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Bruce shows Ric how to get a rusted-in fastener out



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Editors' Note

The quote "Don't Force it, Get a bigger hammer" was reportedly translated from a note found scrawled on the wall of a Roman Chariot shop. For almost as long as people have had wheels, mechanics have had to resort to the "big hammer" to repair transportation.

I recently read that some contestants on a TV Game show could not correctly identify an Austin Healey from the image shown. This is why the Ice Cream Social was envisioned. Get the cars in a public place so people can get to know what a Healey is, lest they forget (See page 4)

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

For starters, "A GREAT BIG THANK YOU" to Mark Leinmiller for coordinating and arranging a spectacular outing/drive/social surprise Saturday August 13th.

The Atlanta Chapter of the AHCA was invited to participate as the main attraction at the Tucker Cruise-In in downtown Tucker GA. We were very lucky to be offered a private tour with the curator of the Coffer Auto Collection at the Stable of Thoroughbred's facility located just down the street from the Cruise car area. -In location.

Mark did an exceptional job of capturing the flavor, the interest and the comradery of our club and our participation in automotive related gatherings in his article featured in this month's Flash. I believe we had about 15 participants, with nice pleasant cooler weather for August and had the opportunity to meet with some of our newer/returning members. Thanks again Mark.

We ended the month of August with a busy week pulling together the loose ends for SE Classic with an onsite visit to Hilton Head Island. Your planning committee members met with the host hotel staff, the city park staff and the Concurs d'Elegance staff. Walk throughs were coordinated with each support staff sharing our vision of the event flow along with identifying specific locations for registration, tent and table placement, hospitality, Healey Talk presentations, Funkana set up and other various logistics'.

Several self-guided driving tour attractions were identified and are being converted into a Healey-user friendly format for distribution at the event. During our HHI planning visit a steady flow of event registrations came in reminding us that the number of Healey's allowed to participate in the SE Classic car

show on the 17 th hole is limited to 80 spaces. If you have not yet registered and want to show your Austin Healey, you should hurry and get your registration in before all of the spaces are taken. Unfortunately due to the event rules, we will not be allowed to make exceptions for late registrations. Our final list of participants for our show and display must be submitted to the Hilton Head event coordinators by October 14th .This list will be utilized for security and entrance to the show car area.

Hope you are planning to attend the September 10 th British Care Fayre in downtown Norcross. It's always a great show. We will try to hold a brief business meeting after lunch around 1:30 to bring everyone up to speed on where we are and what needs to be done in final preparations for this once in a lifetime SE Classic event.

During our business meeting we will be open for nominations from the membership for the 2023 club officers in addition to the slate presented below:

- President Charlie Moshell
- Vice President Mark Leinmiller
- National Delegate John May
- Treasurer Sheron Moshell

As a reminder, we are planning a Saturday drive September 17th to Dillard Ga for a visit to Southeast British Motor Car Festival. I will need an RSVP if you are planning to drive and have lunch with the Healey group. Once I get a count we will select a meeting location and departure time. We will plan our lunch stop at one of Sheron's favorite locations, (perhaps Julep Farms) before commencing with a scenic drive towards home. Check it out at http://www.peachtreemg.com/Dillard. And just like that it will be October.

Atlanta President Charlie Moshell (cont)

Mark your calendar for Saturday October 8 th We will travel some country mountain back for a SE CLASSIC planning meeting and packet stuffing party. The ladies social auxiliary group with be comparing, evaluating and adjusting recipes for a special titillating taste formulation for Apple Sangria'. Plans are to gather and get started around 10 am @ Sheron's office, Heritage Property Management 500 Sugar Mill Rd. Roswell, GA.

An RSVP for lunch count is needed. Keep in mind, EVERYONE is invited to attend and participate even if you will not be attending the SE Classic event. Remember to bring any items that will be donated for door prizes, silent auction or gift baskets.

