

HEALEY HIGH ROADS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
CAPITAL AREA AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO AMEND CLUB BYLAWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14: Virginia
Scottish Games

September 18: Meeting
of Marques

September 27: MG's on
the Rocks

October 12: Hunt Coun-
try Classic (meeting)

October 18: Rockville
Car Show

October 26: CAAHC
Poker Run/Charity Tour

In keeping with Article VII, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Capital Area Austin-Healey Club (which may be found on the club website at: www.capitalhealeys.org) the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Austin-Healey Club publishes this notice that a Special Meeting to Amend the Club Bylaws will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at the Hunt Country Car Show at Middleburg, VA. At 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as business may be conducted.

The proposed amendment is to Article VI, Section 4, Subsection C (Treasurer's duties) which currently reads in part:

"He or she shall, when duly authorized by the Board of Directors, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Club when counter-signed by the President; sign checks, drafts, notes and orders for the payment of money, which shall have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors and counter-signed by the President."

The proposed *new* Section 4 reads in part:

"He or she shall, when duly authorized by the Board of Directors, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Club when counter-signed by the President; sign checks, drafts, notes and orders for the payment of money, but any such payments in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) shall be duly authorized by the Board of Directors and counter-signed by the President."

If approved by majority vote of those members in attendance this amendment would go into effect immediately. All members are invited to attend this meeting to give their input and vote upon this amendment.

This Notice shall appear on the Club website.

*Board of Directors,
Capital Area Austin-Healey Club*

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Participation Points Scores at Mid-Year Submitted by Jack White, CAAHC member

The Club's foremost award contest for active members remains close at the half-year mark. Points have been earned for six events: 2008 Annual Meeting; Car Corral; Britain on the Green; Sprite Jubilee; British Car Day and the recent Capital Classic. To promote the suspense of the "race" to the end of the year, we report here on two groups of top point gainers. Everyone in the top group has a definite opportunity to win first or second place in the competition. Those in the second group are just a few points below the "chase" (a NASCAR term) for an award at the end of 2008.

Group One: Dean Turner, Anil/Shanthi Fatterpaker, Jack/Pam White, Dan Healey

Group Two: Herman Farrer, Bob/Missy McKenna, Mike Goldman

Club President Allen Feldman and Delegate Michael Oritt have racked-up the most points year to date but are not eligible for the award. Club officers have traditionally stayed out of the competition to encourage recognition for other members who remain active in our events and meetings or those who make a strong effort to get more involved.

Gas Tank Sending Unit Tips Submitted by Anil Fatterpaker, CAAHC member

I'd like to share my experience with the BJ8 gas tank sending installation

After returning from Capital Classic we started smelling gasoline when the car was parked in the garage. A pool of fuel was found in the small well in which sender is seated, and the carpet over the tank started showing signs of melt down, very likely from the vapours condensing in the trunk. I suspect this problem was created by over filling the tank and as you know one cannot depend on the fuel gauge as in a conventional car.

Gary Hemphill helped me sort out the problem. Besides a damaged cork gasket, we found an ill-fitting screw with a worn out head. Even a single screw or a loss of the tiny copper washer can let vaporized gas leak and cause a mess. In addition the plastic float was full of gas. We used a cork gasket—I believe Moss has been selling a rubber type which is not the right one. The replacement screws are the regular type and not the ones needing the phillips screw driver. So far no further problems.

I have improvised a wooden stick 40 inches in length with markings in inches at the bottom. I fill the tank up to 4 inches from the bottom (the height of a BJ8 tank is 5 inches). I am also using a locking gas cap.

By the way please don't replace the gasket until you lower the level of gas by at least an inch from the top of the tank.

