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**The Atlanta Healey Club & Friends ignore adverse weather  
to attend the Atlanta Norcross British Car Fayre**



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### Editors' Note

Thanks to everyone who submitted pictures and articles for the last two issues of the Flash. This issues is the photo issue of events in September, quite a busy month for Little British Car events, with October just as busy.

Note: Due to S/E Classic in November and the holidays the November and December edition of the Flash will be combined of an End of Year wrap up issue.

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

.For starters this month, “ A Great Big Shout Out and Thank You “ is in order for Kate O’Leary and Rob Handshuh for creating, editing and publishing our club’s newsletter each month. Without their dedicated volunteer work, we would not be reading this right now. Thanks for what you both do to make this happen!

Our SE Classic team continues behind the scenes working on details for the upcoming SE Classic event. Trophy and regalia design finalization and ordering is underway for the longest lead time items. Be sure to pencil in October 8th for our SE Classic packet stuffing and Apple Sangria recipe testing and tasting.

Everyone is encouraged to solicit raffle and door prizes and even clean out your garage or basement for items that may be of interest or value as donations to the auction. So far a thanks to both the Auto Farm, Hendrix Wire Wheel, A-H Spares (and others I’m not aware of) for supporting this event. John and Denise need items too that will go in gift baskets. They are planning on making “themed” gift baskets such as Car Wash, Baking, Tea-Time, Travel, Spa Day, Wine Basket, and many more. It should be fun combining your donated items.

Saturday September 10 th, we experienced reasonable weather for the Annual British Car Fayre in downtown Norcross. There was a fine mist in the air at the beginning that cleared out by mid-morning providing for a delightful cool fall day. Those present displaying Healey’s were; John Homonek 1974 Red Jensen Healey, Moshell’s 1967 BRG BJ8 3000, Ric Anderson 1960 Red Sprite, Connie Carros 1958 White MKI Sprite, Glen Hoffer 1958 Red Sprite, Bill Nagel 1969 Blue Sprite MKIV, Mark Leinmiller 1967 Blue BJ8 3000,

Steve Fairbank 1960 green Sprite and Lawrie Jordon 1967 Full Custom Blue BJ8 3000 Deluxe Excalibur. We enjoyed the added company of Dan Daugherty, Dean Meyer and Jerry and Donna Colella.

After lunch we held a brief business meeting where plans for the Fall Drive to the all-British Car Festival in Dillard on Saturday the 17 th were discussed. After an update on SE Classic planning and scheduling, the 2023 slate of officers was presented with an open invitation for additional nominations to be presented from the membership. No additional nominations for club officers were offered for the 2023-2024 term. The current Board of Directors consist of :John Miner, John Blancs and Bob Memler. Kate O’Leary confirmed that she and Rob Handshuh will continue spearheading the club’s newsletter. John Miner volunteered to take the reins for membership after being under the care of Sam and Cyndi Marble for many many years. Thank you, Sam & Cyndi, for your years of service and dedication. Plans are to review and make a current chart of all the leadership positions and volunteers within the club organization. This will be presented at the annual planning meeting to be held in January 2023.

And then “Just Like That”, one week passed and we were ready for a fall drive to Dillard to attend the “British Car Festival” hosted by the Peachtree MG Registry. It has been a while since the Atlanta Healey Club has participated in this event which occurs every other year, as there is usually a scheduling conflict with our own SE Classic regional event. Hopefully we can re unite with this event as it is close by and offers all of the amenities we have enjoyed with this type of event over the years.



## Atlanta President Charlie Moshell (cont)

All in all, we had a great day with picture perfect top-down driving weather. After a spirited 30minute drive up the super slab AKA Divided 4 lane Hwy) to Rabbit town we headed north on backroads along the back side of Jaemor Farms through Apple Valley up through Cornelia. We ventured through the Lake Russel Wildlife Management area past New Switzerland over quaint less traveled local county roads all with good asphalt without tar snakes.

We made a pit stop at the Georgia Power Talulah Falls Power plant and took a break enjoying the views of the gorge from the Power Co. provided and maintained overlook pavilions and relief stations before visiting the newly re-opened under new management Talulah Point Gift Shop by Dizzy Bear.



