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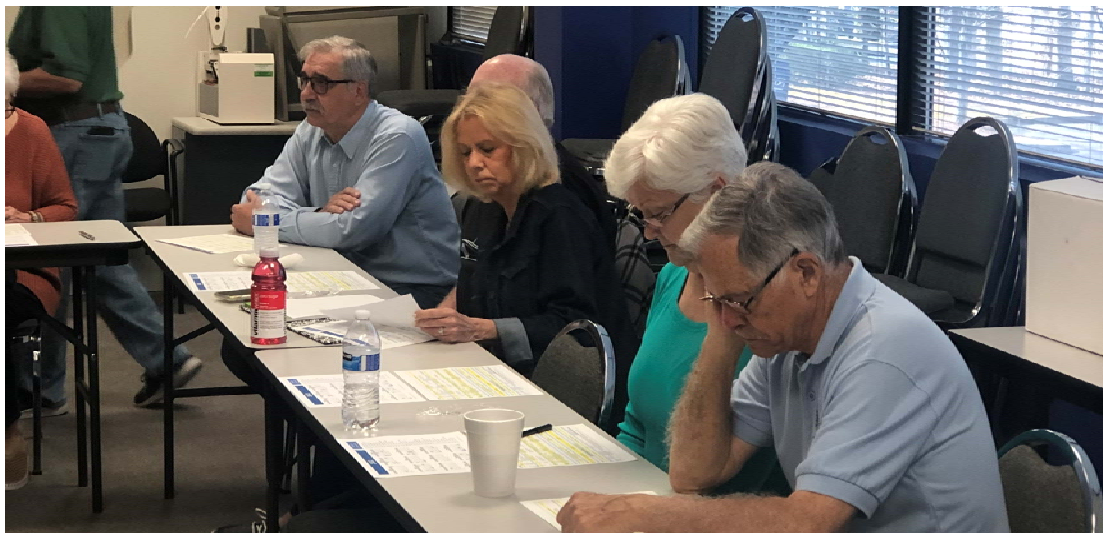
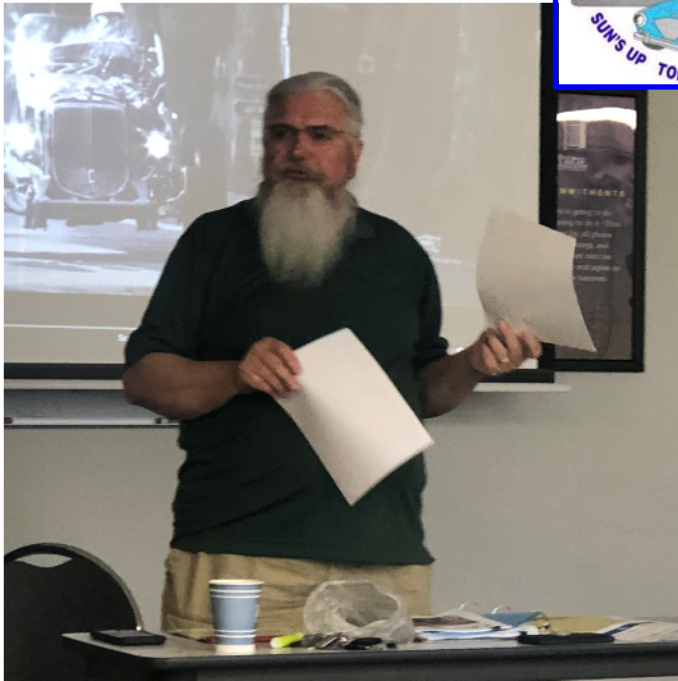
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Images from the planning meeting.  
Attendees were told they had to pass the test to get pizza



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### Editors' Note

Spring is almost here at least here on the eastern edge of the Rockies. Warm days will soon follow with lots of opportunities get out and drive your Healey. Just be sure it's road ready if its been sitting all winter.

Unfortunately, real world events and an offer I could not refuse has me back in the workforce in Colorado again. My eventual return to Atlanta will be delayed to a future date beyond this year. However Kate & I will continue to publish the Flash, but your input is more important than ever!!!

