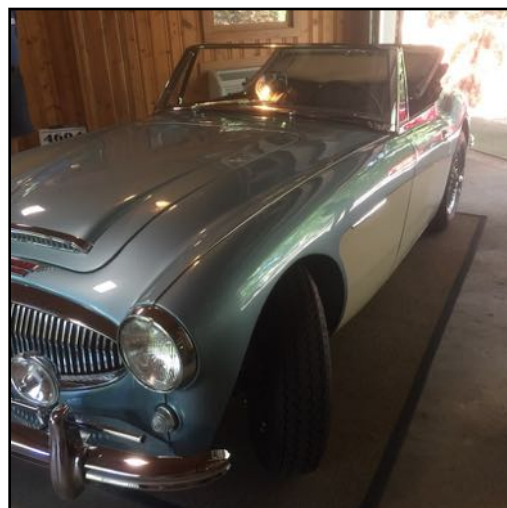


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What a BLD!

Karen and brother Rob hosted a wonderful event, yet again!
Judy Bagheri, Karen Meinzen McEnerny, and Kathy McDonald, along
with Karen's beautiful car. (Saturday Apr 28)



Sam Marble and George Pope in one of the many discussions that day



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2019 Events

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

April 2019

- 6 34th annual Chris Gore Mountain Tour – GA Triumph Assn
- 27 Garage Party BLD– Sandy Springs, GA (Karen Meinzen McEnerny, p 8)

May

- 16-19 [Spring Thing](#) – Louisville, KY (Bluegrass AHC, p 10)
- 18 [Tech Session](#) – Loganville, GA (Nader & Judy Bagheri, p 4)

June

- 1 Dads; Grads; and Brides – a local Wing-Captain event (details coming)
- 6-9 SouthEastern Classic – Little Switzerland, NC (Triad AHC)
- 9 Atlanta British Motorcar Day – Peachtree Corners, GA (p 11)
- 22 [June BLD & Business Meeting](#) – Camp's Kitchen, Marietta, GA

July

- 6 July BLD & Cracker Fly In – Gilmer Airport, Gainesville, GA



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.southeastwheelevens.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!)**



Tech Session- May 18

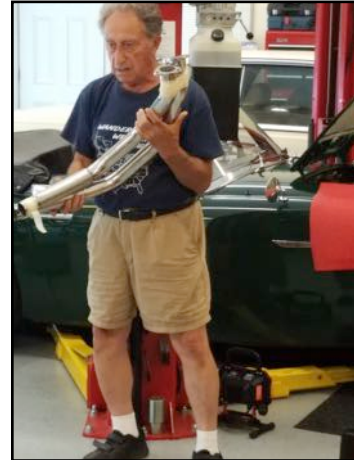
The following is the list of items that will be discussed at the tech session scheduled for May 18, 2019 at Nader and Judy Bagheri's, located at:

3816 Oak Grove Road
Loganville, Ga. 30052

1. The final episode of stainless steel tail pipe modifications to fit properly;
2. Presentation of complete Transmission conversion kit components (Smitty's) for the big Healeys;
3. Cause of mystery rattle discovered after *only* 30k miles;
4. Tuning CB antenna for maximum performance.

Plan to arrive at 10 am for coffee and donuts,
lunch will be provided at 1:00 pm.

Please RSVP: nbagheri38@gmail.com





Doug Duffee Atlanta Austin-Healey Club Fearless Leader

April

Well spring has sprung and everything is yellowish green tinted still. It seems to finally be tapering off a bit but folks are suffering with allergies. You know the rain helps knock the stuff to the ground but don't really want the rain simply because we have had so much in the past couple in months. Hope you have had a chance to get your car out for little short drives to make sure things are in working order. I just got finished with a few more items on my check list and have been out for short rides to see if my efforts have paid off. So far so good and starting to feel pretty confident in the car since it has gotten so much TLC in the past year. Although Moss Motors does not even ask for my account number anymore as it seems it stays up on their screens.

Let's take a look in the rearview mirror:

- April 6th the 34th Annual Chris Gore Mountain Tour being put on by the GTA. I know several people went on this ride and had a really good time. I am hoping someone sent something to Rick Hertzberg to publish about this event.
- April 13th Austin Healey club tech session at Barry's. Well is it going to rain or not was the question for this event. There were conversations almost daily for the week prior. Ric Anderson made the best decision given the information he could gather. With the determination that there was a much better chance of rain storms than not, the decision was finally made to simply cancel the event due to Mother Nature. Mother Nature although played a trick as she does sometimes and the storms never materialized and the sun was out all day. Sorry for those that had projects they were

trying to accomplish but on the bright side, the sun was out! HaHaHa. What I was going to say was that we do have another tech session coming up in May at Nader's garage and if you have some small project you could reach out to him to see if it could be worked into the program he has planned.

