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**Happy Holidays !!**

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#### Editors' Note

Wow, Another superb effort by the Atlanta Austin Healey Club to seamlessly and nearly flawlessly pull off a highly successful S/E Classic in a remote location in conjunction with a major car show, the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival. It was a true team effort with multiple people working in and behind the scenes, ready to jump in and help wherever and whenever needed. All the hard work and some long hours paid off in great event for all the AHCA members who attended. Team AAHC give yourself a round of applause !

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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## Look ahead from planning meeting

|                     |                          |                                      |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                     |                          |                                      |  |
| <b>December</b>     |                          |                                      |  |
| SAT                 | <b>Canceled For 2022</b> | BOB KASSOW KRUISE                    | KENNESAW GA, BILL NAGEL  |
|                     |                          |                                      |  |
| SAT                 | 12/31/2022               | GTA Polar Bear Run                   | Start 9am Publix Super Market at The Vineyards, 2095 GA Hwy 211, Braselton |
|                     |                          |                                      |  |
| <b>January 2023</b> |                          | <b>Happy New Year !!!</b>            |  |
| TBA                 |                          | January 2023 planning meeting brunch | John and Dana Homonek at their Berkley Lake Home (Tentative)               |

## 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*

*I doubt Artificial Intelligence will ever be sufficient to totally overcome natural **STUPIDITY***

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season as 2022 comes to an end. We've all had a very busy fall season. I'm looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the Holidays.

Three topics to cover for the yearend are the upcoming membership renewal process, the Southeastern Classic post update, and planning for 2023.

National has officially rolled out the Club Express system for submitting renewals online to expedite and simplify the process for everyone. Information and instructions have been sent out to keep everyone informed.

The Atlanta club conducted a Zoom meeting Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> where John May and John Miner made presentations and conducted in depth discussions explaining in detail how the roll out for our membership renewals will be handled. Keep in mind, a lot of effort by a lot of members has been put into the functionality of this system to keep it simple.

Club Express not only handles membership rosters, but is also utilized for club sponsored events such as Southeastern Classic (as you know) and Conclave. Be sure to update your contact information such as emails, phone numbers and names. We discovered that event name-tags are printed from the Club Express database. My SEC nametag indicated that I was Charles and not Charlie, so I will be sure to be mindful when checking my current data when renewing. The Atlanta Club leadership is currently conducting data integrity audits between the national roster, our google group members and newsletter email list in an effort to re-

solve discrepancies amongst the list. You will be hearing more about membership renewals and changes from National as we move along into 2023. Everyone is highly encouraged to renew online and use a credit card for payments or simplification.

This month, "A Great Big Shout Out and Thank You" is in order for two groups of Healey Folks. First, to all of the attendees and sponsors of the 35<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Classic at Hilton Head Island. And second, to all of the Atlanta and Low Country Clubs' volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

Special recognition is warranted to the team of Atlanta committee chairs for tackling the needs and tasks as follows:

John Miner coordinated and administrated registration and provided support in working around some of the cumbersome glitches encountered in the AHCA's new online system. Our registration desk ran seamlessly with the support of Linda Miner with much assistance from Bill and Mary Ellen Nagel.

Denise Collins and John Blanks outdid themselves in the accumulation of raffle prizes and auction items. Alan Hendrix (TRIAD Club/Hendrix Wire Wheel) provided his extra dry humor techniques in performing as auctioneer at the Saturday night dinner.

George and Debbie Pope assisted by Hal Smith kept the refreshments and snacks flowing during hospitality along with relocating refreshments to the Low Country Celebration Park Pavilion for presentations, Funkana and meals.

## Atlanta President Charlie Moshell (cont)

Kate O'Leary and Rob Handshuh hit the mark with the carnival style Fun Day Friday Funkana. We received several kind remarks of appreciation from our senior members indicating that they were glad they were able to participate. Another thanks to Kate for tabulating and presenting the Hard Luck and Long-Distance Awards.

John Homonek and Mark Leinmiller deserve congratulations for the tag team approach utilized in organizing the many different elements and complexity regarding the layout and mobilization of the participants from the hotel to the 17th fairway. This was accomplished with the support of Dana Homonek and Pam Leinmiller keeping everyone on their toes while keeping everything on a lighter note.

Dana also kept the 50/50 raffle moving while acting as the club's official "designated driver" with the speedy limo golf cart all day Saturday. Those members assisting John and Mark Friday afternoon setting up the show field and early Saturday morning getting the cars lined up and parked in record time are to be commended as well.

Sheron Moshell acted as Atlanta Club's contract administrator, chief negotiator, event planner and logistics director for both the hotel and outside suppliers used for events, services and supplies. In addition, she came through once again on the regalia, regalia sales and Apple Sangria refreshments.

All of the other Atlanta club members who contributed to this event's success are also recognized for working unselfish-

ly behind the scenes, both prior to and during the event. Teamwork makes things happen.

