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Three of the tours that attracted Healey clubbers. Left: November's BLD Wine-ing Roads and Tasting tour, with the gang refueling at Ott Farms. Right top: AAHC at the 20th annual Polar Bear Run, Rick Alley, Ric Anderson, Alan White and Glenn Stephens. Right bottom: Healeys ready for the Kassow Kruise memorial tour.



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2019 Events

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

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- 28 Polar Bear Run – GA Triumph Assn (p 11)

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- 4 Athens Cars & Coffee – tour starts from Alpharetta (p 4)
- 18 Annual AAHC Planning Meeting – Lake Lanier Islands (details coming)



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.southeastwheelevents.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/>

NEW NOTICE:

First Sunday of the Month, Steve Cripps' **Worship**, 8-11am In front of Panera Bread at the Roswell Target Shopping Center, 135 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA No malls, no crowds, no crazy relatives, just story telling by interesting car people, and their tires to kick. and, occasionally a surprise just as three years ago when Chuck Beck showed up with his self-made Lamborghini powered cycle. scripps8700@gmail.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!)



**The January BLD is the annual planning meeting
January 18, 2020
at Margaritaville at Lanier Islands**

**Details and directions are coming,
so check your email and the club website**



Tour to Athens Cars & Coffee Jan 4, 2020

[original email from Ric Anderson, Dec 29, 2019]

Looks like Saturday the 4th is going to be another pretty day, perfect for a classic car drive to kick off the new year. The first Athens Cars & Coffee would be a great way to start a whole year of old car fun. And if that's not enough to make you smile, Athens is known for many fine places for a little lunch, several of which are also known for their fine selections of malted beverages. Sounds like a capital idea, doesn't it?

I plan to start my day with a healthy breakfast at the Waffle House on Old Milton Parkway, 3319 Old Milton Pkwy, Alpharetta, and then head for Athens by 7:45. In addition to the breakfast opportunity, there is a QuikTrip across the street in case you wish to fill up the other tank as well.

There is a new Race Track at 2403 Monroe Hwy in Bogart, with decent off and on access, where we can stop to "rest" on the way. Expect to be there by 8:45.

Athens Cars & Coffee will be at 196 Alps Road in Athens. (Close to the rest stop.)

Show starts at 9:00. Ends about 11:00.

Interested? Feel free to join in the fun and start 2020 with a "focus" on fun. Rather meet us in Athens? Or anywhere along the way? That's fine too. No sign-ups, no R.S.V.P.s either.

-Ric Anderson





Doug Duffee Atlanta Austin-Healey Club Fearless Leader

Well December has come and gone seemingly as quickly as Santa was able to see all the boys and girls around the world. Hope each of you had a fabulous Christmas Season filled with time spent with family and friends and that each of you made the nice list and Santa was good to you. A quick thanks to Ric Anderson for filling in for me last month as I had a bit too much on my plate and he was paying attention and without being even asked stepped up and took care of last month's Flash column. The weather has been pretty mild for December and hopefully you were able to find time between all of the Christmas shopping, parties and travel to get your cars out for a stretch.

Well let's take a look in the rearview mirror:

- December 7th was the 11th Annual Bob Kassow Memorial Kruise in the North Georgia Mountains. Looks like a good turn out and a wonderful event hosted by Bill Nagel.
- December 28th bring yet another opportunity for you to go on a back roads tour in your British automobile as the Polar Bear Run hosted by our friends at the Georgia Triumph Association will take place. Yet another great drive with another great bunch of car enthusiasts.

As mentioned in the last couple of Flash communications we are hosting the Southeastern Classic XXXIV in 2020. We have gotten everything worked out the folks at Margaritaville At Lanier Islands and Legacy Lodge located on Lake Sidney Lanier for the dates of October 1-4 of 2020. We have been finalizing a few of the larger events that

will occur as well as meal costs etc. The facilities are very nice with plenty to do both on the property as well as locally. The planning board met there a few weeks ago to tour the property and facilities and the excitement and thoughts were this could very well be the best Southeastern Classic we have ever done. There was also talk that this would be a great location for a Conclave in the future. The folks that are heading up different portions of the event are going to need a little help in some small capacity so please be willing to lend a hand where you can. Thanks in advance for your help as it takes more than a quarterback to have a team if you expect to win.

