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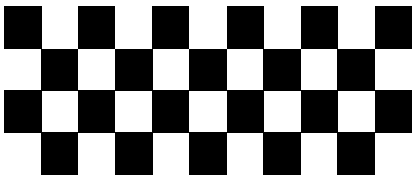
## PLANNED ACTIVITIES

<b>June</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>British Car Day—Lilypons Water Garden</b>	<a href="http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com">www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com</a> <b>Allan Feldman</b>
	<b>8-10</b>	<b>VIR Gold Cup Races</b>	<a href="http://www.virclub.com">www.virclub.com</a>
	<b>10</b>	<b>British Motorcar Gathering</b>	<a href="http://www.keystonemg.com">www.keystonemg.com</a>
	<b>10</b>	<b>Mason-Dixon Trials Rallye</b>	<a href="http://www.lancomgclub.com">www.lancomgclub.com</a>
	<b>24/29</b>	<b>Conclave—Burlington</b>	<a href="http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com">www.austinhealeyconclave.com</a> <b>Jack White</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>British Invade Gettysburg</b>	<a href="http://www.lancomgclub.com">www.lancomgclub.com</a> .big
		<b>Day drive? Need a volunteer</b>	
	<b>14-15</b>	<b>Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix</b>	<a href="http://www.pittsburghvintagegrandprix.com">www.pittsburghvintagegrandprix.com</a>
<b>August</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Tech session</b>	<b>Tim Flaherty</b>
	<b>8-12</b>	<b>AH Sports &amp; Touring Club Encounter</b>	<a href="http://www.austin-healey-stc.org">www.austin-healey-stc.org</a>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Shepardstown-drive, lunch, ice cream social</b>	<b>Eddie Bunch</b>
<b>Sep</b>		<b>Day drive? Need a volunteer</b>	
	<b>8</b>	<b>Brits By the Bay</b>	<a href="http://www.tracld.org">www.tracld.org</a>
	<b>16</b>	<b>David &amp; Goliath Meet</b>	<a href="mailto:Bill&amp;PattiNalley@bayserve.net">Bill &amp; Patti Nalley nalsafe@bayserve.net</a>
	<b>23</b>	<b>Meeting of the Marques Car Shaw</b>	<a href="http://www.swscc.org">www.swscc.org</a>
	<b>29</b>	<b>MGs on the Rocks</b>	<a href="http://www.mgsofbaltimore.com">www.mgsofbaltimore.com</a>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>3-7</b>	<b>Fall Carlisle</b>	<a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com">www.carsatcarlisle.com</a>
	<b>5-7</b>	<b>British Car Festival Waynesboro, Va</b>	<a href="http://www.svbcc.net">www.svbcc.net</a>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Hunt Country Classic</b>	<b>Mary Oritt</b> <a href="http://www.mgcarclubdc.com">www.mgcarclubdc.com</a>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Rockville Antique &amp; Classic Car Show</b>	<b>Allan Feldman</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Healey "Make a Wish" Charity Tour</b>	<b>Ralf Berthiez</b>

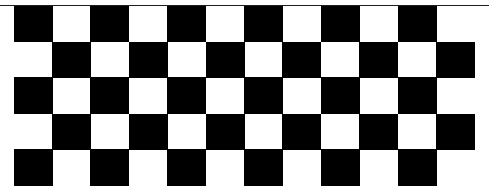
## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

I don't usually write anything, but I do have to make one comment on the activities. If you will note, there is a large schedule of events—with only three that are CAAHC events. There is an obvious absence of day drives. It seems that all we do is go to Car Shows put on by other clubs. We don't seem to do much on our own. Last year, we had at least one CLUB event a month. I hope this is not a trend. I thought we got our Healeys to "drive" them.

Anyway, just a comment from a "passenger".



