

HEALEY HIGH ROADS

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MONTHLY MEETING MOVES TO GUAPO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT SUNDAY MARCH 16TH AT 5:00 PM

If you go back to Ches-
sie's next Monday for
the Monthly Meeting
you won't see any fa-
miliar faces (except
perhaps the waitress.)
Here's why:

In keeping with our policy of rotating our Monthly Meeting sites around the Beltway we

are moving to a new Venue, and we're also changing the DAY and TIME of the meeting.

Beginning this month we will be meeting at Guapo's Mexican Restaurant, 8130 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD, (301)

656-0888. *Our meet-*
ings will now be held
on Sunday at 5:00 PM
to suit those who have
been asking for this
change.'

There's plenty of parking behind the Restaurant in the covered lot—come in the back door and meet and eat! See ya there.

LOCAL BRITISH CAR EVENTS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

If you haven't yet gotten your Healey out of garage and in show trim, it's time to do so. Punxsatawny Phil's prognostications notwithstanding, it looks like we've seen the last of winter, and the Spring Show Season is rapidly approaching.

The weekend of May 3-4th offers two Shows: The Lewes, DE. Chamber of Commerce Show on Saturday the 3rd takes place at Blockhouse Pond Park.

Call (302) 645-8073 or email Inquiry@leweschamber.com for complete information. The 2003 Featured Marque is MGA.

On Sunday, May 4th the Capital Triumph Register will be putting on their annual "Britain On The Green" show—this year the venue will be the Collingwood Mansion on the Potomac in nearby Alexandria. Contact Charlie Brown at (703) 339-5871 or go to the CTR's web-

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16—5:00 PM:
Monthly Meeting at Guapo's
8130 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD (301) 656-0888

April 19—5:00 PM
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8130 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD (301) 656-0888

May 4—All Day
"Britain On The Green"
Capital Triumph Register
www.capitaltriumphregister.com/

June 1—All day
British Car Week picnic
St. Leonard, MD
www.chesapeake.net/~oritt/

June 25th through July 1st
AHCA Conclave in DC
Tyson's Corner's , VA
www.capitalhealeys.org

site at www.capitaltriumphregister.com
for complete information.

May 12-15 is **Sprite Spree** in Cumberland, PA. Contact CAAHC member Biff Jones (410) 437-2951 or email him at biffjones@erols.com or go to the website at www.justbrits.com/spreefront.html.

*And don't forget the June 1st
British Car Week Rallye/Picnic
At the Oritts and our CON-
CLAVE later in June. Both of
these events are covered else-
where in this Newsletter.*

YOUR SUBSCRIBING TO THE CAAHC EMAIL GROUP IS THE WAY TO GROW!

Your Editor's skills notwithstanding, "E-Communications" seems to be catching on! The CAAHC already has an emailer group via which members learn about Club Events and also receive their monthly issue of "Healey High Roads" in an easily viewable and printable format. Approximately 60 members have seen fit to subscribe to our egroup and in this way have allowed the Club to save the costs of printing and mailing this Newsletter in paper format.

Most AHCA Chapters have gone over to distributing their newsletters in this manner—some have eliminated print copies entirely and offer only Electronic Delivery. A decision on whether or not we will make this switch has been discussed, and although we will be continuing in paper for at least a few more issues you can certainly make the decision to join the egroup and try it out—it's your option and you can switch back.

Visit our website or contact Herman Farrer, Webmaster, to join the CAAHC egroup.

I'd also like to reiterate that the position of Newsletter Editor is "available". While it is not a big job it is an important one, and given my limitations (both time and skills) I would welcome anyone who is at all interested to please contact me. It can be done from your desktop and is a great way to serve.

TECHNICAL CORNER: "Diagnosing Your Ignition System On the Road Without a Meter"

Reprinted from "The Flash" and submitted by David Steger (Atlanta AHClub)

Your car is running rough, you can tell it is an ignition problem, but you're on the road with out an electrical test meter. **WHAT TO DO?** Try this procedure:

Hold a medium wrench in one hand (Tests show that a 9/16" Sears "Craftsman" combination wrench is best as smooth wrenches will slip out of your hand and provide innaccurate test results.) Then grasp the plug-end of any ignition wire with the other hand and have your assistant start the engine. **NOW**, while holdng the wrench

against a good ground, pull the wire off the sparkplug, moisten your thumb and touch the metal conductor. This will cause you to immediately throw the wrench!