Now let's take a look through the windshield:

- January 18th our Annual Planning Meeting. This year the Moshells have the year off from hosting this event as we have decided to do something we feel like you will be excited about. The meeting this year is being held at the Legacy Lodge located on Lake Sidney Lanier. It is a Buford address and we will send out exact instructions in the next week. There is a restaurant that overlooks the lake that we will eat at after the meeting. This will give you an opportunity to see the Margaritaville at Lanier Islands event venue and we will also be able to go ahead and get registered that day. Looking very forward to seeing each of you there as it should be very exciting.

Hoping and Wishing each of you a Happy New Year filled with joy, happiness and prosperity. This will defiantly be a great year to be a member of the AAHC and to be active in the local events so hope you will join in for the "Focus On Fun" year we are

planning. Hope each of you has a safe New Years Eve as you plan to be attending any activities.

On another note, Ric Anderson and I have agreed that we will continue as President and Vice President for 1 more year. We made this decision for a couple of reasons. First of all we felt it unfair of us to commit to hosting the Southeastern Classic and dump that responsibility off on the next people to fill our positions. Secondly we feel like we have some

unfinished business that we want to see completed on our watch. The even better news is that we are now a salaried position and your dues are going up substantially. (Just a little nonprofit organization leadership humor!!!!)

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

Cheerio!

Rick's Recap

No December BLD but lots of articles. We do have the tour report for November's BLD, the Wine-ing Roads Tour and Tasting from Abe and Susan Cheij. Thanks for the story and pics. (cover and p 7)

New tour Jan 4 from Alpharetta to Athens Cars & Coffee (p 4)

Kassow Kruise on Dec 7. Great weather and very good turnout for this traditional winter memorial tour. Thanks to Ric Anderson for the story and pics. (p 9)

Polar Bear Run on Dec 28. Another tour in excellent weather was the annual Polar Bear Run hosted by the GA Triumph Association. Thanks to Ric Anderson for the story and photos. (p 11)

Adventures with Lucky Lady. The last feature is the story of Concours at Hilton Head, including how Lucky Lady got there. Thanks to Karen Meinzen McEnerny for the story and pics (p 14)

Barry's Tech Corner Barry's column is his work in progress souping up a Triumph Herald, also he is moving again! (p 17)

Grandson Zach got to visit the Beaver Creek OH police department with the Moms and Tots group. He was a little skeptical of the talking, remote controlled squad car.

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



November BLD - Wine-ing Roads Tour and Tasting



A diverse collection of classic British cars gathered for the 1st Wine-ing Roads tour this past November 9th on a day where the weather was perfect for driving. A total of 10 cars showed up for the event – 2 Austin-Healeys, 2 MG Roadsters, 2 MGB-GTs, 2 Triumph Spitfires, a Triumph TR6 and a Kia! Who knew there would be such interest in driving an old British car on backroads in North Georgia after consuming fermented grape juice!

Our group gathered early at the Bojangles restaurant in the thriving community of Hickory Flat, GA (where's that?). Despite our efforts to quietly gather, grab a quick bite of breakfast and then depart it would seem that the roar of our powerful British motors gave us away to the regular Bojangles patrons – who were somewhat intrigued by the cars. After a brief meeting in the parking lot, this rag tag band of thirsty wine enthusiasts departed. Our lead car was a red MGB-GT. Our initial route took the group toward Dawsonville by way of some beautiful countryside. Unfortunately, along the way the lead car developed an engine firing issue. Upon arriving in Dawsonville it was determined that one of the spark plugs had fouled and was not firing. A quick cleaning of the plug with some STP carb treatment corrected the issue and our group was on its way north.

Traveling by way of GA-136 and GA-183 past Amicalola Falls State Park our caravan of cute LBC's reached their first destination – Hillcrest Orchards in Ellijay. To our delight there were still plenty of apples to be purchased as well as fried pies –with or without ice cream. Who could resist such a wholesome mid-morning snack?