# INFORMATION PAGE



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Hello boys & girls: Let's get these Beauties ready for the Big Show in Vermont. It is coming VERY soon. Here it is June already and we are just into our "fun time"; If we could only have a few more club members to participate and take the lead on new activities. The month of June went by without one club drive; now that's not good. Hopefully, we can use the Southeastern Classic in Little Switzerland, NC as our Classic this year. Let's try to get behind that.*

*Look forward to seeing those of you who are going to Conclave.*

*Happy Healying!*

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

*Sorry about the delay in getting this newsletter out. Busy time for us these past few weeks.*

*Isabelle*

## REGALIA INVENTORY

- Hats — 12
- Henley Shirts—4
- Polo Shirts—7
  - Yellow 4
  - Birch 3
- Mock Turtlenecks—10
  - White
- Sweatshirts—Red —6
- Baseball Shirt—7
- Windbreaker—2
- Grill Badges—6
- Lid Latches—197
  - Black
  - Black & Red

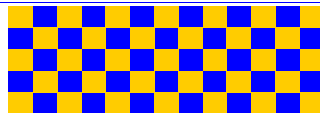
**SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS  
SOME ITEMS ON SALE**

## OLD REGALIA ITEMS

- Yellow t-shirts (Williamsburg classic) 2
- Polo Shirts —gray 2
- Sweatshirts — white 3M
- Lapel Pins (Conclave 2003) 8
- Conclave Bags 14

## NEW SHIRTS

- Mens M, L, XL, XXL Royal \$42
- Mens Vests M,L, XL, XXL, Blk \$45
- Womens Polo -royal blue
  - S,M,L,XL (Ashworth) \$42
  - Sleeveless-light blue
    - M,L,XL \$30
  - Sleeveless-royal blue
    - S,M,L,XL \$30
  - Polo (Sport Haley) \$32



## POINTS STANDING

Watch this section for up-to-date standings.

## MILEAGE TO DATE



Maybe we can send in our miles to Mike, so he can give us a mid-season standing.

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## FYI—LIVING HISTORY PARADE IN WARRENTON, VA

Heidi Burke here, we spoke last year on having the Austin Healey Club attend our Living History parade in Warrenton. Last year was extremely short notice and yet we still were graced by Mr. Turner's Healey. We would love for you to send this out to your members again. I have attached the registration form below. If you have more questions please let me know. I did take a peak at your calender and all I saw was the rally in AL, I am hoping not all attend.

I am in charge of the parade this year and want to get as much involvement as possible. You will see on the form under description I really want to give as much to the announcer as possible, so the crowd understands clearly what they are viewing. If your organization has a banner and you want that there as well we can work that out.

The parade is moved up this year to 11AM that should help with over heating. ( I did the antique auto circuit for too many years.)

**The date is Saturday the 29th of September.** We really look forward to your attendance.

***FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING***

### **Duties Of Event Coordinator**

**The Event Coordinator is the key to good participation by the Members in an event. Some of the responsibilities the Coordinator may include:**

- 1. Publicize the event by sending emails to the email list reminding all of the event, time, place, any special instructions, encourage registration, forward forms, etc.**
- 2. Coordinate directly with sponsors of the event (e.g., the Triumph Club for Britain on the Green, etc) to get information about the event; offer assistance to sponsor.**
- 3. As necessary, guide Club members and their Healeys to the designated show area for our cars.**
- 4. Provide liaison with event sponsor before, during and after the event.**

### ***A note from Healey Surgeons***



Some 10 or more years ago, a former customer's BJ8 was stolen. While cleaning his garage recently, he came across a bunch of parts he purchased from us and from Moss. He brought them into our shop to see if we would be interested in buying them.

Since I couldn't offer any warranty on these parts, I couldn't very well put them into stock and sell them as new. So I offered to set them aside and if anyone is interested in the parts, they can buy them at maybe 50% off the list price? Or make offer?

The parts he brought: bumper overriders, fender spears, trunk hinges, a lamp bulb body, a fuel pump (positive ground), headlight to body gasket, radiator hoses.

