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2018 Award Winners

Pat Kent won the Len Thomas “wrench” award for extra mechanical efforts over the entire year, getting her Bugeye on the road more often than not. Ric Anderson (fellow Bugeye owner) presented the award to her.

Kate O’Leary won the Rodney “extra effort” award for her extensive participation in club activities, including being past president and coordinating the Funkhana at many Southeastern Classic shows. John Bowen presented the award to her, along with a special extra: a bottle of his own wine.

Awards were presented during the annual planning meeting held this year at John and Dana Homonek’s beautiful house at Berkeley Lake.

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2019 Events

(See AAHC [Website](#) for details
and for previous events)

January 2019

- 12 Annual BLD/planning meeting – John & Dana Homonek's house (p 8)
- 26 Caffeine & Chrome at Gateway Classics – impromptu tour by Ric Anderson

February

- 16 BLD and "Love is in the Air" party – Dunwoody, GA (p 4)

March

- 16 First Drive of Spring – Norcross to Athens, GA (Georgia Triumph Assn)
- 23 Cento Miglia – Acworth, GA Shoneys (Ric Anderson, details coming)

April

- 27 Tech Session – Sandy Springs, GA (Karen Meinzen McEnerny)

Just For Fun . . .

Every Tuesday Morning 7:30-8am for breakfast -ROMEO (retired old men eating out) - Marietta Diner on Cobb Parkway (Route 41) Marietta, GA about 120 guys show up each week driving some very beautiful cars in the back parking lot—some British cars but need more! <https://sites.google.com/site/romeoclubofmariettaga/>

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

First Sunday of the Month, Caffeine & Octane, 8-11am at Perimeter Mall, NE corner of lot. Some cars arrive at 7 to get primo spots. In nice weather, 2500 cars, 10,000 folks at 8:00am! www.caffeineandoctane.com

Every 3rd Sunday—breakfast—Gwinnett Horsepower Breakfast: www.southeastwheelevts.com

NE Georgia Swap Meet, Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, GA Vendor set-up 7am, public 8:00-1:30, 1st Saturday of each month except 2nd Sat. for May, Aug. \$20 vendors, \$6 spectators, kids free, More info: <http://negeorgiaswapmeet.com/>

**Monthly BLD meetings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month
(except December and January)
led by a club member, at Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner (thus BLD!)**



AHCA Valentine's Day Party

Saturday, February 16th from 2:00 until 5:00 pm

Once again we meet, greet and eat. Please join your Healey Family and Friends for a fun filled St. Valentine's Day Party. We can't promise, but Cupid may be in the room. And we are sure to enjoy lots of love. And maybe some smooching too.

Marlow's Tavern of Dunwoody

1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Suite 102
Dunwoody, GA 30338

We gather at 2:00 for a favorite cocktail from the cash bar while socializing and catching up with followed with a great dinner.

This year we will be delighted with a delicious buffet consisting of:

Appetizers:	J.T.'S KETTLE CHIPS MARLOW'S FAMOUS HUMMUS
Salad:	TAVERN SALAD
Entrees:	SHRIMP AND GRITS GRILLED CENTER CUT FILET
Sides:	POTATOES AND VEGETABLE MEDLEY
Desserts:	MINIATURE CREME BRÛLÉE and SMALL CHOCOLATE CAKE

Now doesn't that sound like a great afternoon? All you do is:

1. Please RSVP to Rick and Sandy Alley at ralley54@gmail.com. Sunday, February 10th.
2. Show up with \$25.00 per person in cash or check.
3. and Bring Your Sweetie With You.



This party is our club's February BLD



Doug Duffee Atlanta Austin-Healey Club Fearless Leader

January 2019

Wow 2019 already! It amazes me more and more each year that another year

has passed, and that made me think, time seemingly is like driving a Healey. You start off in first gear moving slowly but wanting to go faster. Then you shift to second and are in a hurry to zip through the gears only to look up on the dash and find an overdrive switch and of course you flip it and you are rolling down the road of life now with the top down and the wind in your hair and the world zipping past. Only to realize all too late in life how quickly it moves and that the road has been rough on the moving parts. Speaking of moving parts if you have not thought about the little project your Healey might need, did I say might? Scratch that, projects your Healey **needs** to be ready for the spring, it is time to do so. The winter months are a great opportunity for you to tinker and get these things done so you're road ready for the spring events. I know I have a decent size laundry list I am working on with the BJ8 and a box full of parts with a few more on the way. Paying attention to a few things now will make springtime an enjoyable time to chase that little Red Ruby around the north Georgia roads and to events we have planned. I have found a guy that is a mobile Healey and British car mechanic that comes to your home to work on your car, some of you already know him. He worked for SU Carburetors and has a vast knowledge of Healeys. He accomplished more in 4 hours and solved several problems for me and more importantly taught me during the process and gave the BJ8 a once over. We developed a list of projects and parts needed and then prioritized them as to their importance. I must say that after he was out to my home I have much greater confidence in the car and its condition, giving me a peace of mind I have never had before, in the mechanical systems on the BJ8. I highly recommend his services to give your