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

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## Atlanta President Charlie Moshell

Our Saturday morning meeting in Roswell had a good turnout with John & Linda Miner, John & Linda May, John Blanks & Denise, George & Debbie Pope, Rick Alley, Kate O'Leary, John Homonek, Dietmar Breilkreuz, Jim & Judy Patterson, Sheron & Charlie Moshell and special guest Dave Kirkman from the North Jaguar Club. Overall, a very productive meeting.

We went through the calendar month by month to plan a few events before jumping into SE Classic planning. Much of the time was spent on some ideas and the flow of SE Classic along with a walk through of the registration. If you have not done so, please get your registration in if you want to participate in the show. We are limited to 80 cars.

Dave Kirman is also on the British Motor Car Day committee and provided some in-site to the upcoming British Motor Car Day to be held Sunday May 22 in Suwanee Town Square. The BCD Savoy Museum location was moved due to scheduling conflicts. The event was also moved to Sunday with the thought that there would be less traffic for classic cars to drive across town. Suwanee Town Center seems to have rolled out the red carpet welcoming this event.

In addition, Dave is also involved in Hilton Head's Concours d'Elegance and spoke to us about the Sunday show. This year they will be showing 10-12 Healeys – 100-6 and 3000 series only. He wanted to encourage us to let others know as this invite will be via application on their website. He also has a killer back road rural route to Hilton Head.

The next driving event is the Chris Gore annual mountain tour scheduled for Saturday April 2nd.

Check out the Atlanta Club website for a list of upcoming events. If you see something you

would be interested in attending or have another good idea not listed, don't be shy, just raise your hand and shout out!" Hey we will be meeting at (Location) & departing at (Time), Let's go driving!

Karen Meinzen McEnery and brother Rob Meinzen will be hosting an April 24th BBQ Sunday afternoon @ 3pm until whenever. This will be a great opportunity to gather for some socializing and additional discussions regarding the ongoing preparation for SE classic in November.

Sally and Jim Patterson will be hosting a Savoy Museum visit and BBQ October 15th for a fall pumpkin/apple/leaf watching outing.

Sheron and I are already planning to attend the Carolinas annual August trip to Ashville this year. We are planning leisurely drive up Thursday August 4th for a long weekend of fun and fellowship. Chuck and Monique Reeves have invited the Atlanta folks as well. Several folks have expressed interest in visiting Cloudland Canyon, Little River Canyon AL, Cave Springs, Cherochala Skyway TN and the road to nowhere in Bryson City NC.

Tech sessions are always a good crowd pleaser as well if any one need's a little push for some PM attention before any road trips.

We will be scheduling some more planning meetings, (both physical and Zoom variety) and will announce locations for any monthly meetings once they get scheduled.

We are in the throws of our SE Classic event. John Blanks and Denise Collins are heading up the Silent Auction and Raffle so please donate!! Everything and Anything is accepted.

## Atlanta President

Charlie Moshell (cont.)

Donations of gift baskets are particularly appreciated.

Plans are to fit in a Fish Fry meeting and schedule a December Christmas Brunch ending the year with the Kasow Kruise and Polar Bear Run.

That's about it for now . . .

Best Regards,  
Charlie Moshell

## In memorandum



Arthur Nelson Berry, Jr. 1933–2022  
Good friend and Healey enthusiast, will be missed by his family and friends

Watch your e-mail during the year for unscheduled Tech Sessions and impromptu drives



## Look ahead from planning meeting

April			
Day	Date	Event	Location / Host
FRI - SUN	4/8 /2022	Texas Healey Round-up	Holiday Inn & Suites, Brenham TX
FRI #	4 /22 - 23 /2022	BRITS ON THE BAY	PENSACOLA FL, PANHANDLE BCASSOC <a href="http://www.pbca1.com">http://www.pbca1.com</a>
THUR - SUN	4/28- 5/1	WALTER MITTY	ROAD ATLANTA
May			
Day	Date	Event	Location / Host
SUN	5/1/2022	BBQ Afternoon 3 -5 pm	KAREN & ROB MEINZEN
FRI - SUN	5/13 – 15 2022	SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKIES 8314 State Hwy 73	BLOUNT COUNTY CAR CLUB TOWNSEND TN
SAT	5/14/2022	DRIVE LAKE LANIER	GTA <a href="https://gatriumph.com/">https://gatriumph.com/</a>
SAT	5/22/2022	BRITISH CAR DAY	TOWN PARK, SUWANEE GA, ATLANTA <a href="http://BRITISHCARDAY.ORG">BRITISHCARDAY.ORG</a>
June			
Day	Date	Event	Location / Host
THUR SUN	6/9 – 12/ 2022	HIGHLANDS MOTOTING FESTIVAL (Sunday casual show)	HIAWASSEE GA, <a href="https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/">https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/</a>
SAT	6/11/2022	JENSEN EAST	TBA
SAT	6/18/2022	WHISTLE TOP BREWERY	GTA <a href="https://gatriumph.com/">https://gatriumph.com/</a>