Photo by Charlie Moshell

From there we made our way via more backroads past the Historical York House Inn and 12 Spies' Winery before entering the back side of the Dillard House grounds.

The Peachtree MG Registry out did themselves again hosting a great show with super great fall like weather. There were over 170 British autos on display including a nice group of Big Healey's. Bill and Sarah Richey from Boling Green KY brought their custom green tan interior 67 BJ8, William Pickens from Anderson SC with his red 63 BJ7, Greg Bentzel from Salem SC with his blue/white

67 BJ8, John Burton with his red 54 Healey Hundred from Fountain Inn SC, Lony Taylor with his fully custom blue/white 67 BJ8 along with our own Pat Moore with his English white 57 100 SIX from Gainesville GA.

After kicking tires and visiting for a bit we headed up the road just two miles to Julip Farms for a surprise "Birthday Luncheon" for Sheron. The setting was exquisite as was

the food as we took it all in from the veranda overlooking the farm. The real surprise was when the Moshell's picked up the lunch and wine tab for everyone present celebrating this very special birthday outing and celebration.

After lunch we ventured up GA Hwy 246, past Sky Valley over Scaly Mountain into NC picking up Hwy 106 where the air was much cooler peaking at 4119 ft. We continued the drive through Highlands before heading south on NC Hwy 28. It was a very nice ride for the decent back to reality twisting our way down War Woman Rd to Clayton. From Clayton we ventured south on historic Hwy 441 with another stop in Lakemont visiting the gift shop, a country store, a park next to a babbling brook, and an art gallery. The artsy inhabitants have a cool way to disguise the air conditioner condenser protruding from the side of the building as the grill to an older model truck captured in a photo. We have passed by this area over the past 40 years or so without ever stopping in our hurries.

This can be another great lunch stop for our future leisurely drives in the NE GA region. We made another stop at the Blue Ridge Honey Store for some Christmas gifts and supplies before heading south. On the way home we made one last stop at Jaemor Farms for some apples, cider and a variety of fresh produce before calling it a day.

## Atlanta President Charlie Moshell (cont)

Just a bit under 250 miles and 9 1/2 hours made for a fun, relaxing enjoyable goof off, chore free day.

This was possibly the most enjoyable Healey drive so far this year. We definitely need to return to check out the Rabun Manor, York House Inn and 12 Spies Winery and Lake-mont for possible future lunch outings and stops.

We are also due to plan a stop in Clarksville to pay a visit to Hoke and Beverly Smith..The only other items of interest on my radar other than our upcoming SE Classic meeting and apple sangria recipe challenge on October 8th and our Oct 15 th Westside drive & amp; BBQ are the Southern British Car Club, (Chattanooga) car show October 1st @ Cambridge Square located in downtown Ooltewah TN, ([www.southernbritishcarclub.net](http://www.southernbritishcarclub.net)) and the Atlanta Historic Races at the Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta October 14 – 16, 2022.

For the October West Side drive and Cartersville BBQ outing, I had thought we may want to make a stop along the way and visit the Ridz by the River car show, ([ridzbytheriver.com](http://ridzbytheriver.com)) This is a unique gathering that is free to register, free to attend and free to enjoy.

The fundraising portion (Charity Backpack Buddies, Food for Children) is accomplished by selling merchandise, event T-shirts and so on. We were planning to make a stop by the Euharlee covered bridge for a photo op and this show is in the same vicinity. However, I just learned that the last show had over 1500 vehicles on display and spectator traffic was the same as I 75 during rush hour. So we will scratch that destination for our fall drive.

Tentative plans are to gather and top off with fuel at the Race Trac located in Acworth at Hwy 92 and 5001 Cherokee Street. With a prompt delay free 10 am or earlier departure. We will take in some mountain back roads making our over to Scotts Walk up BBQ in Cartersville. After lunch there are several options for the return route including a Savoy Museum visit,(\$15 fee) or stop at the National Cemetery on GA 20 between Cartersville and Canton.

Other than that, SE Classic XXXV 11/3-6 2022 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Ele-gance here we come!

That about all for now.