The Atlanta Austin Healey Club also extends a thank you to the following for representing the Austin Healey Marque on the main fairway of the Concours d'Elegance in the Sports Cars - Austin Healey designated section:

Charles Ulrich Port St Lucie FL Red over Black 1962 3000 MKII BT7 Spartina Award

Alan Wasserman, Hendersonville NC, Red 3000 MKIII BJ8 Phase 2, Palmetto Award

Richard Salamon, Tulsa OK, White over Black 1962 3000 BT7, Best in Class Award

James Harris, Middleburg VA, Pink over Black 1956 100M, Palmetto Award

Dean Gaskins, Pauline SC, Colorado Red 1959 100-SIX BN6, Spartina Award

Peter Davis, Jonesborough TN, White over Black 1956 100M, Best in Class

D.J. DeLong, Hilton Head Island SC, Colorado Red 1961 3000

Mike Lewis, Harbor Island SC, Red over Black 1956 100M

Sam & Phyllis Allen, Waxhaw NC, Healey Ice Blue 1959 BN4 100-6

Bryce Shriver, Fernandina Beach FL, Florida Green over White 1960 3000 Mk I

**Atlanta President**  
Charlie Moshell (cont)

Other Healeys on the Concours show field were:

Frank Rubino, Pinecrest FL, Red 1950  
Healey Silverstone

James Pickard, Beaufort SC, Green 1960  
Bugeye Sprite

President's Parade

John Miner  
1959 3000 BT7  
Healey Ice Blue  
Atlanta Club

There are plenty of great photos on the Hilton Head Motoring Festival website that is worth taking a look at on line:

Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival - Home Page:  
[www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com)

In addition, congratulations are in order to the following for displaying their Austin Healeys on the 18th fairway on Saturday that won HHIMF Car Club Showcase awards.

Best Austin-Healey

Lenard & Martha Thomas  
1961 3000 Mk2 BT7 Tri-Carb  
Old English White with Lobelia Blue stripes  
Atlanta Club

Paul Doerring Award

(Oldest car driven the furthest distance)  
Bob & Lavina Yule  
1967 3000 Mk3 BJ8 Phase 2  
Dark Blue  
Ontario, Canada Club

The Atlanta Club was presented with a plaque from the SC Low County Austin Healey Club expressing appreciation for making our event happen as part of the HHI Motoring Festival.



With the Hilton Head Island event behind us now, we are looking forward to participating as guests at the upcoming Conclave in Crystal River, FL in May 2023 and Southeastern Classic XXXVI in Asheville, NC in September 2023.

The last driving event for 2022 is the Polar Bear run hosted by Ashford Little of the GA Triumph Association on Saturday, December 31. (See Flyer Page 26)

With the holiday season upon us and everyone's busy schedule, the general consensus discussed is to skip the Christmas party this year and kick off 2023 with the annual planning meeting.

Plans are to schedule a January planning meeting brunch tentatively hosted by John and Dana Homonek at their Berkley Lake location.

We will be looking for members to host tech sessions, in person monthly meetings, driving events and everything in between.

That's about all for now.

As Ever,  
Charlie Moshell



## Delegates Report

By John May

As we say in business, Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF)

- Dues are going up for AHCA membership renewal for 2023 to \$70.
- Renewals should be made on line, credit card preferred.
- The Healey Marque will have 8 issues in 2023 instead of 12, plus the calendar.
- The Club Directory will not be published, but will be available on-line.

Although dues increase of \$20 may seem astronomical from last year, please keep in mind there has not been dues increase for 12 years. Anyone who has been the store, gas pump or mailed a package at the Post Office, has first-hand knowledge of the impacts of inflation. The primary driver of the increase is the cost of publication and mailing of the Healey Marque™, the crown jewel benefit of ACHA membership. If it is any consolation, an on-line inflation calculator shows \$50 in 2012 is worth ~\$65 today, so effectively only increase of \$5 from what members paid 12 years ago in 'real dollars'.

To save, time, reduce costs, and improve communications, membership renewal is no longer handled at the local club level and will be done on-line, at national level via the AHCA Healey Club website, <https://healeyclub.org/>. Members will now have better control over their contract information, how it is shared and have the ability to make real-time updates vs. the once a year, fill out a paper form, mail it in and hope the database is updated. The national and local clubs will benefit from better cash flow as electronic payments will distributed more quickly than mailed checks, wait to be cashed, then distribution of funds back the local clubs.

As noted above, publishing the Healey Marque™ is the primary driver of the dues increase. The Healey Marque™ is one of the best benefits of being a member of the AHCA and considered one of the best car club magazines around. It provides information on the history of the Healey, what's going on nationally and locally, provides technical tips, and provides a market place for members and vendors who specialize in Healey parts and services. In order to keep costs down, the decision was made to reduce the number of issues from 12 to 8, with four of the 8 issues increasing to 48 pages during the months when the clubs are most active. Some car clubs with similar memberships to AHCA have discontinued publishing a magazine and have gone to digital, on-line only, news. Think about how much members look forward to getting the Healey Marque™ in their mailbox, to read and enjoy wherever, whenever, without having to log-on, remember passwords and be tied to a computer, tablet or smart phone. *Batteries NOT required.*

A digital version of HealeyMarque™ will be made available to members as an added benefit of membership.

While the Healey Marque™ will continue to be published as a magazine and mailed to members as a periodical, the decision was made to discontinue publishing the annual directory and mailing to members. This will provide a significant cost saving to the club. Although there might be a tiny fraction of members that just have 'land-line' only phones and no internet, the delegates were in agreement most members have smart phones with internet access so the directory could be accessed via the internet on AHCA Healey Club website, <https://healeyclub.org/>.

