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Jensen East Gathering at Lake Chatuge



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Editors' Note

This issue is "The Flash-Lite" (half as filling) as there was not much submitted for articles or pictures this month. Not to worry it's never too late to submit those pictures or notes. Surely someone has some pictures from Atlanta British Car day this year. Well always next year...

On the Cover, the Jensen East gathering was dominated by Jensen Healeys. Yes, it's a real Healey despite the Jensen 1st name. Jensen East was established by AAHC's own Aaron Gross in 2000 and continues today. The 22 year legacy continues...

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

On Sunday May 22nd, we had one of our first gatherings at Suwanee Town Center Park for the Atlanta British Car Day. The setting was delightful with vast shaded areas complete with picnic tables and room for our chairs next to the rows of cars. We enjoyed visiting with club members Rick Alley, Nader Bagheri, Mark Leinmiller, Bob and Kathy Young, Terry Moon, Connie Carros, John Homonek, Lee Etterling, Dean Meyer, George Pope and various other sister club members.

The weatherman missed the rain forecast and we enjoyed the clear skies, abundant sunshine and a cool steady breeze. Around 2 pm we retreated back to our house where we were joined by John Minor, Mark Leinmiller, George Pope along with John Blanks and Denise for a SE classic planning meeting. We are looking to do some refinements to the event logo. Soon an email will be going out to the National Clubs so if you have not registered, it is recommended you do so as we are limited to 80 cars. Keep in mind that The SEC event is limited to 80 Austin Healey's. We have received registrations for about half of these slots to show cars on the 17th hole. If you have not registered, you may want to get yours in before all of the allocated spaces are sold out.

We need all members to kindly request sponsorships, door prizes and raffle items from your suppliers you have regular contacts with. We will be making all types of "themed" Silent Auction Gift baskets. So... pick up items over the next few months and/or clean out your unwanted or unneeded items and make a donation pile. It was also suggested for members to go through their Healey stash to look for Healey items of interest that could be donated for the SEC auctions as well.

SAVE THE DATE: Pencil in October 8th for our BIG SEC Workday.

Loads of fun all rolled into one. Need all members to participate even if you are not going to SE this year. Can't stay all day, no problem. More info TBD.

- Packet stuffing
- Apple Sangria recipe taste testing
- Door prize basket making
- AND of course Charlies Fish Fry & Pot Luck

We would still like to schedule some tech sessions on any of your projects and perhaps fit in an impromptu summer and fall drive somewhere worked into the calendar.

We are looking forward to upcoming events in August including a visit to the Tucker's private collection tour in conjunction with the Tucker Cruise in and the annual August Carolinas weekend trip to Asheville.

That's about it for now . . . *Charlie Moshell*

**Ahhh the good Ol'Days,
just 4 years ago in 2018...**



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



Look ahead from planning meeting

June			
Day	Date	Event	Location / Host
SAT	6/18/2022	WHISTLE TOP BREWERY	GTA https://gatriumph.com/
July			
Nuttin	Zip	NADA	Nowhere
August			
WED-SUN	8/ 4-7 /2022	CAROLINAS AUG GATHERING	ASHEVILLE NC, CHUCK REEVES
SAT	8/13	Cofer Collection in Tucker	See Below
SUN-SUN	8/21-28 /2022	HILTON HEAD VISIT SE CLAS-SIC PLANNING	HILTON HEAD SC
SAT	8/27/2022	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	TBA

SAVE THE DATE: Please add to your calendars for August 13, 2022!
Cofer Collection—Mark Leinmiller

We will have a special opportunity to view the Cofer Collection in Tucker. This is a unique private collection that has some noteworthy automobiles. One of them I am especially excited to see is the 1935 Duesenberg SJ purchased by Lady Astor for her second husband (you may recall that her first, John Jacob Astor went down with the Titanic) as a wedding present. The last time I saw this car was in the early '80s and it was in thousands of pieces arranged on a canvas on the floor of Gene Cofer's shop. It is now a 100 point concours winner.

We will start by attending the monthly (April-October) Tucker Cruise-In from 11am – 2pm, then we will convene at the Stable of Thoroughbreds where the Cofer Collection is housed for our club's tour of the facility and the cars within.

More detailed information will be sent as we approach the weekend, and if you want to learn more you can find info here:

Tucker Cruise-In: <http://www.tuckercruisein.com/>
 Cofer Collection: <http://www.thecofercollection.com/>

September			
SAT	9/10/2022	CAR 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
October			
SAT	10/8/2022	SEC WORK DAY	TBA
SAT	10/15/2022	SAVOY AUTO MUSEUM & BBQ	CARTERSVILLE GA, SALLY & JIM PATTERSON
ELECTION	ELECTION	2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS	Your Vote Counts!!!# Volunteers WANTED!!
November			
WED-SUN	11/2-6 /2022	AUSTIN HEALEY SE CLASSIC	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, HILTON HEAD SC,
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



Bruce Madden shows his Healey at Jensen East

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 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), Sharon Moshell (smoshell@aol.com) or John Miner (Registration) at jminer47@gmail.com.

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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.



The Summer Drive - Kate O'Leary

I spend my days at the wheel of my car, driving for Uber, moving people (*mostly criminals who lost their licenses*) around Atlanta and the nearby cities. I take people to school, doctor appointments, interviews, work, shopping, the airport and back home.

I really enjoy what I do, I only get nice passengers and Ubering gives me the freedom to take a long weekend to go camping with my brothers and sisters or to take a month to help a friend with medical problems. Plus, I don't ever have to ask for time off for the holidays, I just don't turn the app on unless I am again ready to work.

