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After a light mist in the morning, the weather cooperated for a beautiful day on the Berry College campus for Atlanta British Car Day 2011



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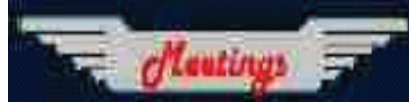
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Monthly meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month
(except December and January)



Important Meeting Update !!

For 2011 the Atlanta Healey club is using a new meeting format. Meetings will be hosted by a member on the first Saturday of each month in form of a BLD (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) at a location defined by the hosting member. The next business meeting will be a lunch hosted by Kate O'Leary; see Page 5 for more information.



British Car Day 2011
John Miner Photo

June ANNIVERSARIES



Todd & Ursula Jennings

Dick & Sally O'Harrow

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The Atlanta Club website (www.atlantahealeys.org) underwent a major overhaul. The changes to the site have made keeping the content fresh and current easy. Members can update & load photos too!

Members are encouraged to submit articles, photographs or other materials of interest by mailing them to the club mailbox shown below.

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1179 Wingate Drive SW
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Members may also submit items of interest via e-mail by sending them to:

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2011 Events

05/28—06/05 Drive your British Car Week (EVERYWHERE!!)

06/04 June Meeting - Host Kate O'Leary - Tune for Conclave!

06/16 S/E Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Norcross Station Café, Old Downtown Norcross, GA

07/03 - 07/08 AHCA Conclave 2011, Colorado Springs CO

07/09 Cracker Fly-In, Cook out & BLD Meeting at Sparkie's Garage. Gainesville GA

07/21 S/E Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Norcross Station Café, Old Downtown Norcross, GA

08/06 Atlanta AHC 30th Anniversary Birthday Party - Host John Homonek

08/18 S/E Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Norcross Station Café, Old Downtown Norcross, GA

Monthly S/E Classic XXIV Planning Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month thereafter unless stated otherwise. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Norcross Station Café, Old Downtown Norcross, GA

Just for fun... Weekend Cruise-ins

Every Saturday Morning - Donuts & Derelicts at Dandy Donuts in Chamblee 8:30 - 11:00 am Atlanta's longest running free car show.

First Sunday of the Month, Caffeine & Octane, NEW LOCATION !!! Starting Jan 2, 2011 at 7730 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA in front of the AMC Theater.

The Healey Contingent at British Car day In Rome, GA





BLD



Meeting At

Kate Leary's

When? Saturday June 4, 09:30 to 2:00
Where? 1095 Wesley Park Dr, Marietta 30064

RSVP to kaoleary73@gmail.com or 678-488-5761
By **Wednesday June 1** if planning on attending

Potential Tech Session -
Tune & Tweak for Conclave or Summer Drives

Sandwich fix'ins, chips & soda provided
Bring something to share is Optional

DIRECTIONS

Take I75 to Exit 263 (Loop 120) and head west towards Marietta.

Follow Loop 120 until you go under the RR tracks.

At the next stoplight, turn left onto Powder Springs Rd (Rte 360)

About 3 miles on Powder Springs Rd to Chapel Rd (first right past stoplight at Cunningham -ALDI, NAPA, CVS and QT on that corner)

Turn left at "T" (Coleman)

Turn right at "T" (Wesley Park)

Follow Wesley Park thru the sweeper turn, and down to the hard right at 1095 -

(look for house with Wagon Wheels in garage wall)

Weather permitting, parking in the BACK YARD!

Lost? Call 404-831-3326 or 678-488-5761



**Charlie's Chatter
Atlanta Healey Club President**

With the celebration of Memorial Day, Summer is officially here. We will kick off our June BLD (Breakfast/Lunch/or Dinner monthly meeting) with a Tune 'em & Tweak 'em hosted by Kate O'Leary on Saturday June 4th.

We hope to take advantage of the warmer temperatures to assist those preparing to make the Summer (Conclave), SE Classic or other numerous road trips. Let's get those cars road worthy so we can get out and have some drive'n fun. This is a great opportunity to learn from others and share information as well. Driving a Healey on a club event is the Hallmark of the Atlanta Chapter. If you missed any of the recent spring driving outings, you have missed what a "tour car club" is all about.

Be sure to check out John Bowens updated YouTube SE Classic XXV (2) video with excerpts from British Car Day in Rome Ga. It may be accessed from the SE Classic link on our clubs website's home page (www.atlantahealeys.org). A new VRROOM audio is also included as the introduction. Sharon never realized how "southern" she sounded. She also never knew she talked so much with her hands. You gotta check it out.