POTLUCK PICNIC AT THE TURNER'S

By Allen Feldman, CAAHC President

On August 3 at 1 PM, the club held a picnic at Sue and Dean Turner's home. It was a great time, the weather was low humidity, the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks were tasty and the viewing of our cars was easy on the eyes. Present were: Joe & Joanne Maestri, Jack White, Herman Farrer, Michael Oritt, Fred & Ann Hufnagel, Ralf Berthiez, Allen & Marian Feldman, Dean & Sue Turner, Marlene & Charley Darley, Dan Healey, Michael & Sue Maloney and of course Dean and Sue Turner, our hosts. Dean had on display both of his 190SL's. One is in concourse condition, having already won several awards, and the second 190 is becoming another concourse winner.



at least one location in Leesburg. Other events are the Scottish Games, 9/14, MG on the Rocks, 9/27, the Hershey car extravaganza 10/8 to 11, Hunt Country 10/12, Rockville Car Show 10/18, and the big charity rally put on by Ralf Berthiez 10/26.

The photo contest is now closed, we waiting for the winners to be announced. The judge is Reid Trummel, the editor of "*Healey Marque*".

We also discussed the recent purge of members who had not renewed their membership as well as contacting paid members who are not on our email list. The president will send them a letter telling



We held a short business meeting where we discussed the purchase of an additional batch of grill badges. They have not been delivered yet to Shanthi and Anil Fatterpaker who are our regalia representatives' but should be very soon. This is a special kind of product that needs to be custom manufactured. This is not like embroidering on an already made shirt. The badges are being sold for \$49.95. We will advertise this badge in Healey Marque since we do have a unique design.

them what they are missing by not being on the Yahoo email list and inviting them to sign up. Only about half of our membership sees our club list messages. I feel that must change which perhaps would result in better attendance at our club events

By 4 PM, most of the people had dispersed, I guess to get home in time to see the Redskins win a football game. It was a nice relaxing day where you could talk to fellow members in a quiet setting.

Also discussed were up coming events such as the ice cream meeting event on August 24. A firm location has yet to be determined but it probably will be

We thank Sue and Dean for allowing us to use their home for such a nice occasion.

INNOCENTI ABROAD

By Melody Cooke, CAAHC

(Editor's Note—The title refers to the vehicle, not the travellers)

What A Difference A Year Makes! Innocenti Abroad ~~ Four Weeks In England

After a couple of months in Florida the first part of the year, Bill and I fulfilled Part I of a 3-year dream to go overseas summer of 2008 to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Austin-Healey Sprite. The first Sprites, called Frog Eye in England and Bug Eye in US is probably one of the most visually famous cars of all time ... Bill and I went to the parties in his 1966 Italian-made Innocenti Sprite (coupe, not convertible).



Car was shipped to England for the summer; arrived on time and ran smoothly. Packing is a challenge in such a small car but we managed from casual to fancy with inches to spare.



Big and small, each road came with its own challenges and delights:



lorries **big and close** on the "interstates" and maneuvering tests when meeting a lorry on a *two-lane-road-that-looks-like-one-lane*.

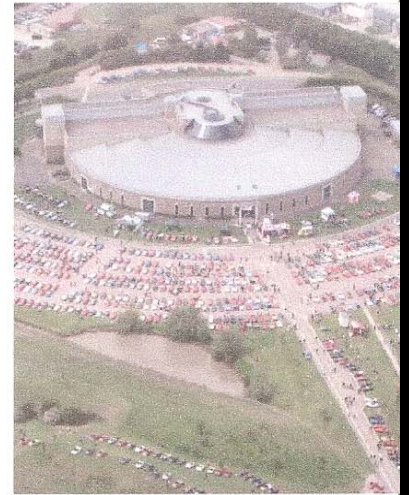
Unlike many earlier trips to England, this was a more relaxed time, no major tourists sights (just one-day in London with Eye-views and Thames river walk), meandering on back roads through picturesque villages (pubs are especially friendly and the best fish 'n chips), staying with friends, attending two major birthday parties, and enjoying simple social gatherings -- with the exception of one *Gala Evening*.