<b>July</b>			
Nuttin	Zip	NADA	Nowhere
<b>August</b>			
WED-SUN	8/ 4-7 /2022	CAROLINAS AUG GATHER- ING	ASHVILLE NC, CHUCK REEVES
SUN-SUN	8/21- 28 /2022	HILTON HEAD VISIT SE CLASSIC PLANNING	HILTON HEAD SC
SAT	8/27/2022	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	TBA
<b>September</b>			
SAT	9/10/2022	CARE FAYRE	MAIN STREET, NORCROSS GA
THUR-SUN	9/15- 18 /2022	BRITISH FESTIVAL	PEACHTREE MG, DILLARD GA
SUN-FRI	9/18- 23 /2022	AHCA Conclave	POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA
<b>October</b>			
SAT	10/15/2022	SAVOY AUTO MUSEUM & BBQ	CARTERSVILLE GA, SALLY & JIM PATTERSON
<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS</b>	<b>Your Vote Counts!!!# Volunteers WANTED!!</b>
<b>November</b>			
WED-SUN	11/2-6 /2022	AUSTIN HEALEY SE CLAS- SIC	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, HILTON HEAD SC,
<b>December</b>			
SAT	12/3/2022	BOB KASSOS KRUISE	KENNESAW GA, BILL NAGLE
TBD	TBD	CHRISTMAS PARTY	TBA
SAT	12/31/2022	GTA Polar Bear Run	TBA, GTA

## Other Happenings#

1ST Sat of the month, GRIND & GEARS, GTA SEARS NORTHPOINT MALL  
1000 North Point Circle, Alpharetta, GA 30022 <https://www.grind-n-gears.com>

4TH Sat of the month, CAFFEINE & CHROME, 9AM-12PM GATEWAY CLAS-  
SIC CARS 1870 McFarland Pkwy STE 300 Alpharetta, GA 30005

### Automotive Trivia

**Roll back the clock to 1985. The hot new vehicle for families was now a Mini Van. Other auto manufacturers rushed in to compete with Chrysler**

**True or False ???**

**The 1st edition of this Mini Van had no cup holders, but did have 7 ash  
trays?**

*Answer on Page 11*

# *Southeastern Classic XXXV*

## **November 3-6, 2022**

Welcome to Southeastern Classic XXXV. It's hard to believe some of us have been doing this for 35 years! As hosts for this event, the Atlanta Chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America welcomes you to this years' location – Hilton Head Island, SC!

Please join us for some of our traditional SEC favorite activities and events:

- Hospitality with old and new friends
- Self-guided tours
- Tech sessions
- Regalia
- Silent auction
- Funkhana
- Car Show (it's all about our Healeys)
- Awards Banquet

We have also added some unique twists to include:

- Outside venue to the Low Country Celebration Park adjacent to the hotel
- Excellent hotel location within walking distance to the well-known Coligny Beach Park and famous local restaurants.
- Low Country Boil Awards Banquet, a local tradition.
- Ladies Wine Glass Painting Event
- And a unique SEC Car Show Opportunity. The show will be held Saturday on the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway of the Port Royal Golf Club's Planter's Row Golf Course, adjacent to the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival Club Car Showcase,

**Your SEC Event registration includes** two (2) tickets for both Saturday's and Sunday's HHI Motoring Festival events. You will be free to roam the entire field of vehicles on Saturday and again on Sunday, at your leisure. Please check out their website at [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com).

The Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance & Motoring Festival is a multi-day world-class experience; its two-day format makes it unique to other Concours events.

Sunday, there is an array of 100-200 outstanding cars and motorcycles displayed across the fairways of Port Royal Golf Club's Golf Courses. These vehicles are exceedingly rare, unique and of the highest level of restoration.

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The HHI Motoring Festival welcomes you to apply independently for their Sunday Concours d' Elegance show if you wish to have your car included and judged. They will be selecting 10-12 Healey's split between the 100's and 3000's for this year's show.