Time is a ticking. It's only about 4 months away till we will be driving around the beautiful Alabama mountains. Have you got your registration in yet for the SE Classic? Remember, Aug 1st, the registration fee goes up and ALL rooms will be released Sept 20th. So don't delay. I am looking forward to our upcoming overnight trip to Lake Guntersville as we finalize our preparations

We have postponed the visit till late Aug when school is back in session. The Lodge was closed for a few weeks as there was some damage from the recent tornado storms. Mostly debris, no real structural damage. We will continue our tweaking of the plans we have in place for the event. One new development is Graves Plating will be doing a tech session on Fri. afternoon. All are welcome to join us Thurs, June 16 7:00 pm for our next SE Classic Update Meeting.

We will once again be participating in the Cracker Fly In at the Gainesville International Airport Saturday July 9th followed by our traditional cook out.

This gathering will also serve as the July BLD (ed)

- Charlie




The Dean's Award

Risk & Reward !

**Congrats to
Connie Carros**

**Risking the forecasted
rain that did not happen,
Connie's Bugeye wins the
Dean's List Award for
Healeys at Atlanta British
Car Day 2011**



Tech Session At Hoke Smiths

Photos by Henry Dabrowski



A moment of silenced for the dead transmission



With Surgical Precision & Gloves, Hoke starts the Transectomy



Now you see it



Now you don't



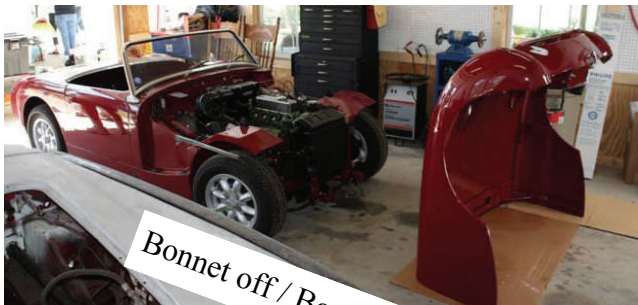
Custom Crated & Ready to Go

BLD at Marble's Garage

About 20 + members made the trek to Loganville, Ga for Sam & Cyndi Marble's BLD Meeting & tech session. Sam was able to show off his new "vehicle storage shed" along with his new portable "man cave" travel trailer. With multiple skilled hands available, we succeeded in bolting the Bugeye's bonnet on. Lunch was served in the cool shade of the trees & trailer canopy making for an enjoyable afternoon and the Little Rodney Award was presented to its keeper for 2011



Charlie shows off his newly rebuilt engine



Bonnet off / Bonnet On



The collection now has an indoor home



The Little Rodney Award goes to Sue Porter



Lunch in shade while cool breezes waif the afternoon

Tech Corner By Barry Rosenberg

To some of you, I missed last month. To others, you never noticed. Well, you really should spend the few minutes it takes to read these articles, and not just because I write them, but because all tech articles are written to teach something. I am going to a free tech workshop on something called “cloud” computing. I have no idea what that is or why we even need it. It surely will not help me in this business but maybe in my next. Anyway, it is free so why not learn, or attempt to learn, something.

I know someone in our MG club learned a small lesson this past week. I will not mention Mike’s name but he learned how the front of a GM aluminum V-8 comes apart while the engine is in the car. Seems a small tool was magnetized to a screw driver he grabbed to use to turn an oil pump shaft. When the small tool came loose, it was directly over a 1 ¼” hole for the distributor. You can guess where the item fell.

So what does this tell you? Be careful when working on your car. Adhere to good work practices and watch everything you do. This, lately, has gotten to the point of testing every new part you get for a British car regardless of where it came from. Here are a few examples from personal experience in just the past three weeks. One was a side entry distributor cap for an MGC or 6-cylinder Healey.

I installed a set of wires and decided to test for continuity to make sure I pierced all the wires with the little screws that holds them in. All were fine except for the coil wire. I had continuity thru the wire to the screw but not to the carbon button in the middle of the cap. If this does not connect, then the coil’s current will not travel to the rotor and then to the plugs. I pulled the carbon and spring out (I have some brand new ones of these in the original old Lucas box if anyone needs it) and found that there was cap material covering the inner contact. Using a drill bit, I ground it into an end mill and hand cut the material out of the way. How long would a customer take to find this if he had put it together and installed it himself?

How about two new MGB speedo cables where one was ½” longer than the other where they go into the trans gear. If you just bought one, how would you know if it was the longer and needed one or the other? Really sucks doesn’t it?

And last, how about a turn signal switch for a TR6 that has incorrect color wires. Would you be able to figure out how to connect the wires? OK, enough about parts.