Part II of *Innocenti Abroad* starts mid-July to late August. We left the car stored in England and will rejoin it for five more weeks of small car adventures. We will visit Holland (extended visit with friends), Sweden (another birthday party .. five days of party!), and Germany (Bill knows the wine areas).

After August 2, we have no planned itinerary, so who knows... Italy? Switzerland? France? Belgium? We have to get back to England somehow to ship the car home.... I'll let you know in the fall where we went.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy creating that special back-to-school essay....

What I Did On My Summer Vacation. Melody



England
 May 8 ~ June 1
Innocenti Sprite on the road
'60's Look for '66 car
880 Sprites celebrate 50th anniversary
Lord March requests your presence~~
..thatched roofs – so very English..
The Eye - 450' high – great views
Happiness is ...
Pub food, local brew, and me & he



CAAHC HOSTS POKER RUN ROAD TOUR

By Ralf Bertheiz, CAAHC Treasurer/Membership Director

Please join us for an upscale "Poker Run" style Rally to be held on Sunday, October 26th when the CAAHC will host the 2nd Annual "Capital Area Austin-Healey Club Road Tour".

This event will benefit the Capital Area Hospice and all proceeds net of expenses will be donated to this worthy charity. **Additionally the CAAHC will be matching donated proceeds up to \$1500.00.**

The tour will start at 8:30 AM at **Moore Cadillac** in Chantilly, VA and 40 (maximum) cars will go on a 120-150 mile route on beautiful, winding back roads of Loudon, and Clarke counties. All roads will be paved.

Capitol Motorcars of Purcellville, VA (the east coast distributor of the Morgan) will be our lunch destination. Lunch will be catered by **Magnolia's** of Purcellville, VA. After lunch we will drive more country roads ending up at **Ferrari/Maserati of Washington** for a reception and prizes.

The entry fee covers all food and the event for two persons and is \$85.00 per vehicle if mailed prior to September 15, and \$95.00 per vehicle if mailed after September 15 and prior to the cutoff date of October 20. **A maximum of 40 entries will be accepted.**

Cars must be 1978 or earlier sports or GT car, or any Ferrari, V-12 or exotic vehicle

and all drivers must be 18 years of age or older and accompanied by a navigator— **only two persons per vehicle permitted.**

This will be a Five Card Poker Run. Each car receives a playing card at each stop and each of the three best poker hands get a prize. At the start and after lunch each car goes off at one minute intervals.

This is not a race but a tour on which you will be expected to obey all traffic laws. Receiving any traffic ticket during the event results in automatic disqualification

In addition to registrants, volunteers are needed: two at each stop, a small crew at lunch and at the final reception. One car will be used as a "sweeper"; after the last car leaves to follow the route so there are no stranded classic cars stuck on route.

For entry/volunteering questions please contact me at 703-623-8870 (cell) or 703-641-0175 (home) or email me at: bubbancia@gmail.com.

To register please mail your check payable to "Capital Area Austin-Healey Club" for the appropriate amount to me along with the year, make and model of your vehicle and your and the navigator's names.

My mailing address is:

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL By Sue Turner, CAAHC Secretary

It was a beautiful day for a drive to get some ice cream. Our Social started at Milwaukee Custard about 1:15 p.m. in Leesburg, Va.

There were 5 Healeys, 1 late model Jag and 1 MG in attendance. Present were the following members and guests: Pat & Jim Holloway (past members), Pete Groh, Anil & Shanthi Fatterpaker, Charlie & Marlene Darley, Sue & Michael Maloney, Dean & Sue Turner, Mack Halley and Beth Cadieux (they owned the MG and knew the Maloneys).

We parked our Healeys on the sidewalk in front of the shop and had a little car show. Our hostess Dora Hoshiyama had last year's pictures up on the bulletin Board and on the front door of the shop. Here's one picture of the cars lined up outside and two of the participants both before and after the ice cream was eaten!

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Here are still more pictures from the Leesburg version of the Ice Cream Social submitted by Charlie and Marlene Darley.