**Go to [www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org) to register on-line.** The event is located on the November calendar. You do not have to be a member to register. If you are an AHAC member, login and go to the calendar. If not, you can still register via the Events/Calendar.

If you have any questions please contact Charlie Moshell ([charliemoshell@aol.com](mailto:charliemoshell@aol.com)), Sharon Moshell ([smoshell@aol.com](mailto:smoshell@aol.com)) or John Miner (Registration) at [jminer47@gmail.com](mailto:jminer47@gmail.com).

# *Southeastern Classic XXXV*

## **November 3-6, 2022**

### **Tentative Schedule and General Information:**

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Golf Cart shuttles will be available to provide ease of navigation around the HHI Motoring Festival automotive display. Shuttle service will also be available to and from our wonderful host hotel, the Holiday Inn Express Hilton Head Island, at 2 Tanglewood Dr, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. (843) 842-6662.

As folks arrive on Thursday, we will be hosting Hospitality. Beverages and snacks provided.

Friday is our "FUNday Friday". We encourage you to take in the sites of the island, the beaches, or even some self-directed driving tours, Burnt Church Distillery being a popular spot. Tech Sessions in the afternoon are always a hit as well. The ladies will have their own tech session this year, a Wine Glass Painting Class. No skills or supplies needed. BYOB is recommended. We will be limited to 40 registrations.

Continuing with "FUNday Friday" will be the Funkhana at the Celebration Park next door to the Holiday Inn Express. All within walking distance. Friday evening dinner is on your own. You can experience the many wonderful restaurants on the island, or you can keep it simple and partake in the delicious food trucks we will have available at the Park as well. Tables and chairs will be set up to accommodate the meal and hospitality.

Saturday morning will be our Southeastern Classic Car Show on the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway at Port Royal. We are limited to 80 cars, thus only one car will be allowed per registration. **Must be registered by October 14<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to participate in the show.**

Saturday evening, we will be having our SEC Awards Banquet. It will be a very casual event since it will be outside on the lawn at Celebration Park, ending the SE Classic with a traditional Low Country Boil. For those who are not into seafood, barbeque will be available as well. Do I dare say, "Hospitality" again? You are welcome to BYOB. Some refreshments will be provided.

Our SEC event is officially over following the Awards Banquet. However, for those who would like to stay another day and enjoy your tickets to the HHI Concours d' Elegance on Sunday (included in your registration), the Holiday Inn Express is extending our deeply-discounted room rate of \$159/night to Sunday evening as well.

## March Planning Meeting

Kate O'leary

Charlie called our meeting to order and gave a brief rundown of what has been going on in his world. He and Sheron have been working very hard to put together a great event in Hilton Head for SEClassic. Our club has enough money in the treasury, membership is steady.

There was a great event at which several club members visited with Arthur and Sally Berry, as Arthur was in hospice care and really wanted to see some Healeys and perhaps take a ride. His wishes were granted, only a short time before he passed.

As with most planning meetings, the calendar was the main focus, and several events were added to the list of drives and gatherings. We have a BBQ Dinner hosted by Karen Meinzen, a carfest and Car Museum event, a British Car day in Suwanee ([AtlantaBritishMotorcarDay.org](http://AtlantaBritishMotorcarDay.org)), the Jensen Nationals for JH owners in Lake Chatuge and an event with Georgia Triumph Association (GTA) at the Whistle Top Brewing in Cornelia all coming up this spring.

Over the summer, we will be sweating and complaining about the humidity and the heat and wishing that our old cars had a/c and better insulation against the heat of the transmission tunnel. At the end of the summer, there will be a planning week at Hilton Head the week of August 21-28. Sheron is in charge of the organization for this meeting because it is onsite. There might be ice cream and socializing too.

In the fall, there will be an event at the new Savoy museum hosted by Jim and Judy from Cartersville. We also have other great events : Enclave (AHCA and AHSTA joint event) in the Poconos, Norcross British Car

Day, and maybe, just maybe, a possible return to the Chattanooga ChooChoo Car Show?

Then we veered off into the Classic part of the meeting.

Sheron spoke about the timing and particulars of the event, and we nailed down the schedule of activities. There will be registration, hospitality, a fun-kharnival, the car show at the Concours, regalia sales, a silent auction and raffle, and a couple of tech sessions, including a wineglass painting event.