The next weekend, Saturday October 15 th Judy and Jim Patterson are hosting a west side BBQ outing. Tentative plans are to meet at the Race Trac located in Acworth at Hwy 92 and 5001 Cherokee Street. All Healey's should be topped off with fuel and ready to depart at 10 AM sharp.

roads with planned photo stop along the way to an outside BBQ stand. After lunch there will be several options for the return route.

The Savoy Museum (\$15 Each Admission) is just up the street as well as the Georgia Cemetery for those not just ready to head home to mow the grass.

And, just like that it will be November

With the SE Classic in Hilton Head the first weekend. Hopefully the garage crawl gang will kindly report to the Flash on the progress by sending in some photos and a brief write up on the status of Kärin Gärdner's "Charlie" project after each session/visit are completed.

As Ever,

Charlie Moshell

Ice Cream Social 2022 Roving Reporter



In case you missed the invite, the AAHC Ice Cream Social was held on Sunday August 28,....in Colorado Springs, CO. A mere 21 hour 1,389 mile jaunt from downtown Atlanta. The initial stop was the Tasty Freeze, but they had just closed, staffing shortages. Then over to the drive thru at BJ's Velvet Freeze where several people had gathered for the warm evening. Got the usual "Thumb's Up" and one "Is that an old Corvette?" All the more reason to keep Healeys out for the public to see.





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



Look ahead from planning meeting

September	1	Τ	1
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SAT	9/10/2022	CAR FAYRE	MAIN STREET, NORCROSS GA
THUR-SUN	9/15-	BRITISH FESTIVAL	PEACHTREE MG, DILLARD GA
Sat Only	18 /2022	9/17 AAHC Saturday drive	Charlie Moshell
SUN-FRI #	9/18- 23 /2022	AHCA Conclave	POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA
FRI—SAT	9/30—10/01	Southern British Car Club	http://
(Car Show SAT)		28th All British Car Show Ooltewah, TN	www.southernbritishcarclub.net/
October			
SAT	10/1	All-British show at Myrtle	https://
		Beach	grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/2022 -10-01-britfest-registration/
SAT	10/8/2022	SEC WORK DAY	Sheron's office, Heritage Property
			Management 500 Sugar Mill Rd. Roswell, GA
SAT	10/15/2022	SAVOY AUTO MUSEUM &	CARTERSVILLE GA, JUDY & JIM
OAI	10/13/2022	BBQ	PATTERSON
SAT	10/22/22	Red Door Festival British Car	Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
		Show	in the fall in Cumming, GA, Jay
			Franklin (404) 274-2769
ELECTION	ELECTION	2023 AAHC OFFICERS	See Charlie's Note on Page 3 for slate of Officers
November			
WED-SUN	11/2-6 /2022	AUSTIN HEALEY SE CLAS-	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, HILTON
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December			
SAT	12/3/2022	BOB KASSOW KRUISE	KENNESAW GA, BILL NAGEL
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 CLASSIC CARS 1870 McFarland Pkwy STE 300 Alpharetta, GA 30005

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 17th 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.

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.

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 <u>www.healeyclub.org</u> 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), Sheron Moshell (smoshell@aol.com) or John Miner (Registration) at irminer47@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 17th fairway at Port Royal. We are limited to 80 cars, thus only one car will be allowed per registration. **Must be registered by October 14th 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.

Last Chance to register your car for the show.

Limit is 80 Healeys on the field.

NO EXCEPTIONS,

NO DAY of SHOW Registrations

Cofer Collection Tour

Mark Leinmiller

Tucker Cruise In and Private Tour of the Cofer Collection

Our involvement in this event started with a connection made over 40 years ago. I had volunteered to find a classic car to enter in Georgia Tech's Homecoming parade for my fraternity. While cruising the neighborhoods behind the governor's mansion I encountered a gentleman washing his Packard. I asked if he would be interested in participating, and he of your intrepid club members were attending was genuinely excited about it. Thursday evening before Saturday's parade I called to make sure everything was set only to learn he was in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. No one else could drive that car! I had 36 hours to find a substitute.

