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Kicking off 2023, Charlie leads the AAHC planning meeting



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**Welcome to 2023 !!**

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## Editors' Note

Here it is 2023, after an amazing 2022 coming off pandemic restrictions, we can look forward to more Healey unrestricted adventures this year.

Sidebar: Kate O'leary reports that her tick-tock event has happened and 5 new puppies have joined her crew.

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

Greetings as we ring in the New Year. We officially finished out 2022, Saturday January 7 th on the Polar Bear Run hosted by the Georgia Triumph Association, (GTA).

The drive from Buford to Madison with mild temperature and sunny skies provided a drop dead gorgeous very pleasurable sunny sky day with most tops down by lunch. This was one of the last fair-weather drives for a while. Our turnout was good with Sheron/Charlie Moshell, Helvi/Chad Moshell, Dana/John Homonek, Dean Meyer, Mark Leinmiller, Alan White, Ray Musslewhite, Ric Anderson, Julie/Glen Stephens, Rick Alley and sidekick Ronnie in attendance.

Helvi visiting from Namibia was a bit apprehensive in riding in a convertible while experiencing our harsh winter temperatures but was eventually convinced to give it a go. It was delightful to see Julie's smiling face out and about again after her hiatus during 2022. After lunch my little group returned via the Old Dixie Hwy back through Rutledge, Social Circle with a shopping stop at the Walton Cotton Mill Antique Mall in Monroe. The temperatures held steady allowing for a pleasant top-down drive all the way home to Suwanee.

Joe Garcia indicated that he has been tagged to help out in 2023 as GTA President so he can learn about "herding cats, cars and calendars". The car count was reported at 75, however I believe there were a few more. Thanks to the GTA team for another successful Polar Bear Run.

It seems amazing that we have breezed through another year already. Sheron and I have enjoyed several great Austin Healey drives this past year and are looking forward to more in 2023. Sheron and I wish and hope

everyone encountered a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas Holiday Season. December 22 nd was my last official work day for Gwinnett County after almost 22 years, with retirement as the best Christmas gift ever.

With the excitement of ringing in the new year I find myself thinking back down memory lane. There have been many great encounters and rendezvous throughout the past 35 plus years of Austin-Healey driving seasons. One of my many favorite treats was taking several laps at the Bristol track back in September 2010 with the Carolinas club.

Hopefully you have many fun Austin Healey memories too. From the results of our January planning meeting hosted by John and Dana Homonek, there is time to create more good Healey fun time memories in the months to come.

The meeting started with a welcome greeting with about 25 folks in attendance. The agenda included a brief review of old business, new business followed by going through the lost and found items before listing events on the calendar. New business discussions included a Treasury and Membership status report.

Sheron reported that Regalia Sales, Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffles revenues kept the club from going into the red with our Southeastern Classic event. Registration revenue fell short on covering the event expense but a good time was had by all. Event of a lifetime.

John reported membership status with about 26 members from 2022 that have not renewed.

We are also reviewing past member list John provided of those that have not renewed over the past couple of years. Plans are in the works to reach out with reminders and offer assistance for renewing as needed.

New Member Michael Parks was introduced and welcomed.

Lost and found items included the Little Rodney Award, the Rodney Award, and the Len Thomas Technical Achievement Award, (LTAA). The Little Rodney Award (AKA The Doolittle Award), was first conceived by the committee of goobers jokingly looking for the person who contributed the absolute least to the wellbeing of our club, our cars and our friendships but had the most fun. Before this award was ever presented, its purpose was changed to go to the person who does the most of the little things behind the scenes, silently, humbly and without seeking recognition, glory or affirmation.

A replica of the Little Rodney Award replacing the never found original was presented to John Miner for all of his meticulous work spearheading support services with our Club Express experiences with both event and membership processes and managing our Web site.

Doug Duffee presented the Rodney Award to Ric Anderson, John Miner and Mark Leinmiller. He described his innovative process which he utilized to bring lapsed presentations up to date. Candidates are selected for making contributions for the wellbeing of our club, our cars and our friendships. This award was established long ago as a tribute to Rodney Lee Martin our Clubs very first president who at 70 passed away April 15th, 2022.

Pat Kemp displayed the modifications made to the LTAA award expanding room for future name plaques and presented Glen Stephens as recipient.

