancel, finally one did call and off I went back to Charlotte after a 5 hour delay. Turns out I had blown a couple of pistons, so some serious work was completed to get the car back on the road. The engine is running great now so I spent some extra money this off season getting my steering wheel refurbished. WOW, does it look sharp. Check it out when you see me at the next couple of events.

Debbie and I also spent the last six weeks correcting damage from a kitchen refrigerator leak. Since our wood floors are continuous throughout the main area, we had to remove all of our furniture and actually stay in a hotel for eight days. Of course, anytime you must do something like this, you always find other items to fix or improve so the process lasts longer that it should have. Our new refrigerator and built in family room wall cabinets will likely not be done before the end of June...so we will be in flux for some time. We will be finished in time for our annual pool party on Saturday, August 24 just after our quarterly business meeting at Johns Family Restaurant.

Ed



and Kitty Farnell rolled out their outstanding hospitality at our first Tech Session held in Ed's garage. Twenty five members were present for this event and those that drove their LBC earned points for our yearlong Car's of the year award. While some of us gazed in wonderment at John Jone's expertise in getting the heat out of your Healey, Kitty hosted others in her beautiful house, where I'm told many good stories were shared. Speaking of sharing, the Farnells had arranged a great BBQ lunch for all after the sessions. Thanks again to Ed and Kitty for hosting. We had a blast and the food was great.

Finally, I have updated member's points YTD. Be sure to check our where you stand but I'm sure the balance of events in April will shake up the leader board quickly. We hope to see you at many events so check out our calendar at the end of this newsletter and bring your LBC too.

Happy Travels,

Bob Bove

PS: How many of you got the correct answer to the Car Trivia question? Aston Martin

Car Trivia: As of 2018, there are approximately 35 active British car manufacturers. Approximately how many manufacturers are now defunct?

2024 Car of the Year Award Standings

To recognize club members who participate with their LBC, our club will keep track of points earned for various activities, events, meetings, tech sessions, editorial contributions, etc. You must drive your LBC to earn full points, however, you will receive half points in you attend without driving your LBC.. The top three members will receive special recognition at our annual Christmas party...prizes TBD. Our events calendar will highlight in red, sanctioned events that will earn points. These events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder of points.

Events need not be listed in our event schedule to earn points. Simply provide a picture of your LBC at the event, entrance fee receipt and provide a write up to our newsletter editor for inclusion in our monthly newsletter. The participant is also responsible for providing proof to the recorder of points (me), 704-904 7391 – bobbove50@gmail.com within 30 days of the event. These events may include car and coffee meetings, non-British events, etc.

CAHC Meetings and Tech Sessions – 4 pts

CAHC Driving, Sanctioned and Party events – 6 pts

CAHC Mountain Trip – 8 pts

Southeastern Classic – 8 pts

British driving events – 3 pts

Non-British events (newsletter written report with pictures) – 3 pts

Tech articles and/or written newsletter articles provided to editor – 3 pts

Host tech, drive or event – 3 extra pts

Current Standings as of 3/31/24

Member	Points
Farnell	13
Lunney	13
Jones	11
Hege	10
Walton	10
McIntyre	8
Porter	8
Sjolander	8
Hemphill	4
Allen	4
Anderson	4
Lang	4
Schowalter	4
McCoin	4
Price	4
Roberts	4
Delaney	4
Teague	4
Bove	4
Shepard	4
Moore	4
Gibeaut	4

Rick Lee receives the Order of the Palmetto

Congratulations to our Carolinas Austin-Healey Club member, past president and current delegate Rick Lee. The Governor of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, awarded Rick the highest honor that can be awarded to a South Carolina civilian, The Order of the Palmetto. The long list of the achievements was read by the Governor on March 26th at the Capitol before friends and family. The Carolinas Austin-Healey Club was represented at the ceremony by Bill Walton, Debbie White, Charlie and Peggy Grobusky who attended the award ceremony.





Happy Birthday, CAHC Members!!