As Ever, Charlie Moshell



Find the hidden A/C Condenser  
Photo by Charlie Moshell

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



## Look ahead from planning meeting

October			
SAT	10/1	All-British show at Myrtle Beach	<a href="https://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/2022-10-01-britfest-registration/">https://grandstrandbritishcarclub.com/2022-10-01-britfest-registration/</a>
<b>SAT #</b>	<b>10/8/2022</b>	<b>SEC WORK DAY Your assistance Needed!!</b>	<b>Sheron's office, Heritage Property Management 500 Sugar Mill Rd. Roswell, GA</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/15/2022</b>	<b>SAVOY AUTO MUSEUM &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>CARTERSVILLE GA, JUDY &amp; JIM PATTERSON</b>
SAT	10/22/22	Red Door Festival British Car Show	Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in the fall in Cumming, GA, Jay Franklin (404) 274-2769
<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>2023 AAHC OFFICERS</b>	<b>See Charlie's Note on Page 3 for slate of Officers</b>
November			
<b>WED-SUN</b>	<b>11/2-6 /2022</b>	<b>AUSTIN HEALEY SE CLASSIC</b>	<b>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, HILTON HEAD SC,</b>
December			
SAT	12/3/2022	BOB KASSOW KUISE	KENNESAW GA, BILL NAGEL
<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
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

### *Bumper Sticker Thoughts*

*Scientist tell us the universe is made up of tiny particles in atoms called Electrons, Protons and Neutrons held tightly together by strong electrical bonds.*

*Unfortunately that leaves Morons free to create havoc ...*

# *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.

**Last Chance to register your car for the show.  
Limit is 80 Healeys on the field.  
NO EXCEPTIONS,  
NO DAY of SHOW Registrations**



## Atlanta British Car Fayre

Photos by Mark Leinmiller



Bill Nagel, Connie Carros, John Homonek, John Miner, Charlie Moshell, Ric Anderson and a couple of admirers.



Glenn Hoffer with his  
'new' Bugeye Sprite



## Atlanta British Car Fayre

Photos by Charlie Moshell



## Atlanta British Car Fayre

Photos by Kate O'Leary



## It was a dark and stormy morning...

Bark! Bark! Yap! Grrr!

Oh, hold on, I need to set the translator program to hoomans.

Wow! It really was a dark and stormy morning. Mom didn't need the alarm because we puppies don't understand sleeping in. We were going to the British Car Fayre in Norcross, just me and Mom. Mom briefly considered driving her green car but since getting the coveted Golden Jackstand Award, she thought "why ruin a long streak?" Besides Aunt Lotus told me that the "Demon Spawn" terrifies us as it is a death trap and I guess Mom didn't want to traumatize me for life, at least not yet.

We met three guys named Bill, John and Mark who were riding in itty bitty cars. Mom said that we would follow them to this Norcross place, and then I could stretch my legs and meet a lot of people. But it was raining on the way there, and I didn't think I like the rain very much at all.

We arrived and Mom found a great parking space because everything was wet, and a lot of the car show people hadn't come yet. Maybe they don't like the rain either! I was pretty wet after about ten minutes, there were puddles and raindrops and I didn't have a raincoat. My topknot was dripping in my eyes, my tail wasn't fluffy, I looked like a sad excuse for a Poodle. There was another blue McLaren there, besides me, and Mom tried to take a picture of me, the blue McLaren poodle next to this gorgeous blue McLaren car. I was soggy and didn't want to pose.

Mom walked me all around the show and visited with her Healey friends. More of those itty bitty cars. Some of the cars had smiley frog faces, and I wanted to jump with them, they look so happy. People were smiling at me, but not touching my soggiiness. I kept myself busy with all the new smells I could sniff. Yummy hooman treats and gasoline fumes.

The rain finally stopped and I had a really good shake. I knew that a bath was in my future, but at least I wasn't dripping anymore. Some people drove up in a big black car, and they had Poodles! Bess and Jax and I had a very nice

meeting, even though Bess' hoomans said that she was a little crabby today. She just had to love me because I am the best little monster ever. Mom always tells me that! Mom had met these hoomans last year and she was hoping to see them again at this show. I hope I see my new poodle friends again soon. Maybe Mom will find a big car like that so I could arrive in style.

Mom had some fish and chips from the Iron Horse Tavern, and sat with her pal, Ric. He has a pretty striped froggy car. I didn't get any fish or chips, but I had a few treats because I was so good, just sleeping at Mom's feet.