Since this was pre-Internet I looked in the phone book and there were several car clubs listed: the Model A Club, Mustang Club, Corvette, T-Birds... I called them and everyone I spoke with said, "Call Gene Cofer". He was listed, so I tried several times and got no answer. I'd call another car club only to hear, "Call Gene Cofer". When I got through to him later that night I told him my dilemma and he asked what I'd like. Not knowing anything about his collection I asked what he had. "There's a 1920 Marmon, a dual-cowl phaeton Packard" and on it went. I asked what he would recommend. "Well, if I were you, I'd go with the 1930 Pierce Arrow convertible with a rumble seat." Yes, sir, that sounds great!

The only stipulations were that the car had to start (this was before there was a curator and a mechanic for the cars, so Gene hooked up a charger) and his son would have to drive it since Gene was not available Saturday morning. Thankfully, his college age son, Chip showed up bright and early. Their beautiful car was certainly a head-turner. As a "thank you" we brought over a gift basket, and Gene showed us the building behind his home

with over 30 automobiles. It was amazing, and one of the things that stuck with me was a Duesenberg SJ completely disassembled and laid out on a canvas. It was the beginning of an 11 year restoration.

Fast forward to November 2021 when some the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival to figure out how we could make this venue work with our Southeastern Classic format. I was looking through the program book of cars to be in Sunday's concours d'elegance, and there was a Duesenberg SJ. And it was owned by Chip Cofer. It had to be the same car! I made a point of finding them the next day.

The weather was horrendous (they pick the first weekend in November because, historically, it has the nicest weather of the year), so the Duesenberg never left its trailer. I noticed a fellow wearing a Cofer Brothers jacket and asked if Chip was around. He and Rhonda were about 25 feet away. It was the first time we had talked in 40 years, and I shared the homecoming parade story, which he remembered. Chip told me about the Tucker Cruise In that they sponsor each month from April to October, and invited us to attend the Cruise In and then tour their car collection. After laying out our calendar around the various Healey events we saw that August 13 was open, and that worked with Cofer's schedule.

The weather was perfect with low clouds providing shade most of the day. We gathered at Matthews Cafeteria while all kinds of cars streamed into Main Street in downtown Tucker. All of the non-Healeys lined the sides of the street, and then we were led down the center line to be the featured marque.

Cofer Collection Tour

Mark Leinmiller (cont)

Tucker Cruise In and Private Tour of the Cofer Collection

We had 14 Healeys of every type (well, okay, there wasn't a 100S, but let's not quibble over was there for the private tour of the Cofer that). It was really great to meet club members I did not yet know and to see their beautiful cars. Tom Hidell had his stunning 100-M, Stephen Templeton had their BN6 twoseater 100-6. Lenard brought Martha's BN6 with the hardtop, and it was special seeing those two cars together.



Cars pictured (L>R) Charlie & Sheron Moshell's BJ8, John Harris' BJ7, John Miner's BT7, Rick Alley's BJ7, Dietmar Breitkrutz's BT7, Mark Leinmiller's BJ8, John Homonek's BN7, Pat & Anne Williams' BT7, Tom Hidell's 100-M

Pat & Anne Williams drove up from Newnan in their red BT7 Thermocarb he bought in 1974 for \$100. Dietmar Breitkrutz brought his tastefully customized BT7. John Harris had his freshly buffed BJ7 along with Rick Alley's. We had a couple of concours level early 3000s in John Homonek's two-seater hardtop (BN7) and John Miner's four-seater (BT7). Ric Anderson had Ruby the bugeye there wearing her bikini top. Charlie and Sheron Moshell brought their BJ8, and Mark Leinmiller made his debut with Bruce McDonald's former BJ8: it has been drivable for only a week. Other club members in attendance were Nader & Dudy Bagheri, Glenn Stephens, Kate O'Leary, Dennis Jones and Kärin Gärdner with her friend Mark.