After much consumption, the group departed for a short drive to our first wine stop – Chateau Meichtry. This winery is located in a beautiful valley with very nice views of surrounding hills. Despite being very busy, the owner had kindly set aside a separate parking lot for us to park our LBC's. The thirsty group wasted no time in descending upon the tasting room, ordering wine tastings and full bottles and congregating in an enclosed outdoor seating area. In addition there was a tasty food truck there to provide us with something to absorb the wine! To our delight we were joined by Barry Rosenberg (Mr. British Car mechanic extraordinaire), his wife Patty and their faithful dog Bolt (best dog in the world and excellent at catching Frisbees).

November BLD - Wine-ing Roads Tour and Tasting



Having spent a couple of hours at Chateau Meichtry and tasting all of the wines it had to offer what was this group to do? Travel back home? Not likely. Our thirsty group of wine enthusiasts departed and traveled a short distance to yet another vineyard – Ott Farms and Vineyard, situated on the edge of a hill with stunning views of a valley below and hills in the distance. Additional wine and stories were shared before the group called it a day and headed for their respective homes. Time to start planning for next year's drive.

Abe & Susan Cheij



11th Annual Kassow Memorial Kruise

Bob Kassow was a well known and loved member of the local sports car community who, sadly, lost his life 13 years ago. But he was doing what he loved, driving one of his toys.

Since then, Bill and Mary Ellen Nagel have hosted a drive in his honor. Not limited to a single marque, it is to celebrate Bob and is open to all in the old car community. Always a fun event, and this year was no different. An extra bonus this year, Bob's widow Jane joined us for the start.

Joining the fun from your AAHC, along with our host Bill Nagel, were Rick Alley, Dean Meyer, Phil Hungate, Len Thomas, Alan White, and Wright & Pat Bagby. And me.



There were about 15 cars gathered at that start in Kennesaw on a bright, sunny, Saturday morning. After the usual pre-drive socializing, Bill offered a quick word on the plan, and on the reason for the drive. And we got out and on the way.

Bill did another nice job on route planning, getting us out into the less busy roads in Cherokee county quickly and on into rolling countryside. A rest stop in Freehome allowed some more socializing and the picking up of a few more cars.

Then it was on the road again, more nice roads with just the right mix of twists and scenery to make the drive great.

Arriving at Amicalola Falls lodge, we found we weren't alone in enjoying a little mountain drive.

A group of Porsche enthusiasts were enjoying their own little parking lot car show. Bill and I, having arrived a little ahead of the rest, did our best Sprite sales job with the Porsche folks. Pretty sure one or two will be trading "up" soon.



After the rest of the crowd arrived, and after some more tire kicking, we went in to enjoy the great food and wonderful views the lodge is known for.

As folks finished eating and talking, the crowd melted away to make their way to home or wherever. (Some thought there was some important college ball game they wanted to see)

Great weather, great folks, fun roads, and a nice collection of cars. Thanks Bill & Mary Ellen. Can't wait for next year. For the rest of you, mark your calendars now for December 5, 2020. You'll be glad you did.

-Ric Anderson



11th Annual Kassow Memorial Kruise



The Capitol Christmas Tree Delivery



Grandson Zach spots the tree! Truck and trailer way too large to fit through the pathway walls so a 10-wheeled crane lifts it and crawls to the planting spot.



"From Land of Enchantment to Enchanting the Nation
Carson National Forest, NM to Washington DC"



GTA's 20th Annual Polar Bear Run to Cloudland Canyon State Park

Our friends with the Georgia Triumph Association hosted the 20th annual PBR on the 28th on the last Saturday of December. And, as is their norm, they did a great job of it.

As has been the case the last few years, the fine folks at Atlanta Motorsports Park opened their beautiful facilities to host the starting line. (If you are one of the few who are not familiar with AMP, check them at here: <https://atlantamotorsportspark.com/>)

Folks began arriving early to enjoy the coffee and doughnuts and some catching up. There was also the opportunity to purchase a spiffy PBR logo shirt or make a donation to the ALS organization.