\*Mom's friends had a little meeting and announced that Sam and Cyndi Marble would be handing over Membership to John and Linda Miner, and that Mark Leinmiller would be seeking the Vice Presidency. John May would remain the Delegate and Charlie would still be President. \*(This part was Mom because I met Charlie and John Miner and Mark that day but since I am just a puppy, I don't really care about club news. I only care about Mom and treats)

After the meeting, Mom went around and said our goodbyes, I was perfect at this part, and we came home. I had stories to tell Aunt Lotus and Elva the Boss, and since they had both been to this show before, I had to sit and listen to their reminiscing and act like I wasn't dreading the bath.



McLaren O'Leary interviewing Lawrie Jordan  
Photo by Mark Leinmiller



## Atlanta British Car Fayre

Photos by Kate O'Leary



Frogeyes or Bugeyes come out in the rain



Rare Allard or copy there of



Feeling "IMP" ish?



Colin Chapman's least favorite Lotus, but most copied and popular!



Not just little tiny cars, Brits had luxurious sedans as well...



McLaren vs. McLaren



**Atlanta British Car Fayre returns to historic downtown Norcross**  
By CBS New CH 46 (All Rights Reserved)

## Breaking News Film at 11 ...

*September 11, 2022, ATLANTA, Ga.*

The Atlanta British Car Fayre is the annual gathering of British car and motorcycle enthusiasts in historic downtown Norcross.

Now considered the largest of its kind in the region, visitors come from miles around to explore the rare, the vintage and the fast.

Organizers tell CBS46 that profits generated from each show are donated to the Amanda Riley Foundation.

The Amanda Riley Foundation uses 100% of all monies received to support children in the Atlanta area who have been hospitalized with cancer and to support the financially strapped families that have to sacrifice to be with their children.