The old semi-retired giant club goofy pacifier was reclaimed and is being transformed to a pass along trophy. Bruce Madden and Charlie Moshell have more ideas to incorporate into the initial prototype. As the prototype was displayed, stories and a brief recap regarding the history of this prized item were summarized.

Still in the lost and found department is the Kitchen Pass Award, more to follow. Once again, the members in attendance at the planning meeting created a think tank environment coming up with some awesome ideas. The process of setting our 2023 calendar involves scheduling events around our usual staple of venues such as British Car Day, Conclave, Southeastern Classic and the British Car Fayre. Several ideas for social and tech gatherings along with destination drives were discussed and proposed as we reviewed activities for each month.

I offered to host a garage crawl any time as participant's would be required to crawl over stuff just to get inside of the garage.

We have put together several event kits including paper products for food and attendance sign in sheets available to anyone hosting a sanctioned club event. Host of all official club events may contact me for additional event support items that are available. All Host are encouraged to invite other members to assist them with coordinating events to create a team approach sharing task and responsibilities.

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Just to mention a few events some with hosts, others need a host, in no particular order. Plans, scheduling and confirmations in the works include:

- Possible Kassow Kruise rain date makeup drive
- Morning drive to meet for biscuits and coffee
- Internal Engine Garage Crawl
- Drive to Braselton with Panoz/Duffee facilities visit
- Water Pump Rebuild Garage Crawl
- Ongoing Big Healey Resto Garage Crawl
- Macon GA Cook Out (ice cream and fish)
- Fun Day Drive North and Northwest GA Moonshine Country back roads
- Fall Drive to Dillard GA
- Fall Drive for apples, pumpkins and lunch

Suggestions were discussed for the possibility of combining events such as biscuits and engines, where we could meet for a group breakfast on the way to the engine garage crawl. If you have never hosted an event, you are encouraged to volunteer as an event assistant if uncomfortable as a primary host. Remember the more the merrier. There are also several local sister British Car Club events we can also attend.

Check out the calendar in the newsletter or on the website for more details, dates and TBD items of interest.

Additional ideas for gatherings, whether driving, technical, social or whatever that anyone is willing to host are always welcome .

There are still possibilities on the table to schedule or re-establish monthly meetings, socials, fish fry, holiday gatherings and so on.

There was interest expressed for a February Valentine social or a Superbowl Party here in town. All we need are some host to set the time and place.

We were not able to confirm if Robb Handshuh, still in Colorado, will repeat a sunrise brunch for a February Valentines weekend retreat. Last go round plans were to gather at Pikes Peak for the sunrise, followed by a Rocky Top Potluck (with mushrooms) for brunch.

On a sadder note, The Firecracker Fly In usually held the Saturday following July 4 th has informally faded away until further notice. However, if you still love to be around aircraft, John Woodward has a solution. Atlanta club member since 2013, John Woodard, who started driving an Austin Healey in 1966 made a brief presentation and again extended an invite for a possible drive and visit down to the Hampton and Griffin area of Atlanta. John is a founding member of Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, He has offered to provide the group a tour and discussion of the aircraft at the Legacy Hanger near the Atlanta Motor Speedway and hopefully be able to schedule a date when the foundation is offering flights in the Huey and Cobra.

You can learn more about the foundation :  
[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=aahfcalendar@gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=aahfcalendar@gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York) .

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Charlie Moshell

The Peach State Aerodrome (www.peachstateaero.com), is located just a few miles down the road which could easily be added to the outing with a possible lunch at the Barnstormers onsite restaurant in Williamson GA.

A thanks is in order to Nader Bagheri for sharing some of his current life experiences with emphasis on managing our blessing's while we all have the opportunity to do so.

Keep longtime member Bob Memler in your thoughts and prayers as he recently fell and broke a femur and is currently in the hospital dealing with ongoing health issues.

Also please keep Cyndi Marble in your prayers as she is battling health issues as well.

Before adjourning for lunch,

Michael Parks completed his club initiation by randomly pulling names off the attendance sheet for a drawing liquidating all of the unclaimed SEC raffle and miscellaneous prize items.

After lunch the Board of Directors present gathered for the first 2023 meeting to discuss the budget, membership, upcoming elections and overall management of club business.