## **NOTES FROM OUR DELEGATE**

As you know the Delegates meet at Conclave and I plan to be there to represent CAAHC. Though it is not a very long meeting as opposed to the November one (a few hours versus two days) there are two matters that I feel should be brought to the attention of our membership so that I can represent our members' feelings versus simply my own judgment:

1. The first is a proposal to amend the CAAHC Bylaws to redefine what constitutes a quorum for purpose of the Delegates being able to do business.

A bit of background: Currently the Bylaws define a quorum as 50% plus one of all AHCA Area Clubs. That means that if there are 48 clubs then 25 would have to be present either in person or by prearranged proxy in order for the Delegates to conduct business. Though there has not to my knowledge been an instance where a quorum was not constituted at the beginning of a meeting there have apparently been some "close calls" and during the meeting at Conclave 2006 when someone walked out and the quorum requirement was lost a matter that was up for vote had to be tabled.

Various ideas have been put forth and I am quoting below the portion of the minutes of the November 2006 Delegates meeting which summarizes solutions and the present posture of amending the pertinent Bylaw:

### ***"Quorum Concerns***

***Carl Brown summarized the discussion of this group, which identified five potential ways to address this problem.***

***the "House of Representatives" approach: consider that a quorum is met when over 50% of the Club's membership is represented***

***the "change percentage" approach: revise the by-laws to reflect that a quorum is met when less than 50% of the delegates are in attendance (the lower number would have to be determined)***

***the "good standing" approach: define a "good standing" threshold, and representation by those clubs in good standing would constitute a quorum***

***the "proxy substitute" approach: authorize proxy(ies) to count toward a quorum, if said proxy(ies) is from a club whose by-laws required reports have been submitted***

***the "attendance count" approach: define a quorum as the number of delegates present, having properly advertised the date and time of the meeting***

***The focus group recommended adoption of #5 above, with the "proper advertisement" to consist of a 90-day notice appearing in Healey Marque (including suggested agenda topics) and a second notice via direct email.***

***John Trifari moved, and Treasure Teague seconded, a motion that the above recommendation (#5 and the following description of "proper advertisement") be approved at this meeting as the first reading of a proposed by-laws change. The motion was passed with only one vote in opposition."***

For the record I was the "one" vote of opposition, my feeling being that if AHCA is to be a National Club then it must encourage versus discourage attendance by its constituent chapters and merely lowering the standard does not address the problem. If enough Delegates are not attending (or for financial reasons cannot attend) meetings in order to constitute a quorum then perhaps this indicates a larger problem. I suggested that we instead seek to involve the non-participating chapters whether via proxies, financial aid from either AHCA or other chapters to help them send a delegate to the meetings, etc. etc.

This matter is up for second reading at Conclave and if approved again will become "The Law". I would like input from our members as to what their feelings are so that I may be guided by something other than my own intuition--apparently I was out of step with the vast majority of Delegates but that was, and still remains, my personal feelings. I think a club--any club--needs to be INCLUSIVE versus exclusive and should do everything to encourage versus discourage member participation.

2. The second matter that will no doubt come up will be what to do about late/damaged delivery of "Healey Marque" magazine. Here is the discussion that was had:

### ***Polybagging the Marque***

***There have been recent increases in complaints of damage to the Marque during distribution. The cost to polybag the magazine is estimated at \$5,246 for all issues to all members.***

***Jim Richmond moved, and Roger Hamel seconded, that the Club begin polybagging the Marque in 2007.***

***Gary Brierton asked if this would delay distribution. The answer was yes, probably by about 2-3 days. Mike Williams asked if the cost could be offset through increased advertising or increasing the advertising rates. The answer was "maybe." There was some discussion of advertising that could be slipped into the bag rather than inserted in the magazine. This could provide increased revenue to cover the additional cost.***

***Greg Lauser asked if there is a tabulation of complaints. Mike Schneider answered that he receives approximately 3-4 per month, and that many came up after the Marque article about what to do when the magazine arrives in damaged condition.***

*Roger Hamel said he gets polybagging in Canada, with no label.*

*Michael Oritt indicated polybagging could produce a larger number of complaints regarding delayed delivery time, rather than the magazine's condition. He felt we should not impede the delivery.*