Another cruise-in, especially in the summer heat was not tops on my list. Admittedly, I Collection. However, I was pleasantly surprised. This event is well-run with lots of helpful volunteers. There were numerous food options from hamburgers and hot dogs off a sidewalk grill to some interesting restaurants. As Stephen Templeton shared, "Tucker is undergoing a renaissance of sorts in the dining arena with several good places to eat."

The cars displayed ranged from top fuel dragsters to old school hot rods (Little Deuce Coupes) and everything in between. They also have "Sweet 16" awards for 16 of the top cars, and Lenard received a plaque for Martha's 100-6. So glad that they appreciated our LBCs. The organizers were really happy to have a new club join them as they have the Packard, Lincoln, Cadillac, etc. clubs participating regularly. We will be sharing this gem with the Triumph Club and others who might enjoy the small town atmosphere and laidback vibe of this great event. If there is interest we can add this to our club calendar again in a couple of years.



It's been a long time since Lenard Thomas has been a "Sweet 16". Posing with his Tucker Sweet 16 award next to Martha's BN6.

Cofer Collection Tour Mark Leinmiller (cont)

Tucker Cruise In and Private Tour of the Cofer Collection



Arriving at the Stable of Thoroughbreds, home of the Cofer Collection

Pictured are (L to R) Lenard Thomas, Tom Hidell, Sheron Moshell, Charlie Moshell, Kärin Gärdner, Ric Anderson, John Harris, Dietmar Breitkrutz, Rick Alley, (Dietmar's friend), Mark Leinmiller, John Homonek, Pat Willliams, Glenn Stephens



Kids, meet Candy Store!

The Atlanta Austin-Healey Club enters the Cofer Collection.

The Cofer Collection has many historically significant automobiles

Pictured in foreground: John Homonek, Pat & Anne Williams, Judy & Nader Bagheri



Cofer Collection Tour Mark Leinmiller (cont)

Tucker Cruise In and Private Tour of the Cofer Collection



Definitely a different era! The six magnetic shot glasses on the glove box lid were included with this 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz; they give a whole new meaning to "drinking and driving".





The car that started the connection: 1930 Pierce Arrow convertible with a rumble seat. One of us hasn't changed much in the last 41 years.

Cofer Collection Tour Mark Leinmiller (cont)

Tucker Cruise In and Private Tour of the Cofer Collection

One of two Duesenbergs in the collection (there were only 431 ever made). This is Lady Astor's SJ that was in pieces when I first saw it 41 years ago. It is now a 100 point, multiple concours winner.





Tucker Cruise-In Photos by Kate Oleary





























Barry Rosenberg Tech Session Valve Cover Racing (VCR) Ric Anderson

In advance of the Southeast British Car Festive (aka the Dillard show), Barry Rosenberg hosted a Tech Session on building a competitive Valve Cover Racer.

As our Enclave event will also feature VCR racing, he included our folks in his invitation. MG club member Wally Carlise, our own CJ Johnson, and I enjoyed soaking up Barry's knowledge.

Barry had several of his racers on display and explained the thoughts behind some of the design choices. Types of wheels, chassis options, placement of the weight and the axles, bearing choices too. Wally had brought a set of wheels to have the bearings modified, and we learned a trick about flushing them with brake cleaner, then adding a touch of WD40 just prior to the run.

CJ brought a handful of dead harddrives to scavenge wheels for the hotrod he is building for Enclave. Barry also gave him some pointers on building the frame for it.

On top of learning a lot, we all had a fun morning.











Tech Corner By Barry Rosenberg

This one will be short because it is so late. At block until it was as smooth and flat as the the Southeast British Car Festival this September 15th thru 18th, I will be doing a tech session on cylinder heads. I hope to have an old used head and one completely machined and ready to be assembled. My plan is to show how to disassemble a head; examine all the parts; decide what needs replacing; then assembling the parts into a useable cylinder head.

During my time, if I can find it, I will show a cut head and explain some about porting and polishing a head. For a normal street car, this is not worth what you would pay a specialist to perform. But it is something you can do yourself with a few simple tools from Harbor Back to my tech session, I will also show Freight. Yes, you can use tools from Snap-On or Mac but why spend the extra money.