How about something technical next? We have noticed lately several cars “groaning” when going over bumps. It turns out that a lot of you are starting to use new hard, nylon or poly whatever bushings. Some kits come with lubrication but not all. I coat all bushings with an anti-seize compound both inside and outside. Make sure to put it where ever a bushing touches metal and that includes the big side washers that hold everything together.

The other problem is that most people will tighten the bolts while the car is on the lift or on jack stands. Well, it is easiest to do it then but wrong. You should lower the car to the ground and bounce it some and roll it back and forth. This settles the suspension and puts the bushings in a “rest” position. Then, crawl under the car with it on the ground and snug up all the loose bolts, do not forget any. Then put in the cotter pins as required. Also, you do not need to tighten the crap out of them. Get them snug and install the cotter pins. Maybe I should mention that you should test fit all new bushings as I have seen some of them that are too long where they fit into an A-arm and bottom out before seating fully in position. Oh, that’s talking about bad parts again. But it has been very helpful having a lathe in-house.

Now, after you have the car on the ground and the bolts snugged and pins in and everything is finished, take the car to an alignment shop and have them set the correct alignment. Make sure the tire pressure is correct. If you went to extra wide wheels and tires, then ask the alignment shop if they should change, reduce, the camber setting so the inside edge of the tires do not wear too fast.

**Tech Corner By
Barry Rosenberg (cont)**

The other question I have heard from a few people lately is rust in fuel tanks. What would I do? If new tanks are available and they are good, note a lot of tanks that came baffled do not come that way in reproduction so check first, then you could buy the new unit. However, if they are not available or are really high priced, then clean yours. First, drain all the gas safely into a container and store in a safe place, not near a gas furnace. This warning is my “do good” deed for the week.

Then remove the tank, yes, you actually have to work at saving your tank. Flush it out with water, again being careful with the disposal of the water as gas is an excellent lawn killer. Once you have all the gas out, put some sharp gravel about 1” in size inside the tank. Now shake it for a long time turning and twisting the tank. This will chip most of the rust loose. It will take a while to work all the gravel and rust out but be patient. If you are scared of sparks igniting any remaining fumes, put the filler hole against a running car and flood the tank with exhaust gas for a few minutes. This will displace any fumes with exhaust and be perfectly safe.

All the rocks and big rust will all come out thru either the filler hole or the sending unit hole. You were supposed to remove it earlier. Flush out the tank with more water until it comes out clean. Now, you can put a chemical rust remover in the tank and slosh it around. Then follow product instructions on how to remove it. Note, I said a chemical rust remover, not a rust converter or a rust coverer. Once the tank is dry, and clean, you can reinstall it.

I never recommend using any of the sealers as they stick only to clean metal. Any surface rust in the tank will get coated but as soon as that surface rust comes loose, it separates from the tank and becomes floating debris inside the tank just waiting to clog your filter. I never, ever use any coatings and I do not care who makes them. I have seen too many tanks ruined by sealers because you can never get it out once you use it.

A clean dry tank will last a long time as long as you keep gas in it. So, when you put your car up for the winter, if you do, then fill the tank and add some preservative to it. (See Note Below)

Also replace your filters. I like the ones you can see into so if you have a metal one, then at least put a small clear one before it so you can see if any residual fine particles are still going thru. Once you are sure the fuel is flowing clean, I would put a new fuel filter on.

They make some very nice fuel injection filters with a nipple on each end that are a lot bigger than a normal filter that is normally used on British cars. It is fine to use one of these. They have a much finer filter material inside and a much larger surface so it takes more to clog them. You just need to fabricate a way to secure them and that is not that difficult. I know you can do it if you have gotten this far.

Cleaning your tank is not one of those fun jobs, but it is very doable by the home mechanic. Just remember how much money you are saving in not buying a new tank and in saved tow bills from a clogged filter or carb floats bowls. See yall soon somewhere.

Barry

Note to the wise from Hagerty Insurance

Q: How can I safely store today’s gasoline ?

A: Most gasoline suppliers agree the shelf –life of today’s gasoline is about 90 days with out any additives.



Just another day in the life of Bill Nagel's Sprite

Performance

Carving up the track at Road Atlanta on the Walter Mitty Weekend



Style

Becoming the perfect accessory for one couple's most memorable day at Berry College during British Car Day

**British Car Day
2011**

Photos by Dave May / John Miner / Editor

**George Pope Hands off the Rodney Award
to Wright Bagby**



Connie Carros presents the Len Thomas Award to Bill Nagel



Field of 23 Healeys



The Featured Marque E-Types - Bonnet Tip Salute !