After picking yourself up, measure the distance from the car to the wrench—Voltage output is based on this dimension so measure accurately!

1. Less than 10 feet: Weak spark under 10,000 volts—check coil.
2. 10 to 20 feet: 10,000-

- 15,000 volts—check points.
3. 20-30 feet: 15,000–20,000 Volts—check distributor vacuum advance.
4. 30-40 feet: 20,000-25,000 Volts—check plug.
5. Over 40 feet: Possibly too high output—try using a bigger wrench or check your owner's manual (You do have an owner's manual don't you?) **NOTE**—Wet weather may exaggerate test results—if performing in rain use metric wrench. "Your mileage may vary."

THE VOLUNTEER'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO CONCLAVE — *What You Can Do and Who to See!*

For those Members not aware of Conclave's Organization I am listing each Event and Major Task along with the Club Member that is the "Event Coordinator". If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer please contact the "EC" directly, tell him or her what are your constraints and preferences, and you'll be given your choice of opportunities.

Please note that some names are in *italics*: This indicates that no one has yet agreed to be the Event Coordinator and the task is still being managed by the Conclave Cochairman whose name appears. If you are willing to sign onto a larger job as an EC please make your desires and skills known to the cochairman in charge of that event. Needless to say, the idea is to have as many members as possible take over the "Nuts and Bolts" running of individual events—the Conclave Committee co-chairs would, for the most part, prefer to have every Event and Job handled by an Event Coordinator to whom they can delegate responsibility, etc.

***Please Step Up To The Plate.
Your help is needed.***

Here's the Present Setup:

Preregistration	Melody Cooke
Onsite Registration	Dean & Sue Turner
Public Relations	Herman Farrer
Afternoon Tea	Susan Farrer
Trophies	<i>Allen Feldman</i>
Closing Banquet	Don Margeson
Popular Car Show	Wayne Ward (NE Ohio AHC)
Concours Judging	Marion Brantley (Central FLA AHC)
Kid's Pizza Party	Susan Farrer
Radio Communications	<i>Gary Palsgrove</i>
Car Wash	<i>Gary Palsgrove</i>
Tech Sessions	<i>Gary Palsgrove</i>
Pinewood Derby	Gary Lownsdale (Smoky Mtn. AHC)
RC Races	Charlie Lownsdale (" " " ")
Rallye	Dave & Nancy Doyle
White Post Tour	Dean Turner
Summit Point Events	Michael Oritt
Summit Point Lunch	Don Margeson
Regalia	Anil & Shanthi Fatterpacker
National Sponsorship	Michael Oritt
Local Sponsorship	<i>Howard Gilson</i>
Conclave Program	Susan Farrer
Auction	Kathi Margeson
Arts & Crafts & Photos	Anil & Shanthi Fatterpacker
Signs and Printing	<i>Howard Gilson</i>
Security and Traffic	Dan Healey
Maps and Self-guided tours	Joe Maestri
Welcome Reception	Michael Oritt
Ice Cream Social	Frank Pirhalla
Twilight Tour	Dan Healey
Mt. Vernon Tour	Dan Healey
Potomac River Cruise	Dan Healey
Delegate's Meeting	Herman Farrer

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**BRITISH CAR WEEK PICNIC & RALLYE
SET FOR JUNE 1ST IN ST. LEONARD, MD**

This year's "British Car Week" is May 24-June 1st, and it will be observed in the DC/Baltimore area at a picnic/rallye being given by Michael and Mary Oritt at their farm in Saint Leonard, MD. For complete information go to the website at: <http://www.chesapeake.net/~oritt/>

Last year the Oritts sponsored this event for the first time, and despite minimal promotion and the threat of inclement weather, about 65 British Cars of various marques and vintage enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of fun and fellowship, picnicing with other LBC enthusiasts. This year the Oritts will be setting up party tents and tables to provide shade, and there will be live music, hayrides and more. You can come directly to the picnic or *supersize* your fun by participating in the 50-mile "Patuxent Valley Rallye" which will commence at 10:00 AM in the vicinity of Upper Marlboro and conclude at the farm. This is a fun "observation-type" rallye with no speeds or distances to worry about—just some questions to be answered.... Awards will be presented at the afternoon picnic.

Families and pets are invited, and although arrival in your Healey is preferred, other means of transportation will be tolerated, but must be kept at a "respectful" distance from the vintage autos. For further information contact Michael or Mary at: Awgertoo@aol.com or visit the site.