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

Send an email to eafarnell@gmail.com

April 5	John Jones
April 8	Alan Teague
April 12	Wright Bagby
April 15	Betty Bender
April 20	Phyllis Allen
April 26	Dennis Maurer

May 5	Roger Dahnert
May 8	Webb Rice
May 26	Mary Shepherd

EVENT IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR SPRING TUNE UP (Tech Session)

MARCH 16, 2024



John Jones demonstrates where all heat can enter the cabin and some easy and not too expensive fixes. From talking to Kool Mat every little bit helps.



Bottom Left: Believe it or not heat can get into Oldsmobiles too.





Despite some earlier predictions, the weather was great. The pollen was yellow and the BBQ was delicious.

Only one member wanted to put his car on the lift for a peek under. Everyone else agreed that their car looked pretty much the same, but probably not as clean.



CAROLINA BRITISH CARCLASSICS XVI

Saturday April 6, 2024

Historic Columbia Speedway, Columbia, South Carolina



To Register bccmc.com

Show field opens at 9:00 AM





This is an event that always brings a smile to my face, for it is always fun! What a wonderful opportunity to join with friends and catch up, with great drives, tasty food, and an awesome car show, at a beautiful venue! Since it is so much fun, several of us have made it a weekend-long event, going to Dobson Friday morning, and staying at one of the Hampton Inns either there, on site, or in Mt. Airy.

If you would like to caravan there on Friday morning, please join us at 10:00 at the QT at Exit 28, which is the Catawba Avenue/Lake Norman exit off of I-77 North. Take a right at the end of the exit ramp, and you will see the QT across from the SECU Credit Union. For those who have made this trip for many years, you will recall that this is the location where the old Acropolis Restaurant used to be, and is where we used to meet. (That should bring back a memory!) **It's a little more than an hour to Shelton's Vineyard, where we can register at the Hampton Inn there, and sign up for a mountain drive that afternoon. There's pizza that night at the Hampton to encourage folks to check out the auction at 7:00.**

Of course, Saturday is the awesome car show, with Jaguar as the featured **marque! It's always fun for our club to gather near our Healeys** and have lunch together. They will have food trucks and the Harvest Grill Express available for lunch sources.

Please come have fun with us! Hope to see you there!!

-George and Marilyn Hege

To register go to: triumphclub.org/wordpress/the-gathering/

ALWAYS A FUN LAID BACK EVENT



Save the Date!
Saturday, April 27, 2024

2024 Broad River Classic

Presented by The Broad River European Motor Club

Dog Head Farm, Twin Chimney Rd., Shelby, NC (Near Shelby Airport)
9:00 am - 2:00ish pm
Food Truck will be on-site



Proceeds to benefit local children's charities.
For more information, please call Jim Morgan (704) 472-8759

To Register go to:

<https://www.broadriveremc.com/index.php/broadriverclassic>

May 4, 2024

Club Drive to Historic Camden, SC

Take a trip back to the 19th century in the oldest inland city in South Carolina. The city is rich in history dating back to the Revolutionary War period when the British won one of the most decisive battles of the war. We will tour the Revolutionary War Park and learn about the bodies of 14 soldiers that were recently unearthed and given a proper burial with full military honors. Despite Camden's history I have been assured that British cars are now more than welcome.



We will meet at the Steeple Chase Museum for coffee and donuts before proceeding to the park. After touring the park we will have lunch at a local restaurant then proceed on a driving tour of eighteenth and nineteenth century historic homes throughout the city including Kamschatka that was William F. Buckley's family home.. We have arranged a photo op and personal tour of a private home built in 1860 and pictured below that sits on 3 acres in downtown Camden. We will most likely end our day at a local ice cream shop to cool off for the return trip home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS FUN AND INFORMATIVE DRIVING EXPERIENCE.

For you history buffs, go to the website below to read the very interesting history of the home we will tour. I believe you will find it quite fascinating.

Simply Google Hobkirk Inn history Camden, SC then click on the Roots and Recall "Flat Pine" c. 1860 web site.