Porting and polishing and working on your own cylinder head is not rocket science and no college degree is needed. Just some inexpensive tools, sanding paper or rolls and a high-speed grinder, either electric or air powered. The one huge cardinal rule in porting is: DO NOT CUT THRU THE PORT WALLS! This will allow water to seep into your cylinders and cause all sorts of expensive problems. But, to do this, you would have to be very aggressive, and I will explain to you to NOT be that aggressive.

There are certain parts of doing head work that you will not be able to do on your own. Surfacing the head to make it perfectly flat. Yes, in the past some people used to use a belt sander but don't. Just don't! In the old days, and I mean the days before I started working on these cars, the factory race mechanics would use a perfectly flat surface and grinding paste and work the head back and forth until it was absolutely smooth and flat. Then they did the same with the top of the

head. Then they would assemble the engine without a head gasket. This gave them one less thing that could fail. And it worked so well, MG held several land speed records for decades.

They would run a 6- cylinder engine, then pull out 2 pistons and run as a smaller displacement engine and set more records. You can read about this is a very interesting book by John Thornley called Maintaining The Breed, The Saga of MG Racing Cars. It was last published in 1990 so you may have to hunt for a copy.

how to determine what the head needs such as guides and seats. Let me state now, I do not like the new bronze valve guides or replacement seats. The guides need too much clearance when new (why replace worn guides with new one that need almost the same clearance as your old ones) and I have seen so poorly installed, they fall out. Have that happen at 4,000 rpm and listen to the destruction noises it makes in your engine. So, if you want to learn more, come to the show at the Dillard House in Dillard, Ga and join my tech session.

Until I see y'all somewhere else, see you at the show.

Barry Rosenberg

Kärin's Tech Session Phase II Photos by Kate O'Leary

Attendees: Ric Anderson, Mark Henderson, Rick Alley, Nader Bagheri, Bruce Madden, John May, Bill Nagel, Kärin Gärdner, Kate O'Leary, Joel, Mark plus Miss Aussie (assistant)







Nader & Bill

Mark, John & Rick

Nader, Bill & Mark







Mark, Bruce (floor) & Nader

John, Bruce & Joel

Kärin







Mark, with Miss Aussie assisting

John & Nader

Mark & John

Misc. Thoughts
Robb Handshuh

Busted Bolts Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) Solution!

If you work on just about anything long enough, you know this is going to happen. You soaked a rusty fastener with penetrating oil, hit it with a hammer, everything your supposed to do, then as try to you remove, Pop! The bolt head breaks off, leaving the bolt shaft stuck in the part.

So you think, no big deal, I'll drill it, and use one of those bolt extractor tools. So you memor carefully drill a hole and start the bolt extractor tap, start gently twisting, more twisting and, Snap! The hardened steel bolt extractor just broke off in the hole, inside the frozen fastener. Now you're in double jeopardy. Not only is the fastener still stuck, but now there is a hardened piece of tool steel in the middle

so drilling and re-tapping is no longer an option.

Dang (or something like that) time to give up and buy a new part, oh wait, 60 year old parts are no longer available and Healeys disappeared from junk yards years ago as well.

What to do? what to do? A vague memory, came back from long ago.



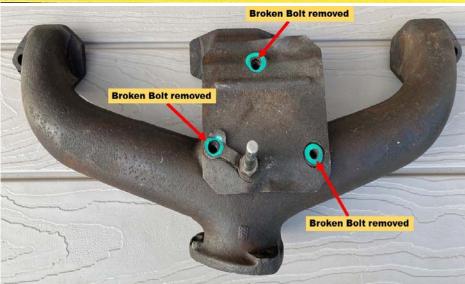
If the part is small enough to ship, Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) by Jim's Tap Extracting can remove the broken tap & bolt.

A rare 100 exhaust manifold is saved!



Busted Bolts removed by Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM)

Precise enough to leave threads (photo below)







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