# Membership renewal By John Miner



## 2023 Renewal Process

12-1-2022 John Miner

## AHCA Renewal 2023

### Renewal Notice Dates

1. December 1st (This Thursday)
2. 1st Reminder: December 31st
3. 2nd Reminder: January 30th

"Expired" status as of February 15th (Can still login, but only to renew)



### Renewal Objectives:

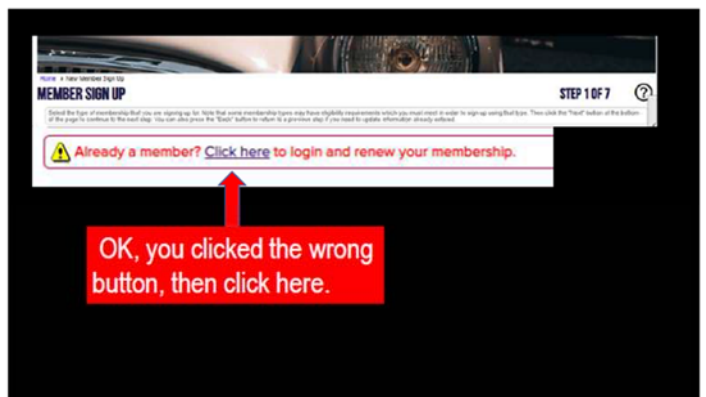
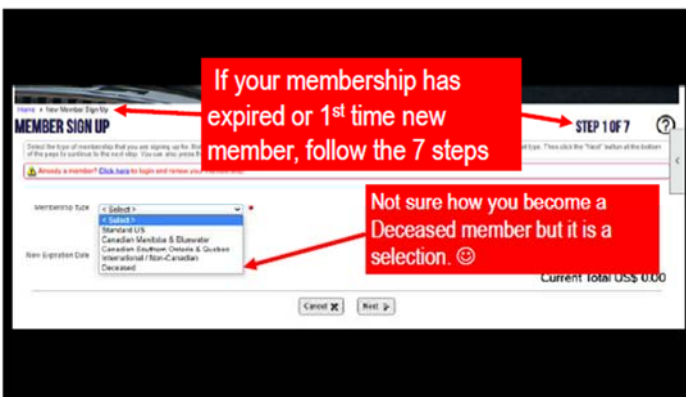
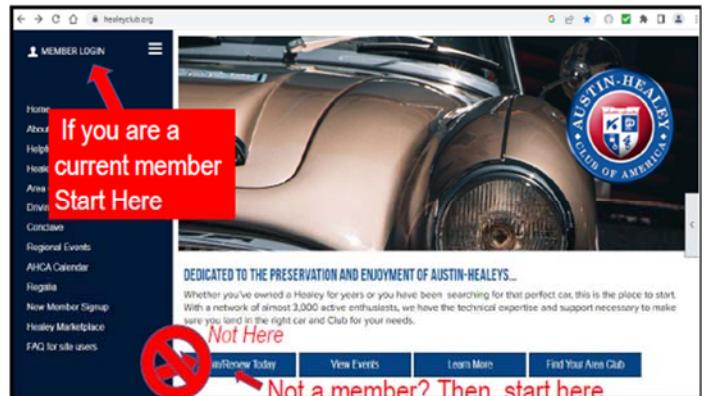
- Fast & Easy for Members (< 5 Min.)
- Update Member Information – (Member Responsibility)
- Timely Processing
- Eliminate Errors & Delays
- Fast & Efficient disbursement of fees (National VS Local Club)
- Flawless Member & Financial Records

### Key Elements:

- On-Line
- Credit Card Payment
- Preparation

Step A: Go to:  
"https://healeyclub.org"

"https" designates a secure website





# Membership renewal By John Miner

Home > Login

**LOGIN**

Please enter your user name and password and click "Login". Your user name is not case sensitive but your password is. Click "Cancel" to return to the Home Page.

User Name: jminer47@gmail.com

Password: [REDACTED]

☐ Remember me on this computer  
Do not select this option on a shared or public computer

Log in Cancel Forgot My Username/Password

**OK, if you like me and have over 100 log-ons here's a reminder**

- Click Forgot My Username/Password, if you have forgotten your login information.
- When prompted, enter your email address and first name, and a password reset email will be sent to you.

Note the red arrowed icon to the right of your name indicating it is time to renew

Click that arrowed icon to start the renewal wizard

Every time you login prior to renewing you will be prompted to start the renewal wizard

Your membership is expiring  
It looks like your membership is expiring soon.

View Family Learn More Find Your Area Club

**You will be taken to this screen:**

Home > Member Profile > Membership Renewal

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Step 1 of 5

Your membership will soon expire. Use this screen to renew your membership by credit card or print an invoice to mail with a check. Your current membership type is shown in most cases in order to sign up using that type. Then click the "Next" button at the bottom of the page to continue to the next step.

Current Membership Status: Expired 10/13/2022

Membership Type: Standard US

Select your membership type here. It will default to your current type.

Welcome to the AHCA! We encourage you to also join (Add) one of our 46 Area and Affiliate Clubs in Step 4. Many have regular meetings, tech sessions affiliated with an Area Club, and/or AHCA.