The Flynt-Hipwood Memorial Spring Drive

MAY 18TH 2024

Start: Corner of Main st and
Front st (Downtown Elkin NC) Ends at: Speedy Chef (Elkin NC)

Can start arriving at 10am

Drivers meeting @12:30pm

(Cars out at 1pm)

Cost: \$10 per car

(You will purchase your own
lunch at the end

Questions, etc Contact Margie
at m020468@yahoo.com

Join us for a beautiful scenic
drive in memory of Marcus
Flynt and Richard Hipwood
thru the back roads of the
Blueridge Mountains and
end at our towns popular
restaurant Speedy Chef for
lunch and fellowship with
other car enthusiasts like
yourselves.....



June 12-14,2024 Trip to West Jefferson, NC hosted by John Jones

Expect an email within a couple of weeks with all the details. [Mark you calendars now](#)



Laid back trip with views galore, beautiful drives, dedicated motel, private dinner at the Inn, BBQ at a beautiful private home, toes and entire body in the New River if desired. Best of all good times with your Healey family.





Time & Location

Sep 12, 2024, 2:00 PM – Sep 15, 2024, 2:00 PM
Dillard House, Dillard House Ln, Dillard, GA 30537, USA

About the event

All marques of British cars and motorcycles are invited to participate. Self-driving tours, guided tours, wine tours, local arts & crafts, silent auction, great food and fellowship. Registration not yet open.

More information will be coming soon. Registration should be available in mid April. Our drive that will take us through Gorges State Park, Sapphire, NC and a possible stay in the Franklin, NC area is still in the planning stages.

If you are planning to attend it would be wise to make reservations at the Dillard House NOW for Friday and Saturday nights.

Tech Tip

by our modern day Sir Johnny (Jones)



A New Idea for Cold Cranking Your Healey

I am a regular reader of the AHExp forums and recently there was a question from a new Healey owner on how he should set the choke when cranking when the engine was cold. There were quite a few suggestions but the one that I had never heard before was given by Peter Carbone of Watertown NY. Peter is a regular contributor to the forum with good comments. He and I have traded comments several times and I respect his comments. Read his post then read my comments afterwards.

This is how I start my car from cold after sitting in a cold garage all winter:

Put the car in Neutral and keep your foot off the clutch.

Pull the Choke out and crank the engine 2-3 times while flooring the throttle, then Stop.

This is what I call "Priming the Engine".

You "charge the cylinders" with fuel which then evaporates creating a gas which then explodes as soon as you start cranking it over again.

Wait about 10-20 seconds then pull out the choke and crank it over, it should fire right off.

If it doesn't fire then re-prime it and wait again a few seconds.

DO NOT KEEP CRANKING ON THE STARTER!! You will only flood the engine and add premature wear to the starter.

This all relates to the Points, Spark Plugs and Timing being in good order.

I've had my car for 52 years and it ALWAYS STARTS IN THE SPRING.

The morning after I read his post I had to crank my car to head out to the Tech Session at Ed's. My car has always been a chore to fire off, even more than most Healeys. I contributed this to the Tri Carb setup because I found the same problem with several other Tri Carbs that I have worked on. I tried his suggestion and all that I did was pull the choke, hold the accelerator to the floor and hit the starter. It fired off probably in less than one revolution and sat there idling like a champ. I have done this again two or three time since with the same results.

After thinking about it for just a little it makes perfect sense. Unlike American carburetors SU's do not have an accelerator pump so the only way to get additional gas into the combustion chamber to create a rich charge for the initial start is to pull the choke out which drops the jet down allowing additional gas to be sucked out when intake air passes over it. With your foot off of the accelerator very little air passes over the jet which means you have to crank a lot to get the required gas. If you hold the accelerator open then much more air passes over the jet pulling the required gas out much quicker.

I will always use this method from now on.