The GTA hosts had a brief drivers' meeting about 9:00 and then everyone moved out to the parking lot to get headed out. A great mix of cars, Alfas to Teslas, and a lot in between. Reportedly 46 cars signed in. While I only saw three Healeys in the lot, I counted 10 AAHC members in attendance.

The drive this year took us to Cloudland Canyon State Park via a winding 115 mile route through

such booming burbs as Talking Rock, Blaine, Petersburg, Fidelle, Nicklesville, and Cooper Heights. And the weather was great, allowing for a lot of top down fun.

GTA had reserved parking for us close to the main overlook for the canyon and the falls. Just beautiful. After a good bit of oohing and ahing, and some more parking lot socializing, folks made their way to lunch. We were provided with a list of places close to the park and others closer to Chattanooga.

About 20 of us ended up at the Mountain Top Café for some classic diner food. The cars in their lot drew a good number of admirers and some pleasant conversation. After a leisurely lunch folks melted away to their various directions.

As great time, so glad to wrap up 2019 with such a fun day.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 26th, 2020 and join us for the 21st annual PBR.

-Ric Anderson



Alan White and Rick Alley comparing a Bugeye, a Miata and a Lotus at PBR 2019 fueling



Alan White's Hazel and Cole Getzler's Big Healey at Cloudland Canyon

GTA's 20th Annual Polar Bear Run (cont)



Easy to see how Cloudland Canyon got its name



Ric Anderson's Ruby



Vickie Meyer's Jag at Cloudland Canyon

GTA's 20th Annual Polar Bear Run (cont)



Glenn Stephens' 2002



The Cheij's Herald Sport



Phil Hungate's Westfield is a recreation of a 1956 Lotus 11. She uses a Spridget donor for engine and drivetrain, i.e. 1275cc and 4-speed ribcase transmission. The car is titled as a 1984 and is number 49 of an initial run of 200 cars. The circles are headrests incorporated in the customized roll bar.

Austin-Healey Club of America Membership name tags-

The first one from AHCA is **free to members**. Send email request to:

Mike Schneider, AHCA Membership Director, at membership@healeyclub.org along with your name, member number, year joining AHCA, and address where the name tag is to be sent.

Concours d'Elegance at Hilton Head Island

I am getting the rhythm of the sanctioned Concours d'Elegance cars shows. The first one held was in Pebble Beach California, some say in 1950, other sources say 1955. But there is wide agreement that it is the oldest and most prestigious of the sanctioned Concours events held across this country. The Atlanta Concours was just brought back in 2016, Hilton Head Island has been around since 2003 as has the Amelia Island Concours.. some have said Amelia is the "Pebble Beach of the east Coast". All have the mission however of attracting the rarest, most beautiful original condition automobiles ever made. It is by invitation only and submissions are required for this juried show.

Judges award generally 1 first and 2 seconds called Best in Class (First) and at Hilton Island Concours the second place awards (2) were called the Palmetto award. At the recent Atlanta Concours they were called the Vehicles of Distinction which my car won in 2017 having just come off her 4 year ground up restoration. The HHI scoring process is similar to Pebble Beach where "authenticity and historical correctness are judged along with the condition of the entire vehicle on a 100 point scale". It includes understandably exterior, interior, engine and chassis, plus bonus points for elegance, historical significance and presence factor.

Lucky Lady (a 1963 BJ7) scored a 97.5. But I received no bonus points so lost out in my "Sports Cars, English" class of 8. I see the "rhythm" now. Rarity, age and of course fit and finish plus an elegant body style determine the winning cars. The class winner included as Best in Class a **1935 Riley MPH** and the two Palmetto awards were to a **1933 MG J2** and a **1959 Cooper MG open roadster racer**. So despite her 97.5 score, she wasn't rare, elegant or historically significant enough to place. The others in my class that didn't place either were a **1966 Marcos GT 1500** (from Sandy Springs); a **1963 Sunbeam Tiger Series 3**; and a **1967 Austin-Healey 3000 Mark III** (Lexington, KY).

