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Editors' Note

Here we are in June. First half of 2023 is almost gone. Atlanta British car day has come and gone, along with AHCA's National Conclave for 2023. Summer will soon officially here with the typical hot and humid days.

A potential event is listed for a drive up into the cool North GA mountains, along with a British car show in North FL for anyone interested. Relax and enjoy this summer, the fall will be here soon!

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

A great big shout out and congratulations is due to the Atlanta Club's Conclave team for bringing home the DMH participation trophy. This year's event in Crystal River Fl was attended by, Wright & Pat Bagby, Ric Anderson & daughter Jessica, Kate O'Leary, CJ & Janice Johnson, John Blanks & Denise Collins. Unfortunately, Sheron and I missed out on this one. Our favorite younger son Chad Lindsey was scheduled to be back in the USA for a visit during the event and we had grandkid duty for a few days during their first week after school adjournment for the year.

We started the month of May with a sold out 39th British Car Day Sunday the 7th at the Suwanee Town Center Park. It was great to see Pat Kemp and her Blue Bug Eye that finely made it out for a showing after all of the heartfelt effort that has been poured into it over the past several years. Thanks to Kate O'Leary for bringing out her popup tent for the event. We enjoyed a great picnic at the venue with picture perfect weather.

Cole Getzler made a surprise appearance with his little clone (son) along in the old faithful GA Teck 3000. Michael Smaracko brought his gorgeous 54 BN1 Healey Hundred. Tom Hidell was in attendance with his Triumph this year. We enjoyed visiting with Bob and Kathy Young, Rick Alley, Mark Leinmiller, George Pope, Connie Carros, Hal Smith, David & Jennifer Porocho. and John Harris. All in all, we had good representation of the Healey Marques. We even picked up a stray Barney Matheson with his 69 Sprite.

After the show, several folks followed me back to the homestead to take a peek of what has been lurking under the basement stairwell for the past 25 years. The quest and search were for 29K engine parts. On May

Mark Linemiller loads big Healey block in prep for an upcoming tech session. Photo Charlie Moshell



28th the purge began in prep for our upcoming August Biscuits and Engines tech session.

As of now for June we have as Rob Handshuh likes to say, "Nuttin' Planned Yet." If there is any interest, we may plan a drive up to Clarksville for the Miles Through Time Museum's 7th annual car show at 583 Grant St., Clarkesville, GA, June 24 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm or another short drive for lunch somewhere like the Fenders Diner in Cornelia for lunch. Suggestions are welcomed.

Alan White has been busy planning a July 29th outing/drive/social visit with Wayne Vick and/or his mechanic at their shop in Armuchee. This is a collection of cars he likes to drive. They all get driven periodically. Some are only a few years old, (Ferrari, Aston Martin, Corvette) but he has several 1930s Fords, including one that is a former moonshine hauler purchased in Dawson County.

The September South Eastern Classic is just around the corner in Ashville NC. Perhaps a "Tune and Tweak Em" tech session should be scheduled in prep for the road trip. In the past we have discovered that a scenic back roads ride up through Cahiers over Wolf Mountain, through Balsam and Waynesville enjoyable before hitting the 4 lane H-ways into Ashville. A little Blue Ridge Parkway drive is always refreshing as well which has easy scenic access to the host hotel.

Best Regards,
Charlie Moshell
Atlanta AHC President

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



**Look ahead from planning meeting
AACA Events Calendar**

June		Event
Thu - Sun 1st - 4th	Spring Thing Bluegrass AHC, Louisville, KY	Sorry Folks Shows Over...
Sat Jun 17	Moonshine Distillery & Racing Hall of Fame Drive Georgia Triumph Association	<i>GTA website for details</i>
Sat. June 24th	Miles Through Time Museum's 7th annual car show at 583 Grant St., Clarkesville, GA, June 24 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	<i>Tentative Event</i>
July		Event
Nuttin' local planned yet		
Sat. July 15th	British Car Rendezvous, Spring Park, Cold Springs Harbor, FL,	See Flyer Page 12.
August		Event
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
	Water Pump Rebuild Garage Crawl John May/Mark Leinmiller	Watch for email update
September		Event
Thu - Sun 21st - 24th	Austin Healey Southeastern Classic XXXVI Double Tree Inn at Biltmore Village Asheville, NC	Registration Now Open! See Page 13
Sun -Thr 24th - 28th	Austin Healey Club of New England -A Mystical Healey Summit https://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-registration-form.html	Mystic, CT
Sat 30th	Fall Drive to Dillard GA Charlie Moshell	Watch for email update

Look ahead from planning meeting AACAA Events Calendar

October	Event	
Sat 14th	Drive to Braselton with Panoz 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
November	Event	

Thur 23 Happy Thanksgiving
December **Event**

Sat Dec 2nd Kassow Kruise
Bill Nagel
TBA Christmas Party
Sheron Moshell

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 CLAS-
SIC CARS 1870 McFarland Pkwy STE 300 Alpharetta, GA 30005

News Item

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At the Super Bowl this year, some crook stole the catalectic converter
from the Oscar Meyer Hot Dog Mobile while it was parked overnight.