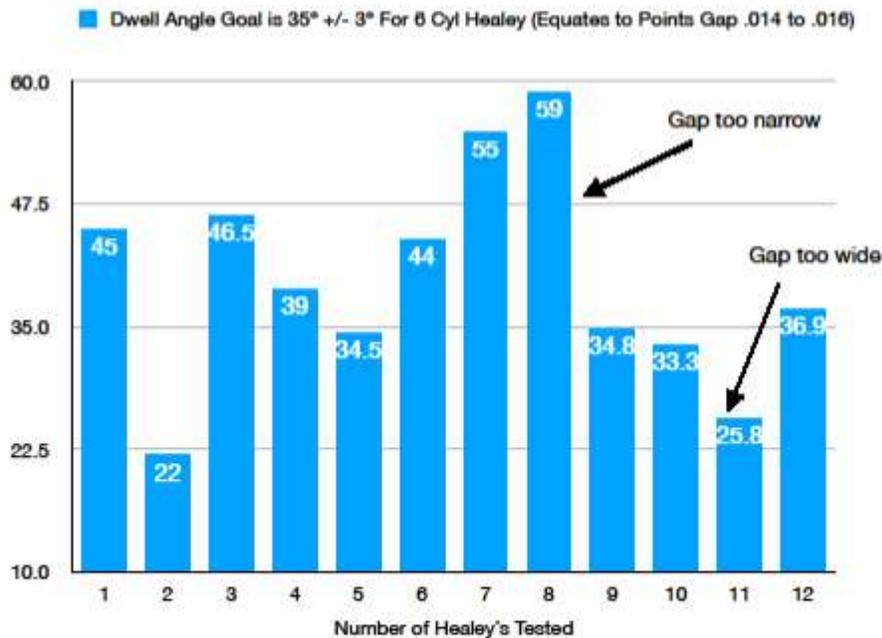
Tips to Maintain Correct Ignition Points Gap

(See last month's newsletter for implications of incorrect Ignition Points Gap)

by Bill Walton (Email if any questions at bwalton1451@gmail.com)

1. Carry a Dwell Meter with you (For example, a **Bosh FIX7677**)
2. Check points gap with Dwell Meter once a year, and before a long trip
3. Check that the points plate is secure
4. Carry a set of points AND condenser, or better, pack a fully assembled points plate
5. When installing new points, set gap on the wide side of the range (.016 to .017) as the initial gap will reduce as the rubbing block wears down
6. After installing new points, re-check gap (with a Dwell Meter) after about 500 miles
7. Check points gap (with a Dwell Meter), before setting timing

The chart below shows Dwell Angle (ignition points gap) results of 12 club members big Healeys. The last 3 were obtained at the Spring Tuneup on March 16th.





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1959 AUSTIN-HEALEY SPRITE (BUGEYE)

Solid driver with later model 1098cc motor (10cc -D-H 39089), later rib case trans, new clutch & throw out bearing, new timing chain & sprockets, excellent exhaust system. Body is solid with luggage rack, Monza flip open gas cap, driving lights, 2 steering wheels (original & Aftermarket). Excellent Top, tonneau cover, side curtains, Wind Wings. New Hardura Tunnel and Rear Cargo area coverings, New

Seats, Dash Covering, Side Kick Panels and Door Panels, Aluminum Cross Member coverings. New Wire Wheels, New Front Lever Shocks, New SPAX Adjustable Rear Shocks. New Fuel Tank & Sending Unit, Solid State Electric Fuel Pump. Excellent 1 ¼ inch SU Carbs

Rebuilt Front Disc Brakes, Rebuilt Rear Drum Brakes. New Twin 7/8 Bore Master Cylinder, Clutch Slave Cylinder, All Wheel Brake Cylinders, All Flexible Brake Lines.

New factory cloth covered wiring harness with correct color coded wires. New wiper motor and drive system, excellent negative ground generator, retro sound radio w/ USB, bluetooth, all gauges fully functional including horn, wipers, heater, correct Sprite ignition and lighting switch with 2 keys. \$15,300 in Punta Gorda, FL. Contact Sharyn at 908-210-4818 or captainsharyntaylor@aol.com.

SERVICES OFFERED

By Ian Gail

Do you need vintage Lucas or Cibie spotlights, Smiths or Lucas gauges, a stopwatch panel or a variety of racing and rally equipment, etc. Please check my eBay store at www.sheridangailinc.com.

REGALIA FOR SALE



A few special, limited edition Southeastern, Case Trapper knives remain for sale.

Only 50 of these exist making them a great collectable. They come in the original box along with a special drawstring bag

To purchase go to our website: carolinasahc.com Under the SE Classic tab and look under Regalia Store.