Other reports:

Webmaster Herman Farrer reports that he and daughter Leila went to Summer Delights in Tacoma Park, MD. Leila had a small strawberry cone with chocolate Jimmy's while Herman had a baby butter pecan cone..

Member Bob Turgeon opted to attend a Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game and not only had to watch the home team lose but also went without ice cream.

Kirby Nelson, recuperating from some visual difficulty, reports eating some sorbet alongside his Healey in the garage.

Your editor simply sat in his favorite chair and had a lot of Starbuck's Java Chip ice cream while thinking what a nice ride he had Saturday in the 100.

Member Profiles—Kathi and Don Margeson

Editor's Note—Kathi and Don Margeson are long-time members of the Capital Area club and recently moved from Leesburg, Va to New Hampshire. Don enjoys cold weather spots and Kathi likes going south for the winter, and since you need to live in the north to do both activities their relocation makes perfect sense! In any case here's an event report and some accompanying pictures I recently received from them.

Reading the local small town newspaper called the Weirs Times not long after arrival at our arrival to new permanent home in the lake district of New Hampshire, we saw an article for the '2nd Annual "Castle in the Clouds" Classic & Antique Car Show. Kathi and I had been to this tourist location previously and thought a car show there would be a great way to spend a Sunday. And so to begin our journey of meeting new car enthusiasts we signed up for the show and drove over on Sunday, July 12.



Kathi and I arrived at the sign-in at 9AM and there were already about 40 cars on the show area which was a very large field on the 'castle' grounds with a scenic mountain background.



Within two hours there were 350 cars of many vintages and marques from Model A's, classic British and American cars of older vintage, late model street rods, and some nice classic American antique cars.



As for the Austin Healey representation there were four total - three MkIII BJ8's and one very nice 100M (that turns out is owned by a neighbor barely ½ mile away from our home).



The weather was beautiful and there was a terrific BBQ lunch on the grounds as well. Those showing cars at the show also had a tour of the castle home included as part of the entry fee. (Those not familiar with the White Mountains and New Hampshire Lake District Area would be intrigued by this tourist attraction; see <http://www.lucknow.com/> for story of this place which was originally called Lucknow.) Awards were given based on car owner voting - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd and public attendee popular vote - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.



There was also one car selected by one of the show sponsors as a feature car for a prize as well. Alas, as many plaudits and envious comments about our green and white beauty Healey '67 BJ8 we were not lucky enough to get an award. We had no trouble meeting new 'motorheads' and being invited to join local clubs (which we intend to do).

Once you're "in the know" you find that the summer season here is filled with car shows and evening 'drive-in' places for people to show their cars and just socialize. Even driving around the area or just out for an evening ice cream treat we see many classics on the road similarly. Enjoy the photos included in this article and check the websites as well. Here's another with pictures of the show as well - 2008 [CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS CAR SHOW](#) [pictures from cars photos on...](#)

Notwithstanding no luck at the awards podium, we are undaunted and will be there next year. Given that this was only the second year for the show the word will spread fast that this was a nice venue and a wonderfully scenic location. Should be even larger in 2009.

Kathi and I intend to drive over for the British Invasion show at Stow, VT in mid-September and hope



that some of you might consider the journey back up to VT again. It's a major car show for British cars in the country and always a great agenda for attendees.



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The Capital Area Austin-Healey Club is an Area Club of the Austin-Healey Club of America and serves the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

Our club meets at various locations around the DC Metropolitan area and has functions at various venues in the area we serve.

For further information on our club and its members please visit our website at:

www.capitalhealeys.org

In the next "Healey High Roads"....

From September 12-20 your editor will be navigating in the "Targa Newfoundland" 2008 in Michael Salter's Austin-Healey 100. A full report will appear in the next newsletter.

There is plenty of space available for YOUR article—perhaps you would like to contribute a profile of you and your car, or share some tech tips or driving or show reports.