Thanks again to John and Dana Homonek for hosting this annual gathering.

That's about all for now.

See you at the next gathering.

Charlie Moshell  
Atlanta AHC President

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## 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)

Reminder !! Only about 2 weeks before **Expiration** If you have not renewed



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



## Look ahead from planning meeting AACA Events Calendar

TBA	Kassow Kruise rain date makeup drive Bill Nagle	Watch for email update
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### ***February***

### ***Event***

Sunday 12th	The "Big Game" Chiefs vs. Eagles	2:30 PM EST CBS
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### ***March***

### ***Event***

Fri - Sun 3rd -5th	The Amelia (Concours D'Elegance) Ritz Carlton 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy, Amelia Island, FL 32034 <a href="https://www.ameliaconcours.org/">https://www.ameliaconcours.org/</a>	Main Car Show Sunday 5th
Sat 11th	Ongoing Big Healey Resto Garage Crawl Kärin Gärdner's	Watch for email update
Fri - Sun 24 -26th	Texas Healey Roundup 42 Blanco River Hotel, Blanco TX <a href="mailto:texashealeyroundup42@icloud.com">texashealeyroundup42@icloud.com</a>	See Page 21

### ***April***

### ***Event***

Sat 1st	Carolina British CarClassics Historic Columbia Speedway, Columbia SC <a href="http://www.bccmc.com">www.bccmc.com</a>	
Sat 15th	Brits on the BAY 29th Annual Pensacola British Car Show Panhandle British Car Association	09:00 -05:00 CST
TBA	Water Pump Rebuild Garage Crawl John May/Mark Leinmiller	Watch for email update

## Look ahead from planning meeting AACA Events Calendar

<b>May</b>	<b>Event</b>	
Sun 7th	Atlanta British Motorcar Day Suwanee Town Center, 330 Town Center Ave, Suwanee, GA 30024	08:00 - 02:00 EDT
Sun - Fri 21st - 26th	AHCA Conclave Crystal River, Florida www.healeyclub.org	
Sat 29th	Macon GA Cook Out (ice cream and fish) John Blanks/Denise Collins	Watch for email update
<b>June</b>	<b>Event</b>	
Thu - Sun 1st - 4th	Spring Thing Bluegrass AHC, Louisville, KY	
<b>July</b>	<b>Event</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>Event</b>	
Sat 19th	Morning drive to meet for biscuits and coffee Kate O'Leary	Part 1 of day's events
Sat 19th	Internal Engine Garage Crawl Mark Leinmiller	Part 2 of day's events
<b>September</b>	<b>Event</b>	
Thu - Sun 21st - 24th	Austin Healey Southeastern Classic XXXVI Asheville, NC	
Sat 30th	Fall Drive to Dillard GA Charlie Moshell	Watch for email update
<b>October</b>	<b>Event</b>	
Sat 14th	Drive to Braselton with Panoz Duffee facilities visit Doug Duffee	Watch for email update
TBA	Fall Drive for apples, pumpkins and lunch	Watch for email update
TBA	Fun Day Drive North and Northwest GA Moon- shine Country back roads Alan White	Watch for email update
<b>November</b>	<b>Event</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>Event</b>	
Sat Dec 2nd	Kassow Kruise Bill Nagle	
TBA	Christmas Party Sharon Moshell	



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## Other Auto Related 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

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### 2023 Planning Meeting

Photos: John Miner & Kate O'leary

AAHCA Members Charlie & Sheron Moshell, John & Dana Homonek, Mary Ellen & Bill Nagel, John & Lynda Miner, Pat Kent, Debbie & George Pope, Nader & Judy Bagheri, John May, Kate O'Leary, Hal Smith, Pam Leinmiller, John Blanks, Denise Collins, Bruce Madden, Doug Duffee, John Woodward, Alan White and Michael Parks gathered at the home of John & Dana Homonek to establish the 'road-map' of events and happening for 2023.