Your membership may include one or more Address Only and/or Spouse/Partner Members:

New Expiration Date: 12/01/2023  
Web Signup Date: 1/19/2023  
Club Join Date: 1/19/2023  
Last Renewal Date: N/A

Cancel Next

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Step 2 of 5

Member Number: 2103

Gender: [REDACTED]

First Name: John

Middle Initial: R

Last Name: Miner

Nickname: [REDACTED]

**PRIMARY ADDRESS**

Country: United States of America

Address 1: 2138 Taylors Crossing NW

Address 2: [REDACTED]

City: Kennesaw

State: Georgia

Zip Code: 30152

Timezone: Eastern Time (US & Canada) (UTC-05:00)

Metro Area: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Important!! Make sure this info is correct, if not Update!

**SECONDARY ADDRESS**

Do not enter Spouse/Partner info here-add or edit in Step 4

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Address 1: [REDACTED]

Address 2: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Timezone: Central Time (US & Canada) (UTC-06:00)

Metro Area: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

**OTHER INFO**

Mobile Phone: 770-856-4539

Fax: [REDACTED]

Email Address: jminer47@gmail.com

Website: [REDACTED]

Optional but no or incorrect email, no notifications!

**Emailing Results**

Sent: 2456

Opened: 1670 (68.00%)

Not Allowed: 75

Invalid Format: 364

Bounced: 17

Bad Address: 14

Note the current email listing is only at 68%. That's "D" (when we went to school) You can get the records straight!

**SECONDARY ADDRESS**

☐ Use this address instead of the primary address

Country: United States of America

Address 1: [REDACTED]

Address 2: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Timezone: Central Time (US & Canada) (UTC-06:00)

Metro Area: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

**OTHER INFO**

Mobile Phone: 770-856-4539

Fax: [REDACTED]

Email Address: jminer47@gmail.com

Website: [REDACTED]

Navigate to the next screen by clicking the "Next" button.

Home > Control Panel > People Manager > Membership Renewal

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

JANET L. SOWELL

Step 3 of 5

This page allows you to add additional & spouse/partner members (if entitled) to your account, and/or to add areas if entitled.

Janet L. Sowell (Primary Member) 70.00

NER: AHCA of New England 10.00

Admin User Only

No admin user only defined.

Spouse/Partners

No spouse/partners defined.

Total: 80.00

In step 3 you verify your AHCA membership and add or remove your area club. You can also add multiple area clubs.

Here you can add your spouse partner or make edits. If you want your Spouse/Partner to receive area club and AHCA emails & news, enter (or edit) their name and email address here.

# Membership renewal By John Miner

Step 4 is the privacy statement:

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Names, addresses and emails are the sole property of the AHCA (Austin Healey Club of America, Inc.) ; the express written permission of the Austin Healey Club of America, Inc. Contact the membership director

Step 4 is the Privacy Statement. Make sure to click "I Agree"

☒ I Agree

[Back](#) [Cancel](#) [Next](#)



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Member Name: Janet L. Sowell  
Address: 16202 Spangler Peak Rd  
Rancho, CA 92065 (USA)  
Telephone: 619-708-5838  
Email Address: janet@ponytechsolutions.com

**MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY**

Membership Type: Member Type: Standard US (45842)  
Expiration Date: 12/31/2013

**DETAIL OF CHARGES**

| Item                     | Qty | Price (US\$) | Ext. Price (US\$) |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------|-------------------|
| Membership (Standard US) | 1   | 70.00        | 70.00             |
| Janet L. Sowell          | 1   | N/A          | N/A               |
|                          | 1   | 10.00        | 10.00             |

Total Charge US\$ 80.00

If changes are necessary, navigate with the back key

Confirm your information and if all is correct, click here to proceed to payment.

[Back](#) [Cancel](#) [Finish and Proceed to Payment](#)

**MAKE PAYMENT FOR JANET L. SOWELL (61342) Payment Portal**

**Renew Membership**

Membership Standard US (Janet L. Sowell - Area 108 - AHCA New England)

Transaction Fee: \$0.00

Total Selected For Payment: US\$ 80.00

Payment Method: Credit Card

Payment Details:

Do you want us to retain your credit card information on file? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Credit Card: Select Card Type: Card Number: 5000

Expiration: Select Month: Select Year: 5000

Validation Code: New or Renew

Name on Card: First Last

Country: United States of America Show All

Address: 16202 Spangler Peak Rd

To complete your credit card transaction, click Submit Payment (bottom of page and you are finished!)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The charge on your credit card statement will appear as **CLB\*AHCA**

If you have any questions, please contact your membership director, or contact ClubExpress directly at 1-866-HLP-CLUB (457-2582).

**Refund Policy:**

All payments are final. We do not provide refunds for membership signups and renewals, event registrations, donations, storefront purchases, or other misc. charges. Please carefully review the change(s) checked above and be sure you know what you are paying for.

The refund policy is set by Austin Healey Club of America, Inc.. If refunds are available, requests must be directed to Austin Healey Club of America, Inc. - they cannot be handled by ClubExpress.