- April 27th Garage Party at Karen's. As always a great event with plenty of folks with a surprise of visits from Sally and Arthur Berry and a new couple Bruce and Kathy McDonald who have just joined the club and this was their first event. Plenty of car talk, food beverages and fellowship, with about 25 or so folks and 7 Healeys at the event. Karen and Rob do a fabulous job with this event every year and we are grateful for their hospitality.
- April 28th The Walter Mitty Race at Road Atlanta, this being the final day, was attended by several people from the club and we had a really great time walking through the pits and the paddock areas talking with folks and looking at vintage race cars. Dan Dougherty, an AAHC member from the past, and his son were racing and we got to visit with Dan and meet his wife-to-be Beverly who admitted that she was more interested in his car than him in the beginning. We enjoyed our visit with Dan and very happy to see him back racing again. The group of us collectively were taken aback by the number of fast cars that Ric Anderson was just positive were powered by Sprite engines. Ric was able to get Ruby out on the track for a tour around the track. As you can imagine he had fun. We also found a great deal on 3 Sprites for \$3500. The beauty of finding this advertisement was that it was posted on a Port-A-Potty As

Doug Duffee (cont'd)

luck would have it Ric Anderson was close by and one might say we had too much fun at his expense with the placement of this flyer. All in all we had probably 8 or so of us out at the track. Spectators interested in the cars (mostly Ruby, she is kind of a flirt) asking question about events they could come to etc.

Looking through the Windshield:

- May 18th we have a Tech Session at Nader and Judy's place and if you have never been it is a real treat. His garage gives some what is commonly known in the car world as "garage envy" and is just the best place for a Tech Session. I have been told that the topics for this year's events are going to be CB antenna tuning. If you have never done that it is important for the functionality of the CB and if you were ever stranded becomes an even greater tool for communication. The second topic will be about the Toyota transmission swap for a Healey with a synchronized gearbox. He will cover what the advantages and gains are for making this swap as well as what it requires to make the swap. Should be once again an interesting day filled with good information. Nader is a seasoned pro at the Tech Session game and I encourage you not to miss it!

- June 6th-9th SE Classic XXXIII is in Little Switzerland, NC. If you are planning on attending I hope you have made your reservations.
- September 7th-12th Conclave 2019 is being held in Deadwood, South Dakota. This trip will include, if you so choose to go, some post event touring by several members.

Hope to see you out and about at the events this month!

A quick update on my dad Walter Duffee. He has been in Salude located in Suwanee for about 5 weeks now. Has made some great strides in his recovery and rehabilitation. He is scheduled for release on the 8th of May to return home- with some extended in-home rehab to continue his recovery. He sends his heart-filled thanks to all who have reached out or come to see him as he as we all know is a very socially driven individual so these calls and visits are a help in his recovery.

Well this concludes my communication for this issue of the Flash. Hope to see you out at events and on the road. Happy Healeyng.

Cherrio!

Not Your Godfather's 100 Mile Rally?

For the past four years, your AAHC has hosted a 100 Mile driving event. The event has enjoyed a bit of growth and it was expected to continue. Until earlier when a registered letter from an Italian trademark lawyer representing Automobile Club di Brescia mentioned legal action unless we refrained from riffing on their name and logo. So we tried to do an Ollie North on the files. But, because the threat of having to share a cell in an Italian prison with Glenn was a very effective deterrent, we will not be using the name "Cento Miglia" for any future events.

-Ric Anderson



Rick's Recap

This month's BLD was the wonderful garages tour and BBQ dinner hosted by Karen Meinzen McEnerny and her brother Rob Meinzen. What a great turnout and super food! I listened to several stories too, many Healey related, so I hope those folks will write them up for inserts into future issues of the Flash. (p 8)

The other event several attended was the tour of Road Atlanta. The Mitty was there too, but Ric A used the visit to dream about a possible BLD next year. (p 9)

Did you get your Healey out last weekend for Drive it Day? OK, I did not know about it either. But I did take Amy ('62 BT7) to the hardware store, to buy some washers but also to enjoy the sun and cool weather (cool for Atlanta). I coerced the store assistant to see my car, as she helps me a lot when I have to improvise parts. Three other people stopped by asking about the car. One exclaimed: "Wow! I was born in 1962" to which I had to reply:



"See what a good year that was?" *Drive it Day* is an actual annual event in UK by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, who even sell a rally license plate (with year or un-dated) for £8.95

Grandson Zach is still into cars, this time actually "in." Boots with sports cars on the sides!

