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**On the road to Macon - A Whistle Stop Cafe
Judy Bagheri, Rick Alley, Nader Bagheri and Sheron Moshell
Stop at the movie location of Fried Green Tomatoes**

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Editors' Note

It was a sad day to hear we lost Cyndi Marble. One of her artworks graces a wall in my house. Cyndi's winning smile and effervescent personality will be missed by all who knew her. Keep Sam in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult of times.

May is here and our calendar of events for 2023 is shrinking. Two Major Healey events happen in May, Atlanta British car Day and Conclave 2023 in FL. Get out there with your Healey friends!! The Healey Support Group needs and wants your company at the next event!!

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

April brings us sad news that we have lost another longtime member Cyndi Marble. I have many, many, fond memories of with both Sam and Cyndi with a bit over 30 years of going on numerous weekend and Saturday Austin Healey drives.

Often the Marbles, the Moshells and a few other couples would venture out planning routes for the club's drives. Once a long time ago on a weekend drive to the Columbus River Walk, we ended up in Providence Canyon just south of Cuthbert GA. Cyndi made the comment that this was the strangest group of folks who spend countless hours and dollars fixing up these old cars, only to drive them out to the middle of nowhere to see if they would hold together. We will all miss you, Cyndi. To Sam, our most heart felt sympathy.

We ended the month of April with another fun filled back road drive with a destination to Bolingbroke, located on the northside of the Metro Macon area. We had the privilege of attending cook out gathering and social hosted by John Blanks and Denise Collins. A few die-hard drivers ventured outside the Atlanta perimeter meeting up at the Crow's Nest at GA Hwy 81 and Youth Jersey Rd in Loganville. Nader and Judy Bagheri's Green Healey reflected the mood of the backroads drive and reminded me of many drives with Lyman Delk as we toured many of his favorite roads in the proximity of Monticello.

The weather was perfect for a spring drive through Walton, Hazzard, Newton, Jasper and Monroe counties with a route planned in an effort to avoid as much of the Atlanta traffic as possible. We were able to navigate from Loganville to John Blanks home

all on two lane country rural roads and small towns.

Shortly after departing the Crow's Nest, we drove down south through "Hazzard County", a fictional county around Cornish Mountain, and passed a very old building still known today as the Boar's Nest. The Boar's Nest was the oldest establishment in Hazzard County, which was owned by Boss Hogg. Both the Boars Nest and Alcovy trestle bridge were used during the filming of the first five episodes of season one of the Dukes of Hazzard. It was the local restaurant and tavern where Daisy Duke was a waitress and was the main social hangout for the locals. It was used in various spinoff productions and in the movie Moonrunners.

After a stop and photo opportunity we continued on and passed under the Alcovy Trestle Bridge. The Alcovy Trestle Bridge is rumored to be haunted from its macabre past especially during the 1940's.



Although this trestle bridge looks nothing like it did back in 1979, it was the filming location where Boss Hogg met McQuaid and his partner to discuss tracking down Mary Kaye and the money she stole. At the time of filming, the Alcovy Road Bridge was a Pratt truss bridge with a wooden deck that spanned 225 feet over the Alcovy River.

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The first leg of the drive before reaching I 20 was the most scenic relaxing picturesque ride almost entirely under a canopy of trees. The route consisted of country roads with long sweeping curves coupled with several 3-8 mile stretches of twisty curves through rolling hills.

Upon crossing over to the south side of I 20 we ventured over more rural back roads passing through Mansfield past Roosters Drive In, (yes, they serve gator bites), then onto Monticello. From the town square we changed direction taking us past many pecan groves and pastures. Continuing south we traversed through the Piedmont National Refuge on Hwy 83. The route between Monticello and Juliet is all dressed up with fresh asphalt making for a smooth wonderful riding experience.

This particular Refuge is 35,000-acre area established in 1939. It is home to the endangered species red-cockaded woodpecker. This species is endangered because the older age pine forests it requires for nesting and roosting have been cleared throughout most of its range. The Georgia refuge currently has 50 active family groups of this woodpecker.

Sheron and I and enjoyed getting out with our Healey gang for a drive. We need to do this more often. We will defiantly be returning to this area which would make for the perfect Rally location.

We made a pit stop in Juliet, the main filming site of the 1991 movie "Fried Green Tomatoes", with a photo opportunity at the Whistle Stop Café before making the final leg to our lunch destination.

Whistle Stop Cafe



Judy Bagheri, Rick Alley, Nader Bagheri & Sheron Moshell

The once vacant crumbling town is still striving today and has become a tourist destination, all due to the movie. Every time I have stopped there over the past 10 years, there is always a line outside of the café wanting to try the fried green tomatoes, secret sauce and country style hamburgers, fried chicken, catfish and more.

From Juliet we traveled the last 20 miles on more off the beaten path roads as we passed over the interstate just before our arrival.