[Done](#) [Print Receipt](#)

Click Print Receipt (Optional) then Done, Don't forget to log out

## Questions ??

Q. Can we pay by check?

A. Yes! You can pay by writing two (2) checks:

- One for \$70 payable to "Austin Healey Club of America, Inc."  
3416 Barbour Lane  
Louisville, KY 40241
- (Atlanta Members)
- Second for \$10 payable to Atlanta Austin Healey Club  
C/O John Miner  
2138 Tayside Xing NW  
Kennesaw, GA 30152

**Payment Method** Check

**Payment Details**

Use the buttons below to print a formal invoice (PDF) or to print a copy of this page.

Make check payable to: "Austin-Healey Club of America, Inc."

Mail check to:  
Austin-Healey Club of America, Inc.  
3416 Barbour Lane  
Louisville, KY 40241  
FEIN: 62-1069864

**Other Payment Options**

If you have paid your area club dues directly to your local area membership director but did not include your AHCA dues then please make a check payable to AHCA and mail to:  
Mike Schneider  
3416 Barbour Lane  
Louisville, KY 40241

If you're still stuck, please email membership@healeyclub.org

**"This is not the END,  
Nor the beginning of the END,  
It is perhaps,  
The End of the Beginning"  
— Winston Churchill**

## Southeastern Classic XXXV

Article & Photos by Mark Leinmiller

By holding Southeastern Classic (SEC) in conjunction with the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival (HHIMF) we had Healeys on display at three different venues over Saturday and Sunday. There was the traditional SEC car show on Saturday. Simultaneously (and eligible for SEC popularity voting) were representative Healeys in the HHIMF Car Club Showcase (CCS). At Sunday's Concours there was a special section for Big Healeys in two classes. Saturday was two simultaneous, overlapping events, and the folks at HHIMF were very gracious and accommodating hosts.

Saturday's car show started early for 11 of our participants. While the HHIMF could not accommodate all of our cars on the main show fairways, we had representative models of almost every Austin-Healey on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway in the HHIMF's Car Club Showcase. The "Dawn Patrol" rolled onto the Port Royal Golf Course before sunrise, then helped get everything ready for the SEC car show on the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway.

Thanks to the following for their willingness to prepare their cars to be showcased and for

helping prepare the SEC car show and getting all 75 cars placed smoothly and quickly:

- Ric Anderson: 1959 Bugeye
- Bill Nagel: 1969 Sprite Mk4
- George Pope: 1955 100 BN2
- John Miner: 1960 3000 Mk1
- Hal Smith: 1961 3000 BN7
- Len Thomas: 1962 3000 Mk2 Tri-Carb
- Charles "CJ" Johnson: 1963 3000 Mk2 BJ7
- John Blanks and Denise Collins: 1965 3000 Mk3 BJ8 Ph1
- Bob & Lavina Yule: 1967 3000 Mk3 BJ8 Ph2
- Chuck Reeves: 1967 3000 Mk3 BJ8 Ph2
- John Homonek: 1974 Jensen Healey

*Side note: Alan Winer's 100-6 developed brake problems at the last minute, and was not able to represent the 100-6 category. Due to the rigid registration process and pre-made placards, we could not substitute another 100-6 into the HHIMF Car Club Showcase.*



*"Dawn Patrol" entering the show field: Len Thomas in his Tri-Carb follows John Homonek's Jensen and leads Bob & Lavina Yule's BJ8, John Miner in his BT7, Chuck Reeves' BJ8, George Pope's 100-4, Hal Smith's BN7, Ric Anderson's AN5, Bill Nagel's AN9, John Blanks and Denise Collins in his BJ8 and CJ Johnson's BJ7.*



## Southeastern Classic XXXV

Article & Photos by Mark Leinmiller

Once their cars were ready for the Car Club Showcase on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway, this group headed over to the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway to set up tents, tables and chairs, check-in the SEC show cars and wave “pool noodles” to get everyone to the correct section for their car’s model and into position.

Many thanks to the team who helped me lay out the show field: John Homonek, CJ Johnson and John Blanks

In total we had 76 cars arrayed along the beautifully groomed golf course nestled among the pines, oaks and Spanish moss on a

perfect weather day. The first weekend in November was selected 20 years ago for the HHIMF because of it’s historically ideal weather. At last year’s event when we were doing our pre-planning we experienced the exact opposite; it was rainy and cold with (literally) gale force winds. Needless to say, we were thankful to be blessed with gorgeous, warmer-than-average weather this year.



*Pam Leinmiller led the caravan from the hotel onto the show field in her Diamond in the Rough winner.*



*Ken Fleming and his 1<sup>st</sup> place BJ8 2-Light, complete with golf club carrier, talks with Bob Thurmond & Sandra Hardaway*

*This lineup of 100s brings a smile to one of the HHIMF CCS ticketholders. There were eight 100-4s on display including (L>R): Lewis Hay (#88), Walt & Joanne Mainberger (#27), Charles Rice (#45), John & Jane Beaver (#33) and Jim & Kay Ellis (#97). Missing from this photo are the 100-4s of Bob Memler, George & Debbie Pope and Mike Lewis’ 100M. I heard more than once that people had not seen so many Healey 100s together in a long time.*





## Southeastern Classic XXXV

Article & Photos by Mark Leinmiller



*Alan & Ione Williams talk about their BJ7 with visitors to the SEC car show from the HHIMF Car Club Showcase.*

Sheron Moshell arranged for box lunches to be delivered, and we dined near the 17<sup>th</sup> green, where tables were arranged in the shade. HHIMF rules stipulated no cars were to leave before 4pm; with access to over 200 cars displayed around the golf course and visiting with old & new Healey friends I don't think that posed a problem. There was so much to see and do! One of the best in-

vestments we made was renting a 6-passenger golf cart to shuttle people back and forth between venues. Many thanks to Dana Homonek for driving our guests nearly non-stop all day. John Homonek worked overtime on the car show, especially ordering the awards and working on the results tabulation. Results of the SEC Car Show voting follow this article.