# 2023 Planning Meeting

Photos: John Miner & Kate O'leary



## 2022 - 2023 Polar Bear Run

By Mark Leinmiller

Photos: Mark Leinmiller & Charlie Moshell

After being delayed until January 7<sup>th</sup>, the annual Polar Bear Run, hosted by the Georgia Triumph Association and benefitting the ALS Association was attended by 75 cars. The weather was sunny and brisk as we arrived at The Mall of Georgia, but turned into a beautiful top-down day as we wound our way along backroads and by-ways to Monroe, ending up in scenic Madison for lunch. I wondered how the eateries in Madison would handle this sudden influx of approx. 120 people, but it seems they were well-prepared. With the large number of cars we were unable to stay together, and when I arrived in Madison, there were no Healeys in

sight. I ran into Julie & Glenn Stephens and joined them at the Chop House along with Ric Anderson and a large crowd of GTA faithful. Rick Alley and his copilot Ronnie were looking for BBQ and found the Tickled Pig. Sheron, Charlie, Chad & Helvi Moshell, Alan White and Dean Meyer enjoyed Amalfi for pizza. Dana & John Homonek soaked up the sunshine at Amalfi while dining al fresco with their pup. Rick & Ronnie ended up joining the rest of the group at Amalfi and craft beers began to flow. I never ran into Ray Musslewhite, but Charlie spent some time catching up with him.



The Driver's Meeting led by event coordinator Ashford Little (red shirt)



Not every car was a show car. Glad to see folks getting their toys out and playing with them.



Host club GTA's incoming president Joe Garcia (AAHC president Charlie Moshell is at far left)



There was a huge variety of cars, styles and vintages, from classic E-Types to a current Lotus and even this Mini Moke



## 2022 - 2023 Polar Bear Run

By Mark Leinmiller

Photos: Mark Leinmiller & Charlie Moshell



Side mirror view of the group leaving the mall. Red car with headlights on is John & Dana Homonek in their Jensen-Healey. The second car behind them (center of photo) is Charlie & Sharon Moshell in their British Racing Green BJB. Three cars behind them is Chad and Helvi Moshell in the Toyota Solara.



Sharon Moshell and John Homonek at the Drivers Meeting



Ray Musslewhite embraces the morning chill in his Bugeye Sprite



The scenic square in downtown Madison



Above: Charlie & Helvi getting ready for top down drive



Above: Charlie & Helvi braving the cold top up.



Left: Charlie & Helvi arriving home with 'frostbite'.