car, especially if it has been sitting, or you just want that peace of mind that I now feel about getting the car out and driving. He will be back out to me within the next couple of weeks to work on those projects with me. Very reasonably priced at \$80 per hour and he comes to you- no dropping your car at the shop, just which alone is worth the peace of mind. If you would like his number just call or email me.

If you have not already done so please send in your AHCA/AAHC membership renewal forms. Remember that the information you send in is what is forwarded to National. As I asked at the planning meeting, please verify that all information is correct and up to date. We can't change it if we don't know it. We have found for instance that many times a contact number or email is not up to date. Please assist in getting this information cleaned up.

Let's take a look in the rearview mirror:

- **December 29th** was the Polar Bear Run put on by the GTA (Georgia Triumph club). We had about 7 members attend this event. I know Ric sent in pictures to Rick Hertzberg, who also attended the event.
- **January 12th** was our yearly planning meeting, hosted this year at the Homonek's new home. Beautiful home and we appreciate the hospitality. We had about 40 or so people attend, and many of us got to crawl around in John H's garage and see a great bunch of memorabilia. But I must say the highlight of the attendees was the arrival of Kathryn Blanks. We were all glad to see her and John able to attend. Happy to see Kathryn's progress as she has been in our thoughts and prayers. We need to continue prayers for her recovery and strength. Was a great surprise for all of us!

Doug Duffee (cont'd)

This year we changed the format of our meeting in an effort to make things move along at a quicker pace. While there was much to report on this year, due to many changes and some upcoming changes as well as trends for the future that needed to be reported on, I think we covered everything in as timely a manner as possible this year. Next year should be quicker as there should not be as many changes to report on. We got our yearly calendar completed and everyone should have received it by now with the events plugged in. If you know of additional events that might be of interest (outside of the club events) to add to the calendar send them to Ric Anderson or me and we will update the calendar and the website. This year the Len Thomas Award was given to Pat Kent for her work on her Sprite: she has worked hard to get this car back on the road. The Rodney Award was given to a long time member and past President for always going beyond the call of duty and for her years of service to the club, Kate O'Leary. Both awards were well deserved by the recipients. Then we had a gift from John Homonek to "Ruby" Anderson with Ric Anderson receiving the gift in "Ruby's" behalf (a cut-away drawing of a Sprite). I can just see Ric showing it to Ruby when he got back home and saying "Look Ruby, an Xray of you; this is what you look like on the inside." All in all a good meeting with everything that we needed to talk about covered. We will have a business meeting in June of this year. This is going to be an evening event, sort of a date night if you will. I'm sure we will have a few things to cover by then.

- **January 26th** was a little impromptu drive put together by Ric Anderson. Rick Alley, Glenn

Stephens and Ric Anderson met up at Gateway Classic's for the Caffeine & Chrome and to look at the new inventory as well as the ones that have not found a home yet. Then they took a scenic ride over to Ball Ground for a little "healthy" lunch at the Ball Ground Burger Bus.

Overall January and February are kind of slow months for events so if you have a need to do something to your car, get the parts together and have a tech session and get some help doing those things. Ric Anderson has been talking about having a tech session on the proper way to detail a car. I think he is just trying to get help loving on Ruby myself!!!

Looking through the Windshield:

- **February 16th** We have our 2nd annual Valentines Party at the same location as last year. Marlow's Tavern, 1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Dunwoody, Ga. 30338. The cost for each person attending will be \$25 and the club will pick up the remaining per person costs. Once again Sandy Alley is planning the event so many thanks to her for her effort. Those of you that were in attendance know what a great job she did last year and I'm sure it will be just as good this year. Look forward to seeing everyone there. This will be a great kick off to the spring events that are just around the curve in the road by then. Was a great time last year!!!
- Ric Anderson pulled this idea out of the Carolina Club's news letter and thought it was a great idea and asked me to add this in:

Doug Duffee (cont'd)

"RECRUITING AWARD – We are going to emphasize bringing new people to the world of Austin-Healeys this year. The person who brings the most new guests and/or recruits the most new members will be recognized at year's end. We may designate an upcoming Club Meeting as a "Bring Your Neighbor or Child to a Healey Meeting Night" and teach them how to

drive a stick shift. I think we all agree that we need to bring some young folks to the world of REAL English sports cars."

