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Two members of the Capital Area Austin-Healey Club have been featured in local newspapers in the last month, and in the process have garnered publicity both for our club and the Austin-Healey marque.

The September 9th issue of the Annapolis "Capital" featured a front-page spread about CAAHC's Activities Director Bill Eggert and his BJ8:

"A true Healey enthusiast, Bill has drawings, photographs, models and schematics decorating his school office. The August issue of *Healey Marque* magazine has a letter that

Bill penned to the editor. He says regardless of whether he can go for a therapeutic drive after work, he can always gaze at his newest print.

"Bill is also the Capital Area Austin Healey Club's Activities Chairman. He estimates that he is one of about 10 Healey owners in the (Anne Arundel) South County area. Patricia Nalley (*editor's note—wife of CAAHC member Bill Nalley*) principal of Davidsonville Elementary, also has one.

"He says his greatest enjoyment comes from sharing the hobby with those who come into his office. Many students tell him they saw cruising somewhere around his habitual 20 mile loop..."

CAAHC Board member Dean Turner (and his BJ8) was prominently featured in the Friday, October 4th issue of "The Washington Times", complete with 8 photos!

"(Turner)...had seen a few Austin-Healey sports cars displayed at various car shows and was impressed by their beauty.

"He began looking for a good, solid car in 1996. In July 1977 Mr. Turner saw an ad offering a 1967 Austin Healey model 3000 Mark III for sale in Richmond. A telephone call provided enough additional information to pique his interest.

July 22 came on a Sunday in 1967 Coincidentally that is

the wedding anniversary of Mr. Turner and his wife, Sue. Turner graciously suggested to his wife that they take a leisurely, scenic Sunday drive concluding with a fine anniversary dinner. Their excursion just happened to take them through Richmond, and 'since they were there any way', while Mrs. Turner patiently waited in the car, Turner inspected the Austin-Healey and liked what he saw and bought it.

"The Turners headed back home to Warrenton, Va. Halfway there, Mrs. Turner reminded her husband of his proposal of a fine dinner. They were almost through Fredericksburg when Mrs. Turner spotted a restaurant and turned the car into the parking lot of Fuddrucker's. There the anniversary couple feasted on hamburgers made to order."

Nice going, Bill and Dean!

RALLYE MEET-UP WITH PATUXENT VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR CLUB PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 17TH IN CALVERT COUNTY

Michael and Mary Oritt have scheduled a fun (observation-type) rallye for Sunday, November 17th on the roads of Calvert County. This event will be held in conjunction with the Patuxent Vintage Foreign Car Club, of which the Oritts are also members, and will provide an opportunity to meet new folks with similar interests in enjoying their cars, even if they are not oriented solely towards Austin-Healeys.

The rallye will begin at 10:00 AM in the Prince Frederick Holiday Inn Express parking lot approximately 1/2 mile south of the intersection of routes 231 and 4. There will be no time-speed/distance issues, so just bring a pencil, thinking caps and your senses of humor. The rallye will cover scenic backroads of Calvert County and will conclude at the Oritts' farm where a lunch will be served and soft drinks will be provided, and you can

bring with you anything else that you care to enjoy.

Please advise Michael or Mary Oritt if you plan to attend so that provisions may be made. The number is 410-586-9521. Michael's email address is awgertoo@aol.com.

The President's Column

Frank Pirhalla, CAAHC President

Well, as I write this column we're having a rainy day—Not a good Healey day, but then again it is a workday! We're down to our last few months of good weather, but Fall can be the nicest time of all to take your Healey out for a spin in the country to view Nature's Fall Foliage palette. If you haven't joined the club for a drive this year there are still a couple of upcoming events that you might enjoy.

In future columns I plan to think out loud (or in writing) about our cars, and also to keep you informed about what your club is up to. I'd also like to hear from you—suppose you send me your funniest Healey-related story and I'll make sure it gets printed in this newsletter.

One last word: WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP WITH CONCLAVE. No doubt we'll all get tired of hearing this as we get closer to summer 2003 but keep in mind that we will likely be hosting 300 cars and 600 people, and June is only eight months away!

We earnestly need your help to make this event a success. Call any of the co-chairmen (Allen Feldman, Gary Palsgrove and Howard Gilson) to volunteer your services.

Monthly Dinner Meeting Site Rotates to Bowie, MD Location—Annapolis and Baltimore Area Members Requested To Attend!

In keeping with a decision reached at the August meeting to rotate sites around the Beltway, the next three monthly meetings—starting with Monday, November 18th—will be held at **Chessie's Chesapeake Grille in the Comfort Inn Hotel** at Bowie, MD., located on Route 301, just south of route 50.

To reach the hotel, exit Route 50 south onto Route 301, then take a right turn at the first traffic light

onto Harbour Way, then immediately take another right turn onto Frontage Road and proceed to the hotel entrance.

Our meeting will be held in a private room and tables will be set up in a manner conducive to holding a productive meeting. Chessie's full and diverse menu, including appetizers, soups and salads, sandwiches and baskets, dinner entrees and of course desserts will be available, and there is a full bar as well.