I love to drive. I have always loved to drive. Back when gas was under a dollar a gallon, I had an F150 4 wheel drive capable pickup with a V8 and big knobby tires. It was loud and cramped, but sooo much fun to drive! I had a Miata, a couple of VWs, some Kias, a Hyundai.

With the exception of my current car, and my very first car, all my vehicles have been manual transmission cars, stick shifts, not automatics. Even the first Uber car I had was a manual transmission car. A lot of people were surprised by that. Apparently it isn't very common anymore. Poor kids, growing up, relying on the computers in their cars to tell them when it is safe to change a lane, or stopping for them, in case they were changing their entertainment system settings, face-timing, sleeping or making a video about safe driving while weaving in and out of traffic.

I am glad that I don't rely on the computer in my car to do everything for me. When I learned to drive, I was taught to be aware of what my car was telling me, engine sounds, gauge readings, feeling through the steering wheel, how smooth was the transmission.

I explored with my cars, learned about the different places I have lived, learned a lot about myself and a lot more about the other drivers on the road: crazy, the lot of them! Every car has been special, with many memories because I have always loved to be behind the wheel, off on an adventure, or just looking for some fun.

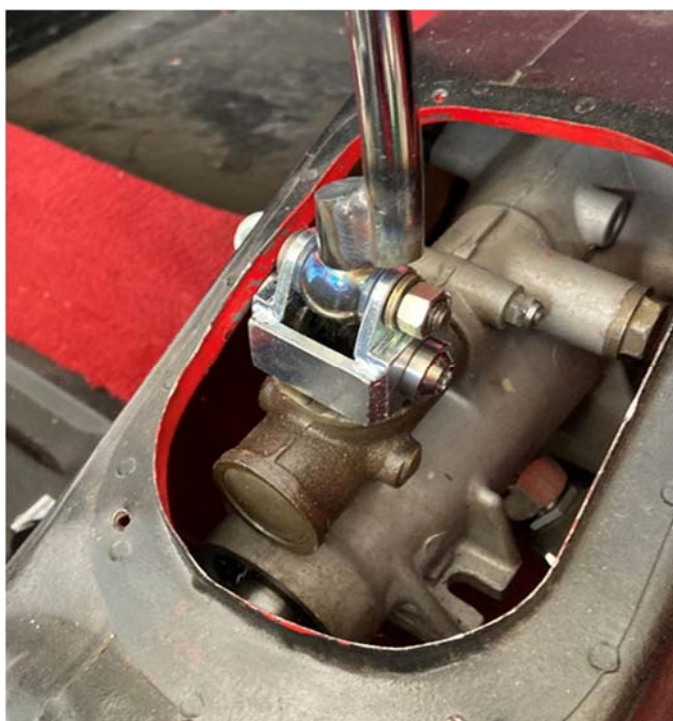


Sprite Short Shifts Datsun 5 Speed conversion

The Datsun, re: NISSAN, 5-speed conversion is a popular transmission swap in Sprites, or Spridgets as they were later known. Anyway, once installed, the transmission sits slightly to the left side of the tunnel. Rivergate Restorations, the primary supplier of the adapter kit, makes an off-set shift lever to relocate the lever to the center of the opening. Unfortunately, even with the off-set lever, the amount of movement needed to select the gears requires modifications to the transmission tunnel cover tower, so you can select all 5 gears and reverse. The original plan was to use an early MGB shift boot and trim ring in the enlarged opening, however, an alternate solution was discovered.

MADDAT Motorsports in Australia makes a Short Throw Shifter kit for the Datsun A-series gearbox (re: 210) Part # SSRA-S.
Website <https://www.maddat.com.au/>.

The kit raises the fulcrum point of the shift lever, has longer lower section of the lever, which creates a tighter shift-throw pattern. Installation requires taping the 'ears' of the transmission lever locator to 10M 1.25 thread (Tap not included), a local welding shop offset the longer lever similar the Rivergate modified lever and the rest was bolt-in. (well, after some struggle with taps and bolts in very tight locations). Now the lever is centered in the shift tunnel tower and the opening for the shift boot is still stock. Added bonus, one complaint on the 5-speed conversion was the shift lever seemed "sloppy" with long throws, this kit fixed that issue too.



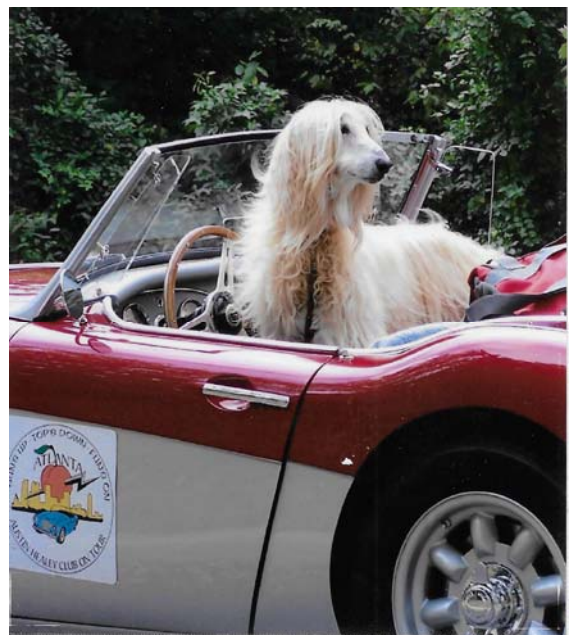
Model Collectors Barbie Healey

For those who did not know, in the 1960's Mattel's Barbie's car was an Austin Healey. Examples can be found in Antique shops, Ebay and other collectable sites on the Web. Since this was a toy, good examples, like the one below, are getting harder for find.

Photo submitted by John Woodward



Even lesser known is Barbie's Dog "Beauty" Just another case of Art imitating Real Life



**OK folks show's over,
nothing to see here!!
Move it along...**



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