For more pictures of Atlanta British Car Day 2011 visit Dave May's Website - <http://home.davephotographics.com/>

LAST CHANCE

Conclave 2011 Registration Form

July 3-8



Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____ AHCA Member # (optional) _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E Mail _____

Additional Adult guest(s) _____

Children attending (Names and Ages) _____

Vehicle Class	Vehicle #1	Vehicle #2	Registration Fees	Quantity	Cost	Total
100.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration before May 22	_____	\$115.00	_____
100M.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration after May 22	_____	\$135.00	_____
BN6/BN7 (2 seat).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Adults	_____	\$ 30.00	_____
BN4/BT 7 (4 seat).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Cars	_____	\$ 30.00	_____
BT7 MKII (tricarb).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trailer Parking for the week	_____	\$ 35.00	_____
BJ7.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concours Judging fee (per vehicle)	_____	\$ 35.00	_____
BJ8 1 light.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meals / Events (per person)			
BJ8 2 light.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Italian BuffetSunday			
Jensen Healey.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
Bugeye Sprite.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5-12 yrs	_____	\$ 12.00	_____
Sprite Mk II, III & IV.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic English Ladies Tea	_____	\$ 20.00	_____
Modified.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flying W Dinner/Show (Wed.)			
Diamond in the Rough....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults Before May 22	_____	\$ 18.00	_____
Other Healey.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6-12 Yr	_____	\$ 12.00	_____
			3-5 Yr	_____	\$ 5.00	_____
			Awards Banquet (Thursday)	_____	\$ 30.00	_____
			Kid's Pizza Party (Thursday)	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
Number of People Participating in:			Total Payment	(U.S. Funds)		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Popular Car Show <input type="checkbox"/> Gymkhana <input type="checkbox"/> Funkhana <input type="checkbox"/> RC Cars Senior <input type="checkbox"/> RC Cars Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Photo Contest Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Photo Contest Junior <input type="checkbox"/> TSD Rally <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Rally <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Tour / Economy Run			Mail your completed registration form to: Mike Schneider 110 N. Rastetter, Louisville KY 40206-2418 <u>To pay by check</u> , make checks payable to AHCA Conclave 2011 <u>To pay by credit card:</u> Card # _____ Visa MC Expiration Mo ____ Yr ____ 3 Digit Code on Back _____ Name on Card _____ Signature _____			

Please send me information on registering for the following additional events available at Pikes Peak International Raceway.

- Richard Petty Driving Experience
- Legends Car Driving Experience
- Open Wheel Driving Experience

Note: These experiences will be held at PPIR during the Gymkhana. Registration and fee payment is direct with these organizations.

Come Join us for SE Classic 2011 The 25th Anniversary !!



Southeastern Classic XXV 25th Anniversary

LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK RESORT
Guntersville, AL
OCT 20 - OCT 23, 2011

Name:	Spouse/Guest:
Address:	Phone:
	Additional Adults or Children:
EMAIL:	

All Cars Must Be Registered To Participate !

(Registration includes one car, 2 adults, children (under 16) plus event participation)

1st Healey (postmarked <u>before</u> Aug 1st, 2011)	_____	@ \$75.00	_____
1st Healey (postmarked <u>after</u> Aug 1st, 2011)	_____	@ \$85.00	_____
Number of Additional Healeys	_____	@ \$10.00	_____
Number of Additional Adults (over 18)	_____	@ \$25.00	_____
Friday Night Barbeque	_____	@ \$18.00	_____
Awards Banquet	_____	@ \$28.50	_____
Trailer Parking	_____	@ \$20.00	_____
		Total	\$ _____

Please enter the number of cars participating in each category for the Popular Car Show and/or Driving Events

100-4 M,S	_____
100-6 BN4, BN6	_____
3000 Mk1 BT7 & BN7	_____
3000 Mk2 BT7 & BN7	_____
3000 Mk2 BJ7	_____
3000 Mk3 BJ8	_____
Sprite Mk 1 Bugeye	_____
Sprite Mk 2,3,4	_____
Jensen Healey	_____
Modified Healey	_____
Diamond in the Rough	_____

Please enter the number participating or the number of items in each of the following events.

Gymkhana	_____
Funkhana	_____
Fun Rallye	_____
Photos	_____
Models	_____
Crafts	_____

An event registration number is required to book reservations at the Lake Guntersville Resort. Room rates vary from \$94-\$175. All rooms must be booked by 9/20/2011.

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Received: Check # _____ Date _____ Registration # _____

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