John Homonek spoke a bit about the plans for our car show at the Hilton Head Concours. There will be very strict guidance for the parking at the event, since space is at a premium. We need to have the final car count in to the concours committee by the middle of October. Dave the Jag guy explained about the way the show worked and answered some questions about the location and the events surrounding the Concours. He also talked about providing us with some great non-interstate routes down to Hilton Head.

John Miner talked about the event website, and we were given a demonstration since the website is open online for registration. Hiltonheadislandcompass features an app for club members for getting ideas around Hilton Head: things to do, places to eat. It would be helpful to download and have available before the big weekend.

Then we ate pizza. Good pizza that Sheron had ordered for us, there was a lot of it.



## Modifications and Upgrades

Recently, there have been several articles on modifications to Healey's, including brakes, engines, fuel systems, heating and air-conditioning, rear axle and transmissions.

Which brings up the question, at what point is the car no longer an Austion Healey, more over an Austin Healey based hot rod that loses some appeal and value to buyers down the road?

Given the cars were produced from 1952 – 1967, (1969 for Sprites) utilizing many BMC /Lucas /Girling designs that sometimes pre-dated WWII, there is a lot of room for improvement today. There is an argument for being original, however, as someone once said, “Yea, I could show up to a car show with a big bag of rust and 4 bald tires and say it's all original, but what good is that?”.

As most of us would prefer to be able to enjoy our cars on drives and some modifications for comfort, reliability and safety make sense, and do not diminish value. Example, early cars had front drum brakes that were prone to fading and limited stopping ability. I am not aware of diminished value for 100's, 100/6's and MKI, MKII Sprites that have been converted to front disc brakes, as long as the parts were used from later vintages of the marque. The same with electronic distributors and parts that eliminate the old points and condenser for reliability. Early cars did not have safety belts, would you drive one today without safety belts? You can also throw modern starters and alternators as well. On a hot, humid afternoon drive, who has not wished for A/C? A/C was in

fact, a dealer installed option for BJ8s in the final years of production. An article by Haggarty pointed out A/C is big plus on some older cars like Lambos and Jags, even if factory A/C was not an option.

Two critical points to consider when thinking about car modifications and how they may affect the value of your car. First, Is it reversible? and Second, how serviceable will it be in the future? Many Sprites have been upgraded to Datsun 5 speed transmissions, which greatly enhances drivability. The down side is Datsun/Nissan has not made that RWD transmission for over 40 years, with gears and bearings becoming very hard to find. If it breaks, you might looking for a while and have to pay big \$\$\$ for replacement, or heaven forbid, go back to the "rib-case" 4 speed, which parts and gears are still available, and the installation is reversible. Serviceability may be a consideration to a buyer, especially for a new buyer, who has limited wrenching ability or as in a recent article, bought a Healey 100 but did not know how to drive a car with a manual transmission (clutch).

Once you get into engine swaps, exotic custom fuel systems, custom rear ends, you are getting into nasty-boy territory, where you would need to find a buyer who is looking for a 'hot-rod' exactly as you built it. Hopefully you have documented what you did, as trying to get parts for service will not be found in the Healey parts catalogs readily available from several vendors.

## Misc. Thoughts (cont)

Robb Handshuh

The counter point is, it's your car and you should feel free to make any modifications you want, as long as it provides the outcome you desire in your car. As my neighbor said, "hey it's my car and I won't around forever, so it will become someone else's problem then, and I'm enjoying it now".

Bottom line - if you bought your Healey as an investment, probably best to stay original. If you bought your Healey as fun classic to drive, then originality may not be as important, unless you choose it to be.

## Useless but important information

Kate O'leary

I promised I wouldn't say anything, but I have no more puppies. The group went to their new homes last weekend and this past Sunday.

The house is quiet, and I miss them a lot. Lucky for me the families have been sharing great photos of them settling in at their new



Ric Anderson's "Ruby" in Wills Park in Alpharetta on the last day of "Winter".  
Welcome Spring!!

**IN PUT !!!**



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**Automotive Trivia Answer:**

Answer is True !

In 1985 the 1st edition Aerostar Mini Van with multi-row seating had 7 ashtrays and zero cup holders.

Every Soccer Mom's dream, NOT !!

Must have been one of Ford's "Better Ideas"