I certainly don't want to leave any impression that I was disappointed ... It was a great event with excellent judging, and I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to compete with such stellar vintage cars (pre-1971). *(The **Jaguars XK series (120's, 140's and 150's)** were the featured marque containing 16 gorgeous examples. Even a **1953 C type** owned by J.W Marriott Jr. A **1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet** won Best of Show).*

George and Debbie Pope trailered her down and my brother Rob Meinzen came to offer me support as well. We all had a blast. The excitement of the drive onto the field in the wee hours of Sunday morning will live with me forever. It was perfect weather and a glorious day. Several couples close to me attended as well making it a holiday for their families, including my college roommate from Brevard who spent many hours driving with me in Dallas in 1972 -1973 after the first "restoration". Other Atlanta Healey club members there were the Joel Strimbans who met with the Popes for dinner. The nearby host hotel was the Westin and was within walking distance of the venue as well as right on the beach. Restaurants abound. Great fun. Even spent a day at nearby Daufuski Island, accessible only by ferry.

The only "downside" was the arduous prep of detailing my car into concours condition but made easier by my brothers lift, and just part of the drill!!! She was gleaming. I was so proud of her *(and her ATL Healey Club badge bar!)*



-Karen Meinzen McEnery

Concours d'Elegance at Hilton Head Island (cont)



Concours d'Elegance at Hilton Head Island (cont)

Some of the *prep story*, from an Open Letter sent Nov 3, 2019 to Sheron Moshell

Thanks to you Sheron as curator of the AAHC regalia, I got the last enameled badge to proudly show on Lucky Lady in Hilton Head in several days. Here is a close up of the custom made and installed badge bar holder with club badge next to the Bronze AH Conclave concours registry badge. The peach just really shows off perfectly our Atlanta roots and I love it. (*photo is on p 14*)

Rob made the badge bar holder (designed originally for the grill) from 3" x 8" inch x 1/8 aluminum flat bar (6061T6511) ... purchased from Metal Supermarkets Atlanta (Doraville) for \$9.50. He then cut and drilled it to measure. (The brackets came from Moss Motors) So thank you so much for making sure Lucky Lady had her complete jewels on for her SC debut!

Nader Bagheri also had a key role in a punch list item. I call it the Gordian Knot ... but it's the carburetor overflow assembly. The rubber pieces that come off the carburetors float bowls were graciously given to me at his last tech session when he knew we were in search of parts to complete this item. George Pope followed up with the final black plastic piping pieces and Rob installed them last week. (I don't know how ya'll manage to get your hands in these small spaces to install these key parts.)

So I am almost ready for the trip to HHI with Debbie and George Pope and my precious Brother as we show her with all the "Big Boys"!! I understand Joel and Andy Strimban from our club will be there too, sans car as they showed their BJ8 there last year. Wish us luck. Karen



Tech Corner by Barry Rosenberg

Technical article: December 2019;

Getting ahead of the game; I am writing this is early November. Several major projects are now completed; a TR6 engine that was disassembled 30 years ago, a GT6 engine that hadn't run in at least that long, a GT6 overdrive transmission that we got in pieces with many incorrect for our unit, and a GT6 differential that also was pieces of more than one unit. Next comes getting the Herald into the shop and tearing it apart.

This isn't just any old Herald. No, the original purchaser's son still owns the car and it is very very nice and original other than color of paint. The plan is to remove all the running gear and the front suspension. The front suspension uprights have to be swapped for GT6 ones because they raise the engine about 3/4", just enough to clear the steering rack. The original four cylinder engine sits behind the rack so it can sit a little lower.

Now, the owner is thinking about putting the GT6+ rear suspension under the car but I do not think the frame will allow it; so, we may just change to the MK111 GT6 rear suspension which requires a little less work; I hope.

What will these changes do to the car? First, there will be 2 1/2 times the power. There will be the overdrive for faster speeds (in a Herald, really). The rear end has a better gear ratio although the actual gears are the same size. But a 3.27 to 1 ratio gives a much lower engine speed than the stock Herald one will. The more powerful engine will more than make up for the loss in acceleration from the differential gear change.

There are some draw backs to this swap. One, the front end will be a lot heavier thus changing the front to rear weight ratio. More weight will be moving forward. Some of this can be reduced if we relocate the battery to the trunk. This has not been discussed as yet. The engine weight will sit a little higher raising the center of gravity some. The heavier engine will make the car a little harder to handle in turns because of these changes to the geometry of the car.