That's my communication for this Flash addition. Happy Healeying and we look very forward to seeing you at the different events!

Cherrio!

Rick's Recap

This month's BLD was the annual planning meeting, more of a B and L and D all in one event with such amazing food. Also a great turnout- not surprising as the locale was the Homoneks' new house and Healey museum (p. 8). We may do a feature article on John's garage, maybe start off with one on model Healeys. I have a Dinky Toy Healey, but John has a Corgi Healey! Very classy.

The other event several attended was the Polar Bear Run organized by the Ga Triumph Assn. We started in cold fog at Atlanta Motorsports Park and ended at Barnsley Gardens (p. 11). A very nice tour in between.

Grandson Zach is still being amazing. He got a Toddler's Fracture a week ago (look it up in Wikipedia), and now has a cast. The Doc: "Most kids don't feel comfortable putting any weight on their leg for at least two weeks." Couple hours later Zach was on his trampoline (see pic).

Membership Renewed Yet? The form is included on page 10 in case you forgot. Fill it out and mail it to Sam and Cindi Marble.

The Flash is about you. We all like Healey stories. Send in something about what you are

working on or where you met your Healey (or vice-versa). Send your history text and pics to Judy Bagheri, and all other stories to me.

Google Groups- Instructions: To send to the entire club, send your email to:

AAHC-members@googlegroups.com

-Rick



BLD: 2019 Planning Meeting John and Dana Homonek



Left: "Homonek Healeys" Perfect sign. And a glue for anything!



Right: John H explaining something to John Bowen, near one of his two lifts.



Left: Great crowd turnout. Shown is the *second* lift. Lots of parts and tools, and lots of cars!



Right: Doug leading the business part of the day. Pat Kent is NOT sleeping! More likely she is trying not to grin at another of Doug's "jokes" (we don't want to encourage him).

BLD: 2019 Planning Meeting – cont'd



View of the back: lake, dock, peace!



The best part of the food. Yeah, there were main courses and side dishes, but really, who needs that?



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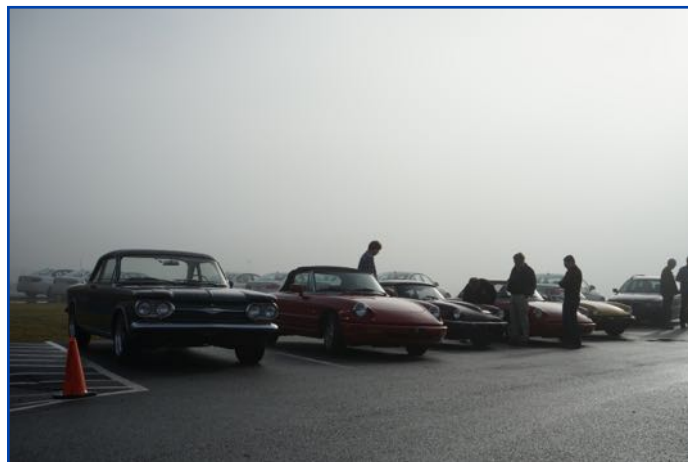
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Questions? Contact us at 404.538.9611 or email at samncyna@att.net

2018 Polar Bear Run GA Triumph Association



AAHC members: Rick Hertzberg, Glenn Stephens, Ric Anderson, Rick Alley, Abe Cheij. Not shown but many thanks to: Jessica Earp (photographer and Ric's offspring)



Many cars of different heritage and seniority, including a few Healeys but also an old VW Beetle and a (gasp) Corvair?

The start was foggy but turned into pretty scattered clouds along the winding back roads. Ended at Barnsley Gardens: interesting place but, very expensive lunch.



The Flash



Tech Corner by Barry Rosenberg

Tech article: January, 2019

There is a lot of talk about the “health” of our hobby, passion, obsession, etc. not being very good.

Having worked in this field for over 44 years now, I have to agree. Attend any old British car show and look at the hair color of the participants. Most of what you see will be gray or white, like mine. I am now 70 and I know most of my friends are getting close to this age if they haven’t already passed it.

There are usually very few young people at our shows and there are even fewer getting into loving our cars. Here is a question you might ask your son, daughter, or grandchild before spending tens of thousands of their inheritance on your old British car restoration. “Do you want my car after I am gone? Will you drive and keep it in good condition? Would you prefer I saved the money and leave it to you as cash?” I know several customers whose heirs have little or no interest in these cars.