CAHC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2024			
Date	Event	CAHC Host	Details
FEBRUARY			
24 th 11:00	Club Meeting	Bob Bove Bobbove50@gmail.com	John's Family Restaurant 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC
MARCH			
1 st -2 nd	Amelia Island Con- cours D'Elegance		Ritz Calton 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy Amelia Island, FL
14 th - 16 th	35 Annual Run to the Sun Auto Show		Former Myrtle Square Mall 2501 North Kings Highway Myrtle Beach, SC
16 th 10:30	Spring Tune Up	Ed Farnell mailto:eafarnell@gmail.com	440 Langford Road Blythewood, SC Women's Activities & BBQ Lunch
APRIL			
6 th 9:00AM	Carolina British Classic XIV	Ed Farnell mailto:eafarnell@gmail.com	The Historic Columbia Speedway 2001 Charleston Hwy, Cayce, SC
19 th -21 st	The Gathering Club Meeting	George Hege mailto:g_hege@bellsouth.net	Shelton Vineyards Dobson, NC Hampton Inn 336-353-9400
27 th 10 AM	Broad River Classic		Dog Head Farm off Sam Latimore Road Shelby, NC
MAY			
4 th	Club Drive 10:00 AM	Ed Farnell mailto:eafarnell@gmail.com	Historic House tour and Revolu- tionary War Park tour with lunch in Camden, SC
16 th -19 th	Springthing	Bluegrass AHC mike@mjsfasworkshop.com	TBD Kentucky
18 th 11:00	Triad AHC Flynt-Hipwood Me- morial Spring Drive	Margie Steele M020468@yahoo.com	Meet at 101 Front Street Elkin, NC
25 th 11:00	Club Meeting	Bob Bove Bobbove50@gmail.com	John's Family Restaurant 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC

June			
1 st 9:00 AM	Cape Fear British Car Show & Port City Highland Games	https://www.bmccf.org/events/ car-show-2/	3600 Burnt Mill Road Wilmington, NC
12 th - 14 th	Club Drive	John Jones NaDaDawgRacing@yahoo.com	Trip to West Jefferson, NC Details to follow
JULY			
20 th	Club Drive and Picnic	Charles Roberts Croberts8930@gmail.com	BBQ at Roberts Farm & Renovated Cabin, Midland, NC
AUGUST			
1 st -4 th	Mountain Trip	Chuck Reeves mailto:Wolfpackqb1@outlook.co m	Oak Park Inn 828-456-5328 Waynesville, NC
24 th 11:00 AM	Club Meeting/Pool Party/Ice Cream Social	Bob Bove Bobbove50@gmail.com	John's Family Restaurant 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC & 5119 Beving- ton Place, Charlotte, NC
SEPTEMBER			
12 th - 15 th	Southeast British Car Festival	Chuck Reeves mailto:Wolfpackqb1@outlook.co m https://peachtreemg.com/Dillard- 2024	Trip to Car Festival with stop off at Gorges State Park, Sap- phire, NC Details to Follow
15 th - 18 th	Encounter		Ocean City, NJ
15 th - 20 th	Conclave		Road America Elkhart Lake, WI
21 st	Autumn in the Mountains	Larry Griswold larrygris@gmail.com	http://bccwnc.org/ Mills River, NC
OCTOBER			
3 rd -6 th	Britfest & Beach Trip	Bill Walton mailto:Bill.walton@mac.com https:// grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/	Market Commons Myrtle Beach, SC Details to Follow
31 st - Nov 3 rd	Southeastern Clas- sic XXXVII	Triad AHC Ahendrix1551@gmail.com	Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC Hampton Inn 336-353-9400

NOVEMBER			
16th	Club Drive	Rick Lee writer@comporium.net Ed Farnell mailto:eafarnell@gmail.com	Events in Kershaw and/or Camden, SC TBD
23 th 11:00 AM	Club Meeting	Bob Bove Bobbove50@gmail.com	John's Family Restaurant 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, Nc
DECEMBER			
14th 11:00 AM	Annual Christmas Party	Bob Bove Bobbove50@gmail.com	Camp Cherokee, Camp Cherokee Road Kings Mountain State Park Blacksburg, SC

NOTE: See out CAHC website for information about each event. Many times there is even more information including a Google map with directions to the event. Many thanks to the members who volunteer to host events.