A heavier front anti-sway bar can offset some of this so we (we meaning the owner) will probably buy one

or I can make one. GT6 springs and new shocks will help some as well. I do not know how many of y'all have driven a Herald or early Spitfire but they have a very weird trick they like to play when cornered hard.

As you turn into the corner at speed, the rear end lifts and the two wheels tuck in like they are trying to kiss each other. Makes for some funny handling. At one time SCCA would not let stock Spitfires autocross because of the dangerous handling akin to the Corvair. Triumph tried to fix this problem on the GT6+ by using a totally different set up very much like a full independent rear suspension. It was a complicated and costly update and was only used for 2 years or so. Then they replaced it with an updated original style suspension.

They made the axles about 1" longer, which gave the cars negative camber to the rear wheels and they modified the rear transverse leaf spring (Corvettes used these until recently so it ain't a bad idea). They made the springs so only the main leaf was firmly attached to the differential and the other leafs kind of floated. They provided almost no support until the car had weight in it or it was leaning in a turn. This stopped the tire tuck. We can use this system easier than the GT6+.

Got to insert this now before I forget about it. I just had a phone call from a past customer probably 18 years ago who has a TR3. He was looking for someone to work on it recently as he thought I had quit years ago. He went to a shop that has a British sounding name in Buckhead, Ga. The owner's son now runs it and when he went to look at the car, asked "what year MGA is it?" No lie. The cars owner said "it says right here, Triumph. Thanks but I will go elsewhere for service". Never heard anything so dumb before. How can you work on old British cars and not know the difference between them? As a side note to this story, his TR3 has a broken pinion tooth in the differential for the 18 years since I last saw the car. I may see him in the near future but not for the broken gear.

Now, back to the swap. With all these changes, a new exhaust system will be required. The stock manifold is a pretty good design and going to a header system is a \$500 option. It will provide no

Tech Corner (cont.)

real performance gain as we built a pretty mild engine. Finally, a place to save some money. The rest of the system will be replaced with a Vitesse system. For those of you who do not know what a Triumph Vitesse is, it is a six cylinder Herald with a much uglier front end.

I personally like the Vitesse style so no complaining. So, would one ask why we are doing this? My reason is simple, money. I get paid. Plus I really like doing this type work. The owner wants a car he can drive on more outings. Right now, if he drove it to the north Georgia mountains, he would be trying to downshift into first gear to make it up some of the hills. It is a non-syncro 1st and does not like being downshifted there.

What will it do to the value of the car? As most Heralds have very little value now, probably make it go up. This one is a rare car in that the original family still owns it but there is very little collector value to a Herald. And, everything we are doing is reversible. It is all bolt in. Almost no cutting or welding required. And the small pieces we need to weld on are just for the radiator mount. You know, an aluminum radiator will remove a few pounds from the front end and it is only money. Not mine but someone's.

When I retire and that will be some day, I plan to build me a car, finally. In 45 years, I have not built myself a car. I restored my TR4A race car but soon sold it. I restored other people's cars and then bought them at a greatly reduced cost (about 1/2 the cost to build) but never built one for me. I have most of a GT6+ that was Patty's when we married now sitting behind my barn. I have two four liter all aluminum engines with 4 bolt main caps. I have a Subaru differential that I may use. I have the very rare original GM bellhousing that fits the engine and a Camaro 5 speed transmission. All I have to do is retire and put the pieces together.

This is assuming Patty lets me. Probably won't; I'm sure she will think a 300 horsepower car weighing 1900 pounds is not necessary for some one my age. But it will be fun for whoever buys it from me. Or you can wait until I die because she plans to give all my stuff away as she has no use for it.

I guess I will pause right now as the time is getting toward quitting time and she will be here soon to pick me up. We drive home together because our old Subaru does our road a lot better than our Focus. Plus, I may have some interesting news when I pick this up again in a few days.