So, why spend the money knowing the car will probably be sold when we pass on to the great touring roads of heaven? I understand all the cars there are already fully restored; run perfectly and use no fuel; never wear out tires or brakes; clutches last forever; electrical systems never fail and it never rains in the cars. What will happen to the car you spend so much time and effort in restoring?

The solution is to get more younger people involved in our cars. One recent and great method was demonstrated by Mike Cook of the Peachtree MG Registry in Atlanta at our semi-annual car show. He invited a group of local high school students to come to the show. He showed them around all the cars, some people let them sit in their car and take pictures, explained some of the differences between them and let them pick their favorites for special trophies.

This went over great with the students; they loved the experience. This will be something the club will do every year we have a big show. Maybe one day, one of the students will show up with a British classic.

Another idea I heard about was to have a club sponsor a restoration/repair class at a local

technical college. I have to say, I am pretty sure this will not work. I knew someone who was a great mechanic and administrator who was hired away from my shop to start automotive classes at a big Atlanta area tech school. We kept in contact for a number of years after and he says it was not nearly as successful as they had hoped it would be.

He said out of a class of 25 students supposedly learning automotive skills, 20 were there just to fill a seat. They were getting some sort of government aid to attend school such as the GI Bill. They had very little interest in actually working on cars once the class was over. They signed up for other classes such as welding for the next semester. Out the the remaining 5 students, one or two might go to work on cars and the rest would piddle in their own garage or family business as they lacked the ability to grasp the difficulties of auto repair.

Sponsoring a class would be a waste of time, money and possibly a restoreable old British car. Don’t think I have the answer because I don’t. Throughout my 45 years in business, I have trained many mechanics. From not knowing one end of a combination wrench from the other to pulling, rebuilding and installing your engines is how much I taught some of them. And all my lessons were on British cars. How many still work on them? None. One went into the parts business selling to European shops; one owns his own business selling all the hydraulic lines and fittings we need (he even sells to NASA); one had a shop making and installing custom roll bars and now works at an automotive machine shop and another moved up north to work in an Aston Martin dealership.

I wish I had kept in better contact with more of them as they were all, well almost all, great learners and students. And this is the way we can get younger people involved in our passion: get your young son or daughter or grand children working with you in the shop. As individuals, we can get them interested by letting them help with some of the real work. You may have to start by teaching them the names and uses of your tools and how to care for them, but let them do some fun stuff.

Tech Corner (cont.)

You won't start them off rebuilding your speedometer but you can get them a safe step stool so they can sand blast parts in your cabinet. Or you can let them help take apart the engine as long as you keep track of all the little parts. Yes, you should keep them away from most shop chemicals such as spray cans of carb cleaner as they always splash back in your face but most things in the shop are benign enough to be safe for younger people. You can teach them the same as I taught all my helpers.

Depending on their age, you can have them duplicating your building one carb on the other one. Even if you have to go back later to readjust a few things. The excitement of putting something together that will go on your car will be great for them. The time spent with them can be great for you as well.

I constantly have customers wanting to come help me work on their cars. To be honest, I don't like it. The work takes longer when you are showing someone who has never done it how it should be done. And the questions; my how they ask questions. I don't mind answering but when they question my answer with something Fred working on the pin setters down at the bowling alley tells them, I get very frustrated.

There is also an issue with insurance. Supposed they drop their engine on their foot, am I at fault? Should I have to cover the doctor bills? What happens if they are pulling the engine out of a big Healey and drop it on the shroud? It is going to dent it in a big way, big enough that it won't just buff out.

Knowing myself, I will probably continue teaching people. By letting one or two help, I feel like I am preserving the hobby for a future generation. Except now the people that want to learn are close to my age. I can hear all the grunting and groaning now in the barn. Sample complaints forthcoming: you mean

I have to go all the way upstairs for the bathroom; or what, no heat in the shop (and later, what no ac in the shop); and last, I have to get on a creeper and roll under the car, what happens if I fall asleep?

I once thought about starting a small class on British cars. But how to do it seemed to complicate matters so much. I could take one car, say a MGB, and go thru all the systems and mechanicals starting with some basics first. Or I could allow four or five students each with their own car and teach them as individuals on repairing their own vehicle. Common classes on some areas would be easy enough. All our cars use the same basic electrical system and carburetor systems so some generic classes are possible. Body repairs are pretty generic and I am sure a good welder could be convinced to come teach proper techniques. Oh hell, I'm too old for that.