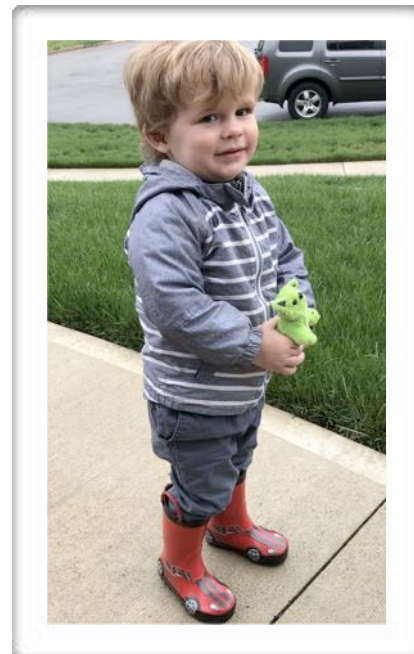
No BLD in May so go to the Bagheris' plantation for a tech session and lunch! We always socialize a lot at their house so it really is like a BLD event. Nader has a huge garage with a lift and a ridiculously spotless floor, well worth the visit.

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

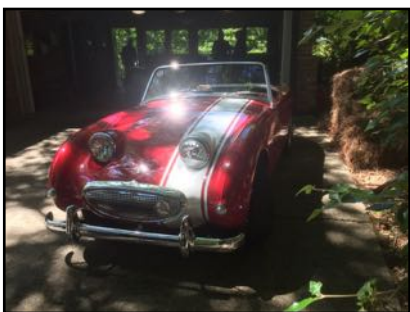
-Rick Hertzberg, Editor



April BLD: garages, Healeys, and southern BBQ

Rob Meinzen and Karen Meinzen McEnergy

This event is getting to be a regular highlight of the year! Thanks to Karen and Rob for hosting, and to Kate O'Leary and John Miner for the photos.



Attending: Ric Anderson, Rick Alley, Nader Bagheri, Arthur Berry, John Miner, Rick Hertzberg. Not shown: Linda Miner, Cindi Marble, Sally Berry, Kate O'Leary, Bruce McDonald, Doug Duffee, Rob Meinzen, and those on the front page.



Excellent food, and not shown are all the scrumptious appetizers. Zoom in on the amazingly detailed model race car centerpiece: shown with removable cowling set aside.

Road Atlanta - Ric Anderson

Road Atlanta Visit Report

On the last Sunday of April, a collection of your club's past and present board members sacrificed their day off to visit Road Atlanta as a possible venue for a future club event. Doug Duffee, Ric Anderson, Rick Alley, John Homonek and George Pope made the trip on behalf of the club, even though there was an event taking place.

All aspects of the venue were checked out. This included the pits and paddock area, the infield, the stands, and bridges crossing the track, the views from various corners. Even the Port-o-Johns were inspected. Additionally, food from two of the vendors was tested for quality and taste.

Leaving nothing to chance, one of your servants even took the time to check out the track surface, taking several laps to be sure.

It was agreed this would be a great place to host a BLD event. The plan is to rent the track so we can host a truly first rate and private event.

All members will be strongly encouraged to participate in the event, with at least one of their Healeys. Bringing multiple cars will be appreciated. Those electing not to participate will be expected to volunteer to stand for election to the board.

There was some discussion on the best date for the event. But after learning there was a substantial discount for midweek booking, and for booking early, your board decided to proceed and have paid the required deposit. Please be sure to mark your calendars now for the first Wednesday in April 2020.

And stay tuned for more details to come.



The *real* event, held Apr 25-28: "One of the oldest historic and vintage races in the U.S., The Mitty is in its fifth decade as a must-do vintage and historic event for race fans and competitors alike." [Historic Racing News.com](http://HistoricRacingNews.com)



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Address _____

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Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

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The car show and the festival are **FREE** for spectators. Come out and enjoy a day filled with cars, food, music, and festival fun!



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