A weekend has passed and I do have some news. I am moving again! We are getting a beautiful Prairie style house outside Jasper about 6 miles from my barn. It has about 4 acres and a 1 1/2 acre lake, 25 ft. deep, fully stocked, newly rebuilt dam (by the county thank them very much) and a huge shop. All roads to it are paved county maintained roads! No more steep driveway that is a pain to walk up and down blowing off the leaves.

The gorgeous log home we spent over 5 years building will soon be on the market and we will be very sad to see it go. But I get a lake again! And let me say now, come July 4th, 2020, we will once again have our pig roast with a whole pig on the pit, home made Brunswick stew, boiled peanuts and fishing in the lake. Fireworks will begin at dark. Y'all come. More information will follow so keep an open date around next 4th of July.

The shop is 28 x 48 and has a pit and loft. The pit must go as I know I will fall into it, probably more than once. Lots of parking for tech sessions so keep an eye out for those. If any of y'all are looking forward to retiring and moving to the mountains of north Georgia, have I got a deal for you. My barn is up for sale now on Zillow, For Sale by Owner. Look up Zillow FSBO and search for 85 Oak Morris Ridge, Jasper, Ga.

4.11 acres with two level barn. Lower level is perfect shop all set up for playing with cars. Upper level can be anything you want, currently used for storage. Can be converted into livable space again. Has bathroom and two sliding barn doors, one per level. Over 4 acres of beautiful land with a perfect flat spot on a hill for a new home. Lots of open acres for horses or gardening. This I will truly miss, it is a car guy's dream place. But, life moves on and so will we.

This time of year there is not much car stuff going on. Road trips have dwindled to almost none, cold weather is setting in, winter will soon be here. I know

Tech Corner (cont.)

next spring, I will be doing a tune up tech session as I have done in the past, watch for the date. I am open to helping any club with a tech session if they would like. I can do most anything for a tech session except replace a MGB windshield. Hate, Hate doing those.

Y'all all have a great Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas a very happy Chanukkah and a safe and happy New Year. See y'all somewhere soon.

Barry Rosenberg

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PS. The new house has much better cell service and internet, YAY!

**CONCLAVE 2020 - CRYSTAL RIVER, FL
EARLY INFORMATION**

Dear AHCA member, [email from: Linwood Rose <linwoodrose@mac.com>]

As you may be aware, the Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club is hosting the 2020 Conclave at the Plantation in Crystal River, FL. Healeys and owners will arrive on May 17. Our closing banquet will be the evening of the 21st and we will say our farewells on the May 22. The Club is working hard to create a memorable event for all attendees and we hope that you will plan to join us!

The Plantation Resort is a wonderful venue with countless attractions on Florida's nature coast. Conclave activities will include a fun rally, a funkhana, a gymkhana, a popular car show, valve cover racing, several road tours, tech sessions and a special "wine and jewels" session for the ladies.

If you have not already registered we hope that you will consider participating. To view the Conclave 2020 website simply click on <https://event-wizard.com/Conclave2020/0/welcome/>

At the site you will find information about the event including an on-line registration form, lodging details, regalia ordering information, local and state-wide attractions, Conclave sponsors and updates.

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Healey Information (Healey Ownership Not Required)

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Working on (2) projects and am looking for the following parts:

Short term project: Building a MK1, 1962 MG (GAN2 VIN prefix). I need a:

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Tach and Speedo for MK1, 1962 MG

I purchased the car with no engine, transmission, Tach or Speedo, but otherwise complete and with only 2 rust through spots (on bottom of each front wing in the usual place).

Longer term project: Building a Bugeye from tub up (currently on a rotisserie to replace floor pan and spring boxes). If you have any BE parts (interior or exterior) you're not using / would part with - send me a list please!

Thanks All !

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WANTED

Hi Club Members- Am working on my 100/4 project and am in need of all clutch linkage from the pedal to the 4 speed gearbox. Please advise if you have any to spare or where I might locate them. Thanks!

Regards, markhenderson3376@gmail.com

FOR SALE

A-H 3000, 1961

I have a beautiful 1961 3000 that I am thinking about passing on to a new owner...if anyone knows of someone who would love to have such a fabulous car or if any of you want to add to your collection please let me know!

Thanks so much!

William Monroe williamlmonroe@yahoo.com



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