According to the police report, thieves must have relished it....



Atlanta British Car Day
Photos by C. Moshell & K. O'Leary



Mark Leinmiller, Rick Alley, Hal Smith and Kate O'leary setting up the club canopy for lunch



Pat Kemp assisting with lunch set up



Healeys starting to line up for the show



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Photos by C. Moshell & K. O'Leary



Pat Kemp with her Bugeye



Connie Carros' early production Bugeye



Charlie Moshell, Some guys in hats, Sander Slo-movic, Rick Alley and Connie Carros discuss the days' events



Cole Getzler and 'clone' (son) at the show



Field of Healeys at the show

Atlanta British Car Day
Photos by C. Moshell & K. O'Leary



For the Road Less Traveler'd



"Modern" Morgan 3-Wheeler



When Carrol Shelby and Ken Miles collaborated to help Sunbeam have more oomph and created the Tiger

Speaking of resto-mods , this is not your typical "A" series powered Mini. Looks like Honda V-Tech providing the power.



**Conclave - One day to see it all
by Kate O'Leary
Photos by Kevin Livingston**



On the grid at the gymkhana

Earlier this year, Bill Borja, Chairman of the Conclave 2023 committee contacted Hilary Cooper from North Texas club and me about creating and running the Funkhana event at Crystal River.

Following several discussions, we agreed. Hilary was planning to attend, and I could make the trip to Florida on that Tuesday and return on Thursday when the work was done.

But things never go quite according to plan. Hilary came up with a theme "Save the Manatees" since the so-ugly-they're-cute sea cows are a major tourism draw for Florida and Crystal River in particular. We had ideas for stations and obstacles: a basket, a stuffed baby manatee, cornhole, trash, fishing poles, a feeding station and a huge parking lot to play in. But again, some things don't go the way you planned.

So I drove down from Atlanta metro on Wednesday morning, leaving by 2:15am. I had an idea that if I arrived by 8, that would give enough time to hash out details, set up and run the event at noon. It was hot when Elva and I (did I mention I brought my poodle?) arrived at the site. Hilary had said she found a shaded area - the only trees within miles, and this was the new site for the Funkhana. It was grassy, but there was a breeze. That wonderful huge parking lot was in use already, as the gymkhana location, but there were no trees, shade, or exit (locked in?) and I think we had a better spot.

Hilary went off to try her skills in the gymkhana after we set up. Her husband, Ed Reiss, went back to the hotel for a minute, leaving Elva and me with Charlie Ulrich, who was from Tampa Bay club to kick off the event.

Hilary got stuck in the gymkhana for the duration, as the organizers wouldn't let anyone leave until after their event was complete.

Charlie, Ed and I ran a couple teams through the funkhana before Hilary returned and the rest of the gymkhana drivers hopped into our line. Spectators were standing under the trees and the canopies we had provided, watching the teams manuever around the course. It appeared that everyone was having a good time.

A couple of Atlanta club members participated in the funkhana, with a third place trophy going to Ric Anderson and his daughter, Jessica Earp. Also scoring very well were John Blanks and Denise Collins.

After we packed it all up, we headed back to the host hotel, where I ran into a number of people. This is always my favorite part of any Healey event, catching up with people I haven't seen in a while.

You obviously can't see it all when you are at Conclave for only 6 hours, but next year, I understand that Conclave is returning to the upper Midwest, land of mosquitos and cheeseheads. That could be a lot o fun! Who might be up for that?



Hilary "Manatee" Cooper ready for the FunKhana

When one is dreaming of ways to modify a car, many thoughts come to mind. For a TR4A IRS race car I once owned; I was trying to decide how to improve the rear suspension. As mentioned in my previous article, the TR4A IRS has two u-joints per axle. Each axle is comprised of two pieces that meet together with a sliding spline joint. This allows the axle length to expand and contract as the suspension travels through an arc.



You can see the male (if this is the incorrect new definition for male and female splines, forgive me, I am very old school) splines in this picture and the female splines are in the lower part in the picture. There is a small corrugated rubber boot that is supposed to keep the dirt out. Works sometimes. There is also a double spline on each half to make sure the u-joint alignment is always correct. U-joints need to be aligned correctly or they can bind and cause a notchy rotation that will be felt in the car.