## Ruby's Big Day Out !!

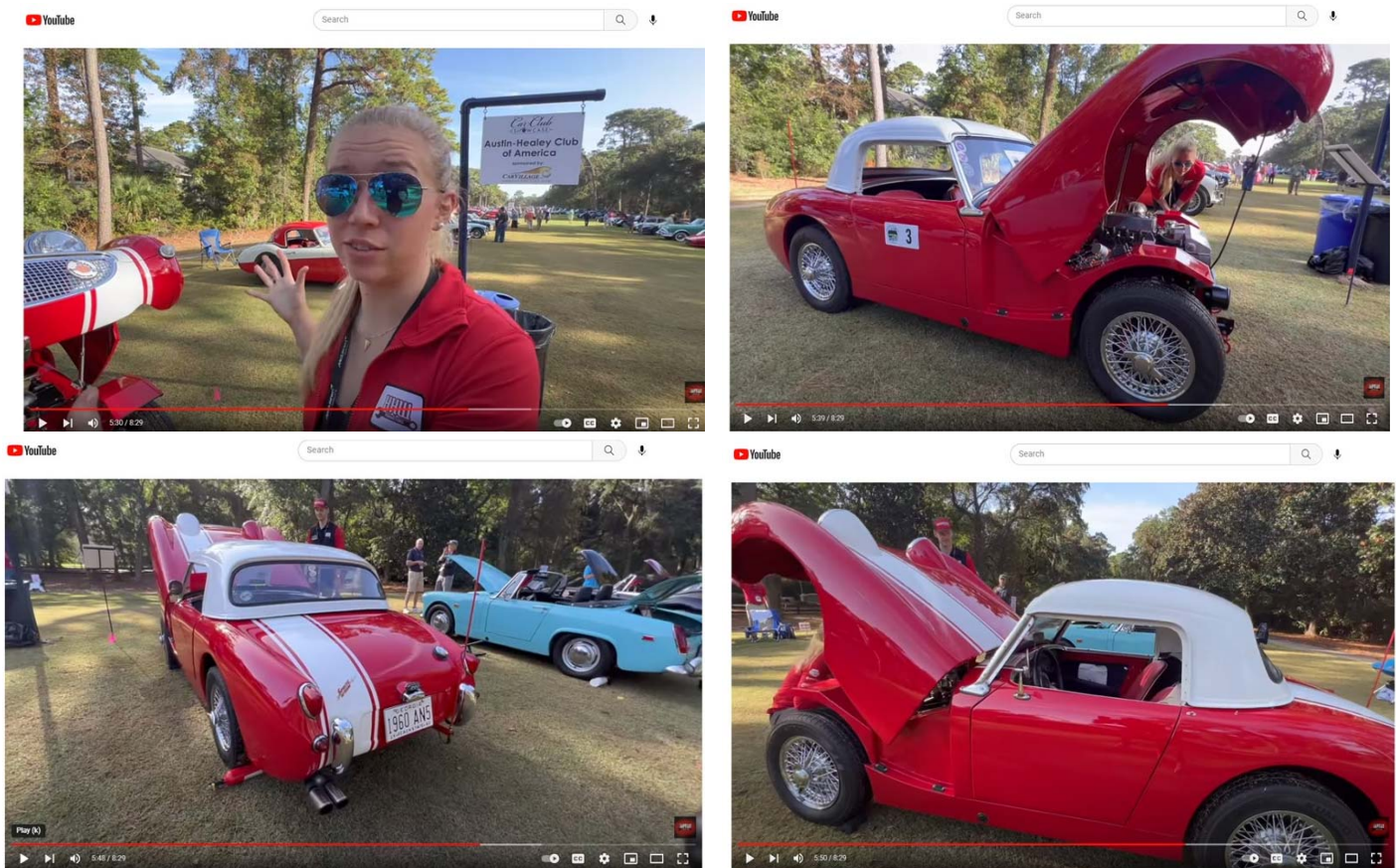
By Ric Anderson

Photos: ©HHWheels / YouTube

At the South Eastern Classic a lady was filming at the Concours and was looking for (Ric Anderson). She said to watch for their next YouTube posting. She does mention the AAHC club and Ruby is fawned out a bit. Look at time index 5:25 on the attached link. And don't blink or you will miss it.

You Tube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7Og6QzK04k>



## Creative Corner

This collage of motorcar hood ornaments was created by Mary Ellen Nagel from photos she took at our SEC event .

Image Submitted by John Miner



## Charlie's Story

By Kärin Gärdner

The dream started with the rolling off of the assembly line of a shiny new 1959 Sprite. From England, the Sprite and its carefree owner, Charlie, jumped to the rolling hills and vineyards of Tuscany, soaking up the rays and enjoying the landscape. Sadly, the dream was interrupted on a late evening, meeting up with a curvy dark road and an oak tree.

Fast forward 70 years and my dad's dream is being revived. This time it's a 1966 3000 BJ8, christened "Charlie" in honor of my dad. With the help of my friend, Robert Phillips, I located a stalled-out project car in a garage in Marietta.

Not really a "barn find" but very close. The previous owner had begun, years ago, to disassemble the car, and then, as is the case with too many Healeys, he got sidetracked with other things. Poor Charlie sat for about 25 years, with little love given to her nor the vroom of the wheels hitting the roads and feeling the breeze of the air hitting her bonnet.

After a few visits to review her (Charlie's) health, the "Doctor and Master Restoration Artist" George Pope provided his diagnosis on her health. Additional insight and assistance came from Robert, Ric Anderson and Rick Alley. Soon thereafter we loaded Charlie into Ric's trailer while Bridget Nyman documented the adoption of Charlie into our family.

The next chapter of Charlie begins with Miss Aussie (my four-legged companion) and I following in my Father's footsteps in owning a Healey. I am dreaming of the day when we can hit the roads and allow Charlie to feel the thrills of Tuscany in my father's memory.

The next step was to start Charlie's restoration. The Atlanta Healey club enthusiasts came together in full force to help a forgotten era come back to life. Through a few Tech Sessions, paired with some ad-hoc activities, numerous phone calls, and photos sent to review questions, a lot of progress has been made in getting Charlie disassembled. She is truly now topless and her engine, transmission, shroud and rear deck lid removed ahead of her visit to Doctor Pope's exclusive spa to address the all-too-common rust spots.