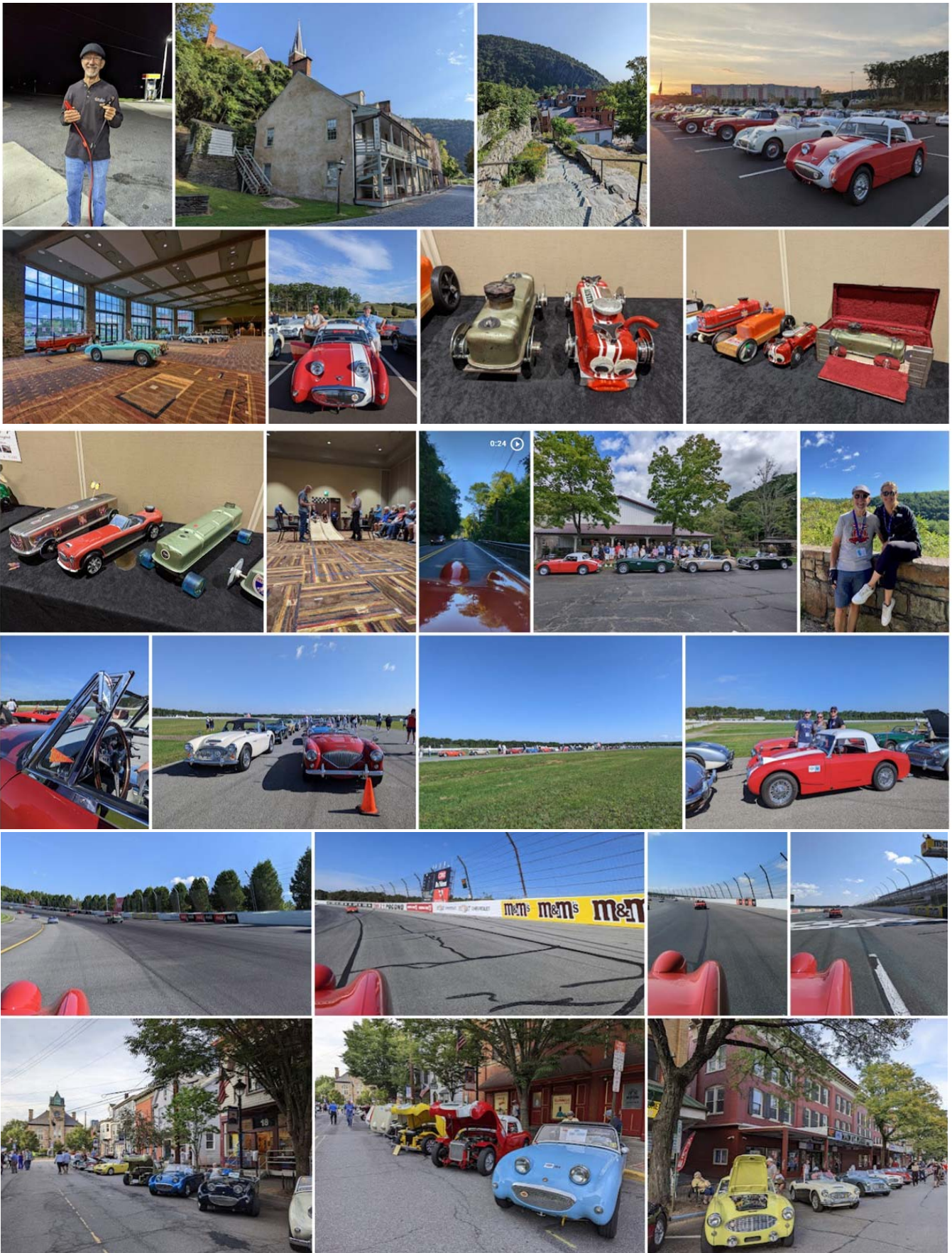




## Conclave Photo Report

By Ric Anderson

## Ric provides AHCA Conclave 2022 Photo Memories





## Gears and Rears

When Healeys were made in the 1950s-1960s, gasoline was about 20 cents a gallon (About \$2.00 adjusting for inflation) automotive performance was often rated in 0 to 60 MPH and the Interstate freeway system was still under construction.

Healey Sports cars were designed and built for performance and handling on the twisting highways and roads of that time. Transmission gearing and rear end final drive ratios were selected to achieve those parameters.

Big Healeys, 100/6 and 3000, had 3 rear end ratios to achieve acceleration and cruising speed. 4.11, 3.9, 3.54. Translating 4.11, means the engine has to rotate 4.11 times to turn the tires and wheels 1 full rotation. While 4.11 is good for acceleration, it also means

the engine is spinning faster at freeway speeds consuming more fuel and making cruising less enjoyable.

Sprites and cousin Midgets also had 3 rear end ratios based on the engine size, 948cc & 1100cc 4.22, (late 1100cc & 1275cc 3.9, and 1500cc 3.78.

So which is the right one for your car? That depends... What are you going to do with your car? (Be honest)

Going to race, and trailer your car? Go with the higher ratio.

Drives and cruise around, better off with the lower ratio. Stop-light drags are out of vogue these days and Grandma's stock Hyundai is probably just as fast as your old Healey.

For consideration the tables below are an approximation of engine speeds based on original or close approximation of stock tire sizes. Your RPM /Speed will vary based on actual wheels and tires on your car. Assumed 4th gear in Sprite is 1:1. Big Healey O/D 0.81:1

Calculation: Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) \* 60 = Revolutions Per Hour; Tire Circumference (distance around outside of tire) in Inches, Sprite 70", Big Healey 80"; 1 Mile = 63,360 Inches. Variable Final Drive Ratio. Examples:

Sprite 3.9 Rear, 4th gear, =  $((1,000/3.9)*70)/63,360*60 = 17$  MPH, Per 1,000 RPM  
3000 3.9 Rear, OD, =  $((1,000/0.81)/3.9)*80/63,360*60 = 24$  MPH, Per 1,000 RPM

### Sprite

Rear End	3.78	3.9	4.22
35 MPH	1,996	2,059	2,228
55 MPH	3,136	3,236	3,501
65 MPH	3,707	3,824	4,138
75 MPH	Are you crazy ?		

### Engine RPM Needed

### Big Healey

Rear End	3.54	3.9	4.11
35 MPH	1,325	1,459	1,538
55 MPH	2,082	2,293	2,417
65 MPH	2,460	2,710	2,856
75 MPH	2,839	3,127	3,296

### Engine RPM Needed

## Conclave Photo

By Hilary Cooper

## Busted at the Raceway – Ticketed for Speeding?



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