Playing with old British cars is as much fun as it is work for me. Patty knows I play with cars all day. She no longer thinks I work on them. 45 years doing what you like and really enjoy ain't a bad way to spend your life. Try to get someone interested so they may have the same opportunity as me. I was once a student of an old master, Jim Ealy. He taught me most of what I know and I have tried to pass along that legacy my whole career.

Hope this article finds you all in good health after having a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year. See y'all somewhere soon.

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Atlanta Austin Healey Club Schedule of Events for 2019			
Date	Event	Sponsor or POC	Notes
January			
12 th	Planning Session 9:00-2:00	John & Dana	John & Dana Homonek's
February			
16 th	AAHC "Love is in the Aire" Valentine's Day Social	Sandy Alley	Marlow's Tavern, 1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Suite 102 Dunwoody, GA 30338
March			
9 th	Toast to Saint Pat	Your local Wing Captain	A local Wing event, look for details from he/she
23 rd	AAHC Cento Miglia	Glenn Stephens and Ric Anderson	Details Soon
April			
27 th	Garage Crawl	Karen Meinzen McEnerny	Karen's garages
May			
16 th - 19 th	Bluegrass AHC "Spring Fling"		Like an SEC, but in Kentucky
18 th	Tech Session	Nader Bagheri	Stainless Steel exhaust tips, part 2, and other items
June			
1 st	Dads, Grads & Brides	Your local Wing Captain	A local Wing event, look for details from he/she
6-9 th	SE Classic XXXIII	Triad AHC	Little Switzerland, NC
22 nd	June BLD & Business Meeting	John May	Camp's Kitchen, Marietta
July			
6 th	Cracker Fly-In and Club BLD	Doug Duffee	Gainesville Municipal airport
August			
2 nd - 4 th	22 nd Annual Mountain Trip	Chuck Reeves creeves@barnet.com	Oak Park Inn, Waynesville, NC.
17 th	National Ice Cream Social	John & Linda Miner	Multiple Bruster's locations and John & Linda's home


September			
7 th - 12 th	Conclave 2019		Deadwood, South Dakota. This trip will include some post event touring of locations between NC and SD
7 th	Atlanta British Car Fayre		The annual Norcross event. Counts as the September BLD, too
October			
12 th	Winding Roads Tour	Charlie & Sheron Moshell	Them thar hills
26 th	Woolly Worm Tour	Triad AHC	Elkin, NC
November			
9 th	Have an early turkey sandwich	Your local Wing Captain	A local Wing event, look for details from he/she
16 th	Wine-ing Roads Tour and Tasting	Abe Cheij	Hills and Wineries
December			
7 th	Kassow Kruise Memorial Drive	Bill Nagel	Details soon, always the first Saturday in December
28 th	Polar Bear Run	Ga Triumph Assoc.	Last Saturday of December

2019 calendar from the January planning meeting

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Up for adoption- 1959 Austin-Healey Mk I 3000

This is a complete early 1959 Austin-Healey MK I 3000. Car # HBT7L-335. The following items have been completed on the car; radiator recored with Heatex HP core, all new brakes(lines, rotors, drums, shoes, pads, master, wheel cylinders), 4 new hubs, front/rear bearings, rebuilt shocks, all front end rods and links, all rubber bushing replaced with polyurethane, steering gear box rebuild, new drive shaft universal joints, new clutch master/slave and lines, spin-on oil filter, Mallory duel point distributor with Pertronix ignition, Bosch Coil, alternator/neg. ground, carbs rebuilt by Apple Hydraulics, Denis Welch alum. Oil pan, custom aluminum gas tank, fuel tank sender, speedometer rebuilt by Nossinger, 2 Fasco fuel pumps, gear reduction starter, new seat foams, Moss knock-off wheels, Pirelli P7 tires, 5 balanced wire wheels, vintage steering wheel, vintage fog lights, rebuilt dynamo/starter, reupholstered, vintage Maserati air horn, custom racing windshield, SS bullet mirrors, Trans is tight, doesn't pop out of gear, OD works as it should. Engine does not burn oil and starts right up and sounds fabulous. Abacus Racing went over the engine and adjusted everything to specs. It has 2 Fasco electric fuel pumps because ethanol in gas ate up 3 AC pumps. It is plumbed so a switch on the dash can go to a new pump if one fails. New battery, trunk floor, Texan cooler fan, and timing chain cover gasket replaced. No evidence this car was ever hit or wrecked. The only things missing were the black heater control panel was broken, the plastic housing to the heater blower is broken, and the dynamo bracket was mended. NEEDS; floors, inner outer rockers, fender repair panels, frame stunts at doors. EXTRA PARTS; 2 very good doors, good trunk skin, hood, body trim, carb, door hinges.

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