While Charlie is at the spa, I will turn my attention to the running gear, for some much-needed cleaning and painting of the bits and pieces thus removed. Next in the plans are to check her motor, that has sat with the valve cover off and no oil in the sump for goodness who knows how long. Her poor motor will most likely need some love to hear her roar down the road again.

I am amazed by the collaboration of individuals with so much intimate knowledge, passion, and love for the beautiful Healey. Each pours their knowledge, love, and admiration into this process. I am overwhelmed by how the Atlanta Austin Healey Club has stepped in to make my dream of honoring my father and his love for the Healey come to life.

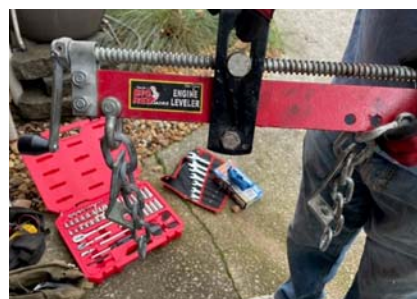
While there is still a great deal to do, I know I will be driving, with a huge smile on my face, and Miss Aussie riding shotgun, one day soon.

Special thanks: to Robert, George, Ric, Rick, Nader Bagheri, John Harris, John Homonek, Mark Leinmiller, Bruce Madden, John May, John Miner, Bill Nagel, Kate O'Leary, John Woodward and, John Zegel. If we have forgotten anyone, please pardon the miss.



**Kärin's Garage Crawl**  
Photos By Kate O'leary

Bill Nagel, Kärin Gärdner, Bruce Madden, Rick Alley Ric Anderson, John and Mark gather to pull the engine on , Kärin 's project Healey "Charlie"



## Why We Need Tech Sessions

By Kate O'Leary

Tick tock, Tick tock (not to be confused with the overly competitive social media app) I am waiting for another happy dog event. Tick tock, Tick tock, I am waiting for the rain to stop, because this is Georgia and that is winter here. Tick tock, Tick tock, I know someone who is waiting for parts for his Healey to arrive from England, Australia, or Moss Motors.

We spend a lot of our time waiting and watching the clock, or the calendar, for something to happen. What would happen if we reached outside our personal comfort zone to someone who might need some of our knowledge or an extra set of hands to complete their own project?

One of the best activities we, as a club, offer is the tech session. Someone with a Healey problem and a good source for BBQ, coffee and donuts, or a gourmet lunch, will ask for help and voila! Something miraculous happens -- friendships are formed or solidified and a car gets fixed and heads out onto the open road.

This is important for two reasons. Firstly, as time goes by, the repair places for our little British cars are closing as the skilled mechanics retire or move on. Secondly, gaining the confidence to repair and drive your car anywhere results in more enjoyment as your skills for your car become more extensive.

Sometimes a tech session morphs into a troubleshooting session. When you have several experienced Healey mechanics, debate is inevitable. (It's the coil!) At that point, you should offer them iced tea and step back. This is the South, they aren't supposed to drink anything else. A consensus

will be reached and repairs made, or the team of experts will generate a list of the required parts for the repair, since nothing you bought will suffice. You will be unable to read the list because it is written in cursive and grease smudges.

Sometimes a tech session will manifest the destructive energies of the team. They will want to take things apart faster than you can label the ziploc bags. Hopefully you already have the pizza on the way, because destroying pizza is almost as satisfying as disassembling a car (or Tokyo, just ask Godzilla\*).



\*Thanks to the Godzilla movies. All of them.

Another urban legend tech session is the "perfect" tech session. It is a myth, a fable, a whisper heard in passing. It does not exist.

## Why We Need Tech Sessions

By Kate O'Leary

If you hear someone talking about a tech session where nobody sweats, drops a wrench on a body part (their own or someone else's) loses a tool, AND the food was outstanding, just smile and walk away. It's a trap\*



\*Thanks to Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back

As the famous Babe Ruth Quote says "Don't let your fear of striking out prevent you from going to bat" Host a tech session, it might not be perfect but learning and knowledge transfer happens. Besides, a planned tech session in a garage is a lot safer than an unplanned tech session on the side of the road (*ed*)

I have learned a lot as I attend the tech sessions with the Healey club. I learned how to reassemble the suspension structure in my Jensen Healey, bleed the brakes, replace a broken carburetor gasket, remove and reattach the alternator, and swapping out a worn belt for a new one. Tech sessions can be held anywhere, I learned these things in a parking lot in Lake Tahoe, a street in Knoxville, a garage in Marietta (my tech session) and a tech session at SEClassic many years ago.