*Lenard Thomas suggested exploring funding sources before choosing to polybag.*

*Jim's motion to begin polybagging in 2007 failed with only three yes votes.*

*Thereafter, Mike Williams moved, and Gary Brierton seconded, a motion instructing officers to do more research on ways to offset the increased cost for polybagging. This motion passed.*

The question comes down to whether people are willing to pay another \$2.00 or so a year of membership fees in order to underwrite the polybagging cost. BTW I consistently get my HM late though in fine condition. I do not keep my HM's any kind of collection and am not overly concerned with whether the pages may have become ruffled at the Post Office. In any case this is going to come up and I would like to know our member's feelings.

I don't know how you want to communicate these issues to our club but I would appreciate your putting them before our members--I don't know if we are having a meeting at BCD and/or whether you simply want to use email in which case please feel free to cc this email and attachment. In any case I feel that as a Delegate I should be representing our members' (versus simply my own) views on matters.

In case anyone is interested the minutes of the entire November meeting are attached to this email. You may wish to include this file with your email or use it in the Newsletter or distribute it at the meeting or whatever.

Best--Michael

***BRITISH CAR DAY AT LILYPONS WATER GARDENS  
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2007***

**Our activities chairman, Michael Oritt has suggested that I write a report about yesterdays rain held British Car Day at Lilypons Water Gardens in Adamstown MD. It was their 30 Anniversary Meeting with special T shirts and a poster available.**

**Unfortunately what would have been a glorious celebration of British Cars turned out to be a sparsely attended wet one. The program listed 282 pre-registered cars with 6 Sprites and 13 Big Healeys. I did see one lonely Jensen Healey in another part of the field. This was just the pre-registered so we would have had a great turn out with drive up registrations if not for the precipitation.**

**On hand with our cars were Dan Healey and his brother Ed with two Big Healeys, Anil and Shanthi Fatterpaker, Dean Slaughter, hopefully a new member, and Marian and myself. Melody Cooke and Sue and Dean also were there but without their car.**

**As is evident from Melody's earlier posted pictures of the events, there was plenty of room if only more cars would have shown up. The rain was not a torrential downpour but rather a on again off again slow steady light rain. At some points it was not even necessary to use an umbrella. We all ate our lunches under Dan's tent so we had a nice friendly gathering.**

**I am not sure who won what. Starting this year, to cut down on the cost of shipping trophies, the organizers stipulated that winners must be present to win their trophies. I'm sure that they must have plenty of trophies left over as many classes on the field did not even have one car present.**

**As I said earlier in a message, it is always sad when organizers, especially John Tokar and Lin Snider put forth so much effort into an event and then it is wiped out because of the weather. That is the nature of our hobby though. Like Charlie Baldwin said this was to be a special event because of their 30 years producing this, the longest of any British Car Day in the country.**

**Allen Feldman**

**SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC XXI**  
**SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2007**

Hello to all of the Capital Area AHC Officers,

On behalf of the Triad Austin Healey Club, I want to invite you and your members to join us at the 'Southeastern Classic XXI' on September 13 -16, 2007 in Little Switzerland, North Carolina.

This year, this event is being hosted by the Triad Austin Healey Club of the Greensboro, High Point, Winston Salem area of North Carolina. We have already laid the groundwork for this special weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains!

Reservations at the Little Switzerland Inn being booked and I can see many of our club members spending some extra cash to prepare their cars for the Car Show to take place on the grounds of the Inn. The Inn is located on the directly on the Blue Ridge Parkway. With the leaves changing color and the dry cooler air, I expect to enjoy some excellent drive time on the Parkway. Definitely bring you camera.

Please find the attachment of the Registration Form for the Southeastern Classic XXI.

You will find additional information included to guide you to accommodations in the area.

We at the TAHC look forward to seeing our longtime friends.

Personally, I look forward to meeting you for the first time.

See you in September!

Regards,