*The Vintqge Four barbershop quartet serenades Dana & John Homonek on the golf cart limo.*



*AHCA president Gary Feldman visits with host club members Sheron Moshell, Mary Ellen Nagel, Denise Collins and John Blanks in the Healey section of the HHIMF CCS*



## Southeastern Classic XXXV

Article & Photos by Mark Leinmiller

Over at the HHIMF Car Club Showcase there were awards and crystal trophies for Len Thomas and Bob & Lavina Yule. Lenard's 1962 TriCarb was awarded Best Aus-



*Lenard Thomas – Best Austin-Healey*

tin-Healey and the Yules were awarded the Paul Doerring Award for driving the oldest car the longest distance, 1207 miles each way in their 1967 BJ8.



*Bob & Lavina Yule – Paul Doerring Long Distance Award*

Sunday presented an entirely different experience at the same venue, the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance. Two tickets to both Saturday's Car Club Showcase and Sunday's Concours were included in the Southeastern Classic registration fee, which was much less than the face value of these tickets. Many people stayed over an extra night in order to take in

the Concours, where 11 Big Healeys were featured on Sunday. Charlie highlighted those Healey exhibitors and their respective awards in his column. I did want to give a shout-out to Atlanta Club members Karen Meinzen McEnerny and Joel Strimban, whose cars had been accepted into this year's Concours, but they were unable to attend.



*Sunday Concours winners in the Big Healey classes*

*Lined up to receive their HHI Counccours d'Elegance awards are (Front row) Alan & Gloria Wasserman's red/black BJ8, Richard & Diane Salamon's white/black BT7, (second row) James Harris' black/pink Earl's Court 100M, Peter & Pat Davis' 100M*



## **Southeastern Classic XXXV Car Show Winners**

### **100-4**

|                  |                 |                |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Jim & Kay Ellis | TRIAD NC       |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Mike Lewis      | Low Country SC |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | Bob Memler      | Atlanta GA     |

### **100-SIX**

|                  |               |            |
|------------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | James Stidham | Clinton SC |
|------------------|---------------|------------|

### **3000 MK I**

|                  |                        |             |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | John & Nancy Leenhouts | St Johns FL |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Bryce & Karen Shriver  | St Johns FL |

### **3000 MK II Tri-Carb**

|                  |                         |              |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Charles & Sherry Ulrich | Tampa Bay FL |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|

### **BJ7**

|                  |                               |                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Nader & Judy Bagheri          | Atlanta GA        |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Lewis & Mary Dumont           | TRIAD Danville VA |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | Gerald "Chip" & Kathy Woodard | Central FL        |
| <b>Runner Up</b> | Charles & Janice Johnson      | Atlanta GA        |

### **BJ8 Phase I (single light)**

|                  |                        |                  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | John & Karen Bitting   | Southport NC     |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Warren & Cheryl Hunter | Low Country SC   |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | John & Paula Brown     | TRIAD NC         |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | Thomas & Linda Haubert | Southern Ontario |

### **BJ8 Phase II (double light)**

|                  |                          |                  |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Kenneth & Vanita Fleming | TRIAD NC         |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | James & Linda Cox        | Tappahannock VA  |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Lony & Carla Greene      | St Johns FL      |
| <b>3rd Place</b> | Jack & Annette Porter    | Carolinas        |
| <b>Runner Up</b> | Ed & Kitty Farnell       | Carolinas        |
| <b>Runner Up</b> | Bob & Lavina Yule        | Southern Ontario |
| <b>Runner Up</b> | John McKeever            | Greenville SC    |
| <b>Runner Up</b> | Fred & Sandie Ambli      | Duluth MN        |

### **Bugeye Sprite**

|                  |                            |            |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| <b>1st Place</b> | Merry MacBarb & Pete Braun | Carolinas  |
| <b>2nd Place</b> | Ric Anderson               | Atlanta GA |

## **Southeastern Classic XXXV Car Show Winners**

### **Square Body Sprite**

**1st Place**

Bill & Mary Ellen Nagel

Atlanta GA

### **Jensen Healey**

**1st Place**

John & Dana Homonek

Atlanta GA

### **Modified**

**1st Place**

Dave & Deana Thomas

West Chester PA

### **Diamond in the Rough**

**1st Place**

Mark & Pam Leinmiller

Atlanta GA

### **Best of Show**

John & Nancy Leenhouts

St Johns FL

### **Best Black Car**

Walt & Joanne Mainberger

Tampa Bay FL

### **Best Green Car**

Thomas & Linda Haubert

Southern Ontario

### **Best White Car**

Michael & Nel McPhail

Gulf Coast Texas

### **Best Blue Car**

David & Angela Morton

St Johns FL

### **Best Red Car**

Glenn & Debra Hoffer

Atlanta GA

### **Most Unique and Artistic Paint Scheme**

John & Nancy Leenhouts

St Johns FL

### **Most Delightful Owner**

Laurie & Diane Wilford

Southern Ontario

### **Gerry Coker's Favorite Healey**

Bob Memler

Atlanta GA

### **Hard Luck Award**

Bill & Mary Ellen Nagel

Atlanta GA

### **Longest Distance Award**

Bob & Lavina Yule  
(1,207 miles each way)