Chipping in to help is a hallmark of our club. We have a long tradition of getting grease under our fingernails and working together to fix what's wrong. This year, if you join the tech sessions, you can make a difference for your friends. And you will learn more about why it brings us all together

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*Bumper Sticker Thoughts*

*My LBC does Not leak oil  
Its sweating Power Surges*



By the time this is printed and read, the holidays are over. I hope every one had a great Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year or any other holiday you celebrate, such as Festivus.

Your LBC should be asleep in it's bed and settled for the long winter's nap. NOT! There is no reason you can't drive and enjoy your car during the winter months. A little extra care and precaution and away you can go. Obviously, you do not want to drive them when there is snow or ice predicted.

Most counties and cities will use a brine solution on the roads a few days before the slippery weather arrives. If you watch the road surfaces, you can tell where and when they do this. Don't drive your car during this period. After the snow and ice melts, give it a few days, especially if there is some rain, and the roads will be safe enough to drive.

I am not talking about not being slippery anymore, I am talking about the brine having been washed away and should not present any problems for our cars. They rust away bad enough on their own that they need no brine to help them convert back to nature. If in doubt about your drive, stop by the quarter car wash and rinse off the bottom and around the wheel wells.

If you do plan to drive your LBC frequently during the winter months, there is very little you need to do differently than the rest of the year. Oil does not need to be changed just because it gets cold outside. If it your yearly time, then by all means do the change. Yall do know that oil does not need to be changed every 2,00 to 3,000 miles. It easily lasts 5,000 miles and your engine will last just as long.

## Winter Preparations

I recommend you use the same weight oil all the time as there is no reason to change to a "winter" oil and "summer" oil. Even I believe that technology has improved in oils. I won't tell you what you should use but will tell you I still use Shell Rotella 15/40 weight. Just make sure your oil contains ZDDP as part of it's chemical make-up and is not a separate additive.

For winter preparation, should you not be planning to drive your car, there are a few things you can do. None are very complicated. First thing I recommend is to fill your gas tank as full as you can. Non-ethanol gas is best and is easily found now. As some of the volatile components do evaporate during long storage times in a poorly sealed container, like your gas tank, filling with a higher octane will give you a slightly better fuel when you start driving again.

While at the filling station, I highly recommend you pour a fuel stabilizer in the tank, before pumping the gas. I also like a can of BG44K in the tank. Then drive home as this will put treated gas in your carbs. If you do not have an air compressor at home, inflate your tires a few pounds over normal. I regularly use 32 pounds but would recommend about 40 if your drive home is short. The higher pressure will help keep your tires from flat spotting while they sit.

Make sure your coolant is filled to the proper level and with some anti-freeze in it. I use a 25% anti-freeze and 75% water. If your car will be parked outside under a cover, you could use a 50/50 mix. But in warmer times, water cools best so the lower percentage will be better.

Most batteries no longer can be checked for water level, but if you can, check it and top it off with a little distilled water or well water from your fridge. Our well water goes thru two filters plus the fridge filter, total of three filtrations, and has no water system additives. Distilled water is available from any grocery store, used for home steam mops. So, look in the cleaning aisle if you don't find it with the water. Or maybe it is already in your cleaning closet at home, mine is.

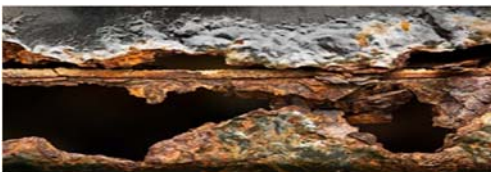
If you will not be using the car at all during the couple of winter months, I recommend removing the battery terminals and cleaning them and the battery posts. Make sure your battery is charged and coat the posts and terminals with petroleum jelly or battery spray from the auto parts store.

Not much else is required to have your car ready for the next time you want to drive it. You have taken care of the oil, gas, tires and battery. I am not a big fan of trickle charges but if you are and you feel safe using them, by all means do so. But, I would still disconnect the battery.