Driveshafts also have a splined connection but not a double spline for alignment. They are marked with a small arrow on the two pieces that is most often hard to find.

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There is no provision to grease the original splines and after so many years on the road with little to no attention, the splines will dry and bind. This can cause a vibration to the car. So, I had a better idea. I would make my own rear axle assembly using CV joints. After a lot of research, I found that VW Jetta CV joints would fit inside the Triumph trailing arms without any modification to the arm or joints.

I redrilled the hub on the differential for the 6 bolts the CV joint used and was able to bolt up the joint. For the outer end, I made a hub assembly using an MGA rear differential, an original TR4 bearing hub carrier and a TR4 hub that the rear wheel bolts to. I cut off the hub from the differential and machined it to fit inside the TR4 bearing hub. I had a special inner flange splined to fit my outer hub and this allowed me to have what is known as a full floating rear hub. In other words, if the car broke an axle, as the TRs are prone to do in race conditions, my wheel would not depart the car and leave me with 3 wheels. To my custom inner flange, I drilled it to match the CV joint and bolted them together.

This left me missing only an axle. I took a Jetta axle, which was too long, and cut it in 3 pieces. One was discarded and the other 2 needed to be joined to make a shorter axle. Butt welding would not hold up so I machined the two halves to fit snugly in a steel tube. I drilled two 3/4" holes at each end thru the steel tube. The shorter axles

were lightly pressed into the tubes and welded to the tubes through the holes I drilled and around the outer ends of the tube.

The axles now fit between my CV joints and had the original factory splines to fit the CV joints. I now had rear axle assemblies that had CV joints and no u-joints and would not be able to loose a wheel. Now, you can buy a set similar but they cost \$1,300 a pair. Mine was considerably less expensive.

The Project Car

This goes to show you that you can make do with less expensive ways of getting things accomplished. Of course, I am not including the price of my lathe or the used parts I had laying around. You have to make your own decision on how much you can safely fabricate and what you can't. Remember, safety is the number one concern when coming up with ways to save money and get what you want.

One decision I have not made yet is whether to go to a five lug nut hub and wheel combination. Again, this is for safety. With more than stock power, I am hoping for a factor of twice stock, it is questionable if the stock 4 lug pattern will be safe. If I change the rears to 5 lug nuts, I have to change the fronts as well. At least I do not have very good wheels on the car now.

One question I really needed to ask myself was; do I have enough energy for one more restoration/restomod? With really bad knees and something called degenerative disc disease in my back, and loss of some dexterity in my fingers and old age, do I need another big project? Shouldn't I be sitting in my small EV boat fishing in the lake? But I really don't like cleaning fish and I think it is cruel to catch and release. I mean, how many of you would like a big hook and line to come down thru the clouds and snag you in the mouth?

Well, until next time, see yall somewhere soon.

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Dear Members,

The June issue of Healey Marque magazine is in the mail and you should receive yours soon, but it is already posted on the club website where you can view it online right now. Here's a link where you can login and enjoy 40 pages of great Healey reading from the comfort of wherever you keep your computer!



Here's the link: (*Note: Member Log-in Required*)
[https://ahca.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?
page_id=22&club_id=215328&module_id=490181](https://ahca.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=215328&module_id=490181)

And while you're on the club website, don't forget to check out the Austin-Healey Quarterly, the club's new-this-year electronic magazine with more great Healey reading. The Winter and Spring editions are there and waiting to be enjoyed.

Happy Healey Reading!
Reid Trummel, Editor

Members Classified

Your ad here -
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- 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 an 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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British Car Clubs of North Florida
-- **British Car Rendezvous** --
A Picnic Lunch with our British Car Friends



○ Saturday 15 July 2023
○ Spring Park in Green Cove Springs
○ 12:00~3:00 PM

Hosted by the St. Johns Austin-Healey Club



Editor's Note: Cold Spring Harbor, Fl is just south of Jacksonville, Fl about a 5 hour drive from Atlanta, GA.



Southeastern Classic XXXVI
September 21-24, 2023
Biltmore Village, Asheville, NC



Registration for Southeastern Classic XXXVI is now open! The Carolinas Austin-Healey Club has lots of activities and drives on the Blue Ridge Parkway planned for our SEC XXXVI. Just **click [HERE](#)** for the **Event Highlights, Event Schedule, Hotel details** and the online **Registration Form**.
Plan on attending as it looks like another great Southeastern Classic is coming soon!

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