Southern Ontario

## Talk Techy to Me!

### Southeastern Classic Tech Talks

We had some interesting talks on a variety of topics at the pavilion during Southeastern Classic (SEC). Russ Keep started us off with some descriptions and photos of English cars, primarily Austin-Healeys with American V8 engines. There were many colorful stories and after all the talks Russ fielded questions about his Nasty Boy, “Diablo”, a 1962 BT7 with a 350 hp, dual-quad, Chevy 350 with narrowed Ford rear end and 10 inch wide wire wheels.



*Russ Keep explains how he stuffed the SBC into his BT7 to (L>R) Ron Swiger, James Cox, Bill Kalway, Bob Thurman, Ken Fleming and Nader Bagheri (right)*



*Allen Hendrix shows the failed tire while Ben Johnson, Walt Mainberger, Gary Feldman and Ken Fleming look on (above)*

Bob Yule shared some tips on restoring our cars, and specifically talked about the importance of frame sections. Bob shared some “swiss cheesed” sections of frames and how to make sure they are replaced properly. He then shared some details of the BJ8 he recently finished, which he and Lavita drove over 1,200 miles to join us on the island and beaches in the sunny South.



*Bob Yule with cross section of outrigger*

## S/E Classic Funkhana

by Kate O'Leary Photos Mark Leinmiller

Once upon a time, there was a funkhana. It was a good funkhana, and it made a lot of people laugh and have a good time. This funkhana had cars and trivia questions, and driving sports. Every year the good funkhana showed up, made people happy, and gave prizes to the people who played best with it.

After many years of bringing laughter and fun, the good funkhana looked around at all he had done and asked "is this all there is? Has my life only amounted to a few laughs and trophies? what is next for me?" And then he thought "I can change the way I am, make it so I am the only one laughing!" And he did. First he looked at his ideas about what he could do.

There was a place, he knew, and the players would have room to throw things. He gathered axes to throw, only the axes didn't stick to the targets very well. And there were balls that didn't stick very well either. There was a ring toss game, making the people stand far from it definitely made it harder to get the center post, which was worth the most points.

As the funkhana thought about all these ideas, he started feeling a little strange. He pulled out a cornhole set and found some beanbags that were almost too big for the cornhole. But



the most clever things he did involved his favorite game, Phishing. He thought about putting repelling magnets on the phishing poles so they would never connect with the phish in the pool. He thought about putting phish in the pool that didn't even have magnets at all. He thought about putting candy and stuffed toys that were too big for the child-sized poles. He thought that, after this, the terrible games he had designed, he would be called the Fun-Car-N-Evil.

In the end, some of his ideas worked and some of them did not. When the people came to play, there was laughter and fun and the good funkhana realized that hearing the people laughing was really the best part of all.

Special Thanks for the volunteers: Sandy Alley, Melvin Reece and Bob Thurman.



### Fun Car N Evil (Funcahana )

Top Score Participater Goodest

2nd Participater Gooder

3rd Participater Good

Everyone A Winner Award

### Awards

John Blanks & Denise Collins

Bob Thurman & Honey

Chuck & Monique Reeves

All Participants!!

Atlanta GA

Middle TN

Carolinas, NC

All Clubs



## The making of S/E Classic XXXV A photo journal

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In the beginning —

- Rick Alley & Linda Miner stuff envelopes
- Lynda and John May stamp name tags
- Denise Collins and John Blanks setup the Silent Auction
- Linda Miner, Bill and Mary Ellen Nagel setting up registration
- Regalia to be sorted and cars to be washed





## The making of S/E Classic XXXV A photo journal

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Mark Leinmiller leads the Driver's Meeting and Show Instructions



Allen Hendrix and Bob Yule lead Technical Sessions



And the cars are out for the show on fine South Carolina day





## The making of S/E Classic XXXV A photo journal

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Distinguished Guests, Ben (Colonel Sanders) Johnson, Edie Anderson & Charlie Moshell

And the probably the biggest draw to attend S/E Classic —

Sharing a meal, catching up with good friends, and enjoying the camaraderie of the Southeastern Classic Family



Coming up with a new topic every month is getting difficult for numerous reasons. One, I can't remember what I wrote about recently. Two, I have written about most things related to our cars. Heck, I have even written about stuff having nothing to do with our cars. And this opening paragraph seems familiar. This month, I think I will write about EGO.

What do I mean by this? Ego is the force that makes a lot of owners of any car, not just old British, do things to their cars that serve no purpose other than to satisfy an ego. For instance, if you drag race your car, a turbo or super charger may be worth while investment. But, if you just putt around town then the only reason to install something like a super charger is only for ego or vanity. To say, look at me and my car when you go to shows.