Upcoming Events

October

- 26th—Rockville, MD. Car Show (call 240-314-5022 for details and location)
- 26th—Charleston, SC British Car Show (call Jim @843-795-6636)
- 26th & 27th—Northeast Old Car Rallye Millsboro, DE.

November:

- 9th & 10th—Delegates' Meeting in Orlando
- 17th—Observation Rally at the Oritt's (see article on page 5)
- 18th—Monthly meeting at Chessie's Chesapeake Grille (see below for details)

December:

- 16th—Monthly meeting at Chessie's Chesapeake Grille (see below for details)

January:

- Special Annual Meeting (including election of Officers) and Holiday Party at Jack and Pam White's home (see article on page 3 for details).

Inasmuch as this location is much closer to the Annapolis and Baltimore environs, members from those areas who have not attended past meetings on a regular basis due to the travel distance are encouraged to attend, and we're hoping to see some "new faces".

Please mark your calendars accordingly and "don't be at the airport when your ship comes in". We'll gather in the bar at 7:00 PM and eat and meet at 7:30. **Be there!**

The Editor's Corner

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If this edition of Healey High Roads appears different, that's because it's my first issue as Editor! As some of you may know, I am rather "computer challenged" and generally learn only as much as I have to to get something done. I'm working in an unfamiliar program and do not have any "art" available, so please pardon the appearance. Future issues will be better—I promise!

I'm going to be feeling my way into this job and I'm asking every one right up front for their help: I welcome and need articles, suggestions, comments, etc. *What do you want to see in your newsletter, and what do you have to share with your fellow members?* I'd like your feedback, ideas and criticisms—but most of all I ask for your participation. This is, after all, your newsletter

I would like to print your photos, technical articles, stories of good rides that you have taken, and anything else that is Healey-related and of interest to your "club buddies". I'd also like to be able to include information about any shows, etc. that you have attended—and if you won any "gold" then share this with the Club. Also, news on any car projects that you may have completed, are thinking about—or are in the middle of—is welcome.

And—a big "BTW" — though it goes without saying that we owe Jackson White a vote of thanks for getting out our Newsletter for almost two years, I'm going to say it anyway: **Well done, Jack!**

One last thing—please consider receiving your copy of this Newsletter electronically—see the article below. This will save energy, time, postage and paper, and you can save and read your Newsletters again and again. Just send me an email at awgertoo@aol.com if you want to give this a try!

YOU, YOUR CLUB AND THE INTERNET

By Herman Farrar, Webmaster

As the CAAHC webmaster I invite all members to visit the club's website at: <http://www.capitalhealeys.org>. If you haven't been to the site recently you'll see some changes, including complete information about Conclave. Also, I've been posting past issues of this Newsletter on the website and will continue to do so in the future—if you'd prefer to receive your copy of "Healey High Roads" online please tell our Editor, Michael Oritt (awgertoo@aol.com) to take your name off the mailing list—by doing so you'll enable the club to save the costs associated with printing and mailing the newsletter to you, and you will still continue to receive your "Healey Marque" magazine by mail.

And if you are not a member of the CAAHC's email group it's easy to join: Just go to the website, double-click on the "Yahoo Groups" link and follow the instructions, or if you have any problems email me by clicking on my name just below the link. All members in good standing are entitled to join this e-group and once you're on it you can "reach out and touch" many other members just by posting on email. More and more members are joining, and it's a great way to stay on top of Club activities and communicate with your fellow-members.

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CONCLAVE STATUS UPDATE

By Allen Feldman, Editor

The Conclave brochure, prepared by Susan and Herman Farrar will appear in the November issue of Healey Marque and Melody Cook's database will allow us to keep close tabs on all aspects of the Registration process. To date there are 30 registrants with many more expected very soon.

Conclave events are coming together: Dan Healey is working on the Twilight Monument tour; The Potomac River cruise is confirmed, and the Car Show site has been identified. There are still many opportunities available for members to work on various events and please contact either me, Gary Palsgrove or Howard Gilson to sign up.

And, if you haven't already registered for Conclave and made your hotel reservations—What are you waiting for?? Do it now.

Hunt Country Classic Report

CAAHC members turned out in large numbers at the Hunt Country Classic which was held at Middleburg, VA. on Sunday, October 20.

Present at the show in their Healeys were Dean and Sue Turner, Allen and Marianne Feldman, Michael and Mary Oritt, Jack and Pam White, Matt Siegal accompanied by his Dad who was visiting from Florida, (new member) Ron Szanyi, Joe Maestri and Herman Farrar. There were another five or six Big

Healeys present and the field was impressive indeed. Other club members drove their non-Healey iron (all Jags), including Sara Rosenfeld, Jeff Ade and Shanthi and Anil Fatterpacker. **Matt Siegal garnered a third place in the Big Healey class and Dean and Sue Turner's stunning black and silver BJ8 won a first.**

For those who have not attended this show, be sure to put it on your list of things to do next year! .

HOLIDAY PARTY INFO

Once Again Jack and Pam White have graciously offered to host the Club's Holiday Party/Annual Meeting at their lovely home. This will occur on Saturday, January 11th and details of time and place will appear in the November and December Newsletters.

Aside from having a great time we'll also be electing Officers for the coming year. Please give thought to taking an active roll in the Club's operations.