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### Adapted from "Grainger KnowHow<sup>®</sup>"

For a metal to corrode, the following elements must be present: moisture, electron acceptor such as oxygen and a LBC. When moisture comes into contact with LBC, chemical reaction immediately begins to take place that quickly oxidizes the iron in steel, turning the iron into iron-oxide (the chemical name for rust). While iron is the most reactive metal, and therefore corrodes faster than most, all metals are susceptible to oxidation.



Corrosion  
Prevention

## Winter Preparations

Notice I did not say to clean and detail your car, not necessary just to let it sit. Wait until you are ready to start driving it again and then do the detailing, if that is your thing. Dust will get under a car cover and in the interior so why clean it twice?

We never parked our cars for any winter naps. When we had LBCs, we would drive them year round. For a very long time, they were all we had to drive. Well them and a VW Bus that had zero heat. At least our LBCs had some heat and defrost.

So, until next year, hope to see yall somewhere soon. Maybe we got together during the holidays at one of the club parties. If not watch for a tech session at my home shop like in the past; tune ups, hot dogs, burgers and friends. Happy New Year!!!

Barry Rosenberg  
British Car Service  
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1. Keeping the up LBC painted metal surfaces limits the metal from exposure to oxygen, thus preventing corrosion or at least slowing the process.
2. Dehumidify, A humid environment increases moisture in the air. Living in S/E USA well, good luck with that. Keeping your LBC in a garage does help.
3. Keep It Clean, Excess dirt & grime can accelerate the corrosion process in your LBC.

Corrosion is an inescapable truth for anyone with a LBC. But knowing how it happens is the key to running interference on rust.

## Members Classified

- 2 each 48 Spoke Wire Wheels (MOSS 454-617)
- Rear Shroud for 2 Plus 2 model, with polished combing trim (MOSS 858-455)
- A Transmission Cover for an early 3sp BN1 gearbox, no ashtray included (No MOSS part no found)
- 1-Behind the seat Battery Box door, hinges broken (MOSS 807-055)
- 2- BN1or BN2 Rear Fenders, have some dents, rust on bottoms and at door jams, may be good for building a trailer (MOSS 858-025),
- 2- BN1or BN2 side curtains, white vinyl but needs cleaning, windows are yellow tint are clear, metal frames rusty but will clean up (MOSS 259-128),

**N0 shipping**, pick up only in Marietta, can email pics of each item

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## Special Request from our Healey friends in Texas



## Texas Healey Roundup 42

**Blanco River Hotel. Blanco, Tx**

**March 24-26, 2023**

Name:	Address:
Spouse/ Guest:	City-State-Zip:
Additional Adults:	Phone:
Club Affiliation:	Email Address:

I/We will participate in (enter number participating):

Popularity (#cars) =

Rally (# of individuals) =

Funkhana (#of participants)=

REGISTRATION & MEALS	Cost		Qty		Total	Year & Model of Big Healey
Registration ( <b>Prior to 03/01/23</b> ) Registrant + Spouse/Guest + Children<16 Includes 1 patch	\$100	X	1	=	\$100	
<b>Late Registration (After 03/01/23)</b> <b>Additional</b>	\$25	X		=		
Additional Adult(s)	\$25	x		=		Year & Model of Sprite
Additional Vehicle Registration (Includes patch and car number)	\$25	X		=		
Adult Saturday Dinner per Person	\$40	X		=		
Child Saturday Dinner per Child 12 and under	\$20	x		=		Year & Model of Other/Additional Healey(s)
Breakfast at the hotel	No charge					
<b>Regalia</b>						
T Shirts – (fill in quantity below)						
Mens: S: M: L: XL: XXL:	\$25	X		=		
Womens S: M: L: XL:	\$25	X		=		
<b>Additional Logo Patch</b>	\$5	X		=		

**TOTAL =**

**Lodging for Texas Healey Roundup 42 will be provided by the Blanco River Hotel in Blanco, Tx. For reservations call: 830-833-5738 press 0 for reservations and reference the Texas Healey Roundup. Room rates (1 King or 2 Queen beds) are \$159/night. **Book soon as rooms are limited!** If you need alternative nearby accommodation suggestions use the contact info below.**

Send completed registration and check to:  
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 Texas Healey Roundup  
 950 Stagecoach Ranch Rd  
 Dripping Springs, Tx 78620

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