It is the same for fancy after market wheels. Most of the time you do it only for the looks. It should be done because new wheels are truer than old steel or wire wheels and run a little smoother. Putting new tires on is fine as they will ride better and safer. But using a tire black goop to make you tires shine is only done for looks and ego. Rear disc brakes on a MGB or Triumph provides no better braking but the look cooler.

Now, don't get me wrong, I have been making money from people's ego for over 48 years. I very much appreciate them. I have tried my best to curtail some of their egos when they came in and asked for an engine rebuild but would like a 3/4 race cam installed. First, there is no such thing as a 3/4 race cam. Second, any time you upgrade a cam, you need to upgrade lots of other things in your engine.

I used to refuse to do the cam upgrade until they drove their car another week and then told me the highest RPM they used. If they were under 4,000 to 4,500 RPM, I told them the stock cam would be better for their driving style. And they only wanted the 3/4 race cam for bragging at shows. They all were very happy with the results of the rebuild.

My philosophy has been to do what your car needs that will make it better for how you use it and not worry about what other people think about what you are doing to it. Do you remember the Ansa or Stebro exhaust systems of years gone by for our cars? They sounded great back then except for those made for the Triumph TR6.

That system would produce a droning sound at cruising speed that would drive you crazy after a short drive thru the country. We would just about beg customers not to use it. But their ego said it looked cool with the twin chrome tips.

We would save their old system for a couple of months after installing the new Ansa. Better than 50% came back to have the old system reinstalled. So they paid to have the old system removed; the new system installed and then reverse the process. See, I said we used to make money from egos.

Ego work can get very expensive and time consuming. Look at some of the cars that win big national shows like all the concours events now occurring or the hot rod shows where they select the most beautiful hot rod in America.

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## Tech Corner

By Barry Rosenberg

Those cars are built to show off someone's abilities and how much money they have. Some of those beautiful hot rods cost over \$150,000 to build and then never see more than a few hundred miles of black top surface.

I suppose it could be called art but I do not think Van Gogh ever spent more than a few guilders or francs for his works. I like beautiful cars built for shows only. As I said, I spent 48 years making money doing similar, but not nearly as good as the concours cars.

For awhile, I worked as an architect designing homes. I designed and built two of Patty and my last homes. There is a certain style home I like and I know I could get the same space in a lot simpler style but I like a lot of wood and exposed beams in my homes. This is my wanting to show off a little as I, yes I, have a small ego. I don't need to hear any comments from y'all about this.

We also installed a solar panel system and it not only provides most of the electricity for our home during the day, it also greatly reduces our electric bills (last one was \$27). And it provides lots of conversation topics for us to discuss. Part cost savings, part safety, and part ego. It "ticks all the boxes" and I suppose that is why car people do what they do.

And I am the same. When I paint an engine after a rebuild, I only do it one way. It has to be with hardened acrylic enamel as that shines the best, holds up to the heat and chemicals that get spilled on the engine and gets the best comments from people.

So, the moral of this story is: everyone has an ego. How you let that control you is up to each individual and up to his ability to pay for what his ego demands. In relation to cars, I still say don't let your ego define what you want done to your car. Do to it what it needs to be the best car for how you drive and what you want it to do.

I hope no one gets offended by this article. I am only trying to save y'all some time, money and aggravation. But as I have always said, it is your car so do what you want with it and don't listen to me. Although, you may regret it later.

I guess I will stop insulting y'all now and end. I really hope you each have a great holiday season. I wish y'all all a very happy Thanksgiving, a very merry Christmas and a happy Chanukah. And of course, have a safe and happy New Year. Hope to see y'all somewhere soon.

Barry Rosenberg  
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## Miscellaneous Thoughts

By Robb Handshuh

Reading Mr. Rosenberg's article about EGO, I would like to relate a true story. Mr. Peabody, set the way-back machine to the late 1970s.

I was in Ed's Speed & Hot-rod shop when a customer came in and proudly asked, "I want the biggest, hottest cam I can get for my Chevy". The Ed, the owner of the shop proceeded to ask, what do plan to do with your car? Drag race, Hot rod shows, or street drive? What other modifications do you plan to make? Increased compression, headers, new intake and carburetor? Slightly perplexed, the customer said, "I just want the biggest cam I can get." The owner repeated, "How do you plan to use your car...?". Frustrated by the questions, the customer asking for the cam walked out.

Another customer in the shop asked the owner, "Ed, why didn't you just sell the 'kid' a big cam?" The owner replied, "Yea I could have sold the kid a big cam, but then his car wouldn't run worth a hoot, eat gas and be unreliable. He would then tell his friends, don't

go to Ed's Speed Shop, they sell you parts that don't work. I would rather lose one sale vs. getting bad-mouthed by someone who doesn't understand how each part of an engine creates a system."

When rebuilding or modifying your car, the very key question to ask is how do I plan to use the car when complete? A camshaft with a power band of 3000 – 7000 RPM might be great for racing but nearly useless for driving on the street. Compression ratio exceeding 10:1 with 1950's BMC designed heads and carburetors usually means you can't run pump gas without "pinging". Keep longevity in mind as well. Race engines are built to last the race, or a race season, not 50,000 miles. If you plan to keep your car on the road for a number of years, a race-build is not ideal.

As Ed related long ago, an engine is a system of parts that have to work together. You need to start by identifying what the end goal is before you start buying individual parts.

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