Once entering John's home, it was similar and felt like walking through the door to the hospitality room at the 2022 Hilton Head SE Classic.

With John Blanks and Denise Collins being the perfect hosts, there were lots of snacks and refreshments waiting for our gang of George/Debbie Pope, John/Linda Miner, Kate O'Leary, Rick Alley, Nader/Judy Bagheri, and Sheron and I to enjoy. After socializing and witnessing John's culinary salmon grilling techniques, we enjoyed a sit-down lunch. We dined in a lodge like setting overlooking Williamson Lake.

Atlanta President
Charlie Moshell

Then it was dessert time, of which there were many. There were cookies, brownies, crack cake and more.

Then just like that it was late afternoon and time to say farewell as we departed headed back to Atlanta. Thanks to everyone who provided food and desserts to share.

What a wonderful way to spend the day. Thanks again to John and Denise for a spectacular gathering.

Our next big event is British Car Day, Sunday May 7th at Suwanee Town Center Park. Sheron and myself will drop the Healey off on the way to church and return after the Sunday service. The event is scheduled for 10 am -2pm. We will send out a reminder asking for RSVPs from all those registered and those attending as spectators to get a count for lunch. Kate has volunteered to

bring her pop-up tent and folding table as the club lunch spot hub. Beware of new puppy.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their folding chairs. We are still looking forward to both upcoming Biscuits and Engines and water pump rebuild tech sessions.

As mentioned at our planning meeting, Alan White has been working out the details for a moonshine drive up to Armuchee just north of Rome. Plans are to visit Wayne Vicks' shop and collection of cars he likes to drive. This will be a Saturday event in either, June July or August. More info to follow as schedule is finalized.

That's about it for now.

Best Regards,
Charlie Moshell
AAHC President



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



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

<i>May</i>	<i>Event</i>	
Sun 7th	Atlanta British Motorcar Day Suwanee Town Center, 330 Town Center Ave, Suwanee, GA 30024	08:00 - 02:00 See Page 14
Sun - Fri 21st - 26th	AHCA Conclave Crystal River, Florida www.conclave2023.com	 See Page 15
<i>June</i>	<i>Event</i>	
Thu - Sun 1st - 4th	Spring Thing Bluegrass AHC, Louisville, KY	
<i>July</i>	<i>Event</i>	
Nuttin' planned yet		
<i>August</i>	<i>Event</i>	
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 Water Pump Rebuild Garage Crawl John May/Mark Leinmiller	Part 2 of day's events Watch for email update
<i>September</i>	<i>Event</i>	
Thu - Sun 21st - 24th	Austin Healey Southeastern Classic XXXVI Double Tree Inn at Biltmore Village Asheville, NC	Registration Now Open! See Page 16
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 AACA 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 Kruse 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

Trivia Question

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Q. A Healey is the current Governor of what State?

A. Maura Healey is the 73rd Governor of Massachusetts

**John Blanks and Denise Collins
April Fish Grill and Gathering
Photos by C. Moshell & K. O'Leary**



Judy and Nader Bagheri stop for photo shoot
(Nader hiding in reflection of fender)



Judy and Nader Bagheri, Rick Alley and Sheron
Moshell at the Whistle Stop Cafe



Arrival at destination One Austin Healey and one Bugeye Wannabe

John Blanks and Denise Collins
April Fish Grill and Gathering
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Dash-Cam View of Trestle Bridge



Sheron Moshell, Denise Collins, Judy Bagheri
In deep discussion



Nader Bagheri trying to win at Candy
Crush while Charlie Moshell observes



Sheron Moshell, Debbie Pope, Denise Collins,
Judy Bagheri and Linda Miner discuss life while
the guys explain height of something with hands

**John Blanks and Denise Collins
April Fish Grill and Gathering
Photos by C. Moshell & K. O'Leary**



Prep for the Feast, John Blanks and Rick Alley



Salmon, Grilled to perfection



Dinner with the Healey Gang - A wonderful and satiating afternoon
Denise Collins, Judy Bagheri, Nader Bagheri, John Blanks (back Table) Sheron Moshell, Debbie & George Pope, Rick Alley, Charlie Moshell, John & Linda Miner (front table)

I am still thinking about rear suspension. Unlike MGBs and Healeys, my TR4A has independent rear suspension. Triumph had used it for a number of years and I think it has great possibilities. The system used on the TR4s thru TR6s is a true independent design.

This differentiates itself from that used on Spitfires and GT6 which used a swing axle style. This had been used since the early days of automobile design. So, what are the differences. I will keep it relatively simple. First, a solid or straight axle is the simplest style used in our cars. As the name says it all, straight axle.

The axle assembly goes from one side to the other straight with no flexing. Each wheel and tire remain at 90 degrees to the road and one would think this is best for tire contact. Not so as most fast race cars run some form of independent. For acceleration and braking where the amount of rubber on the road is what provides the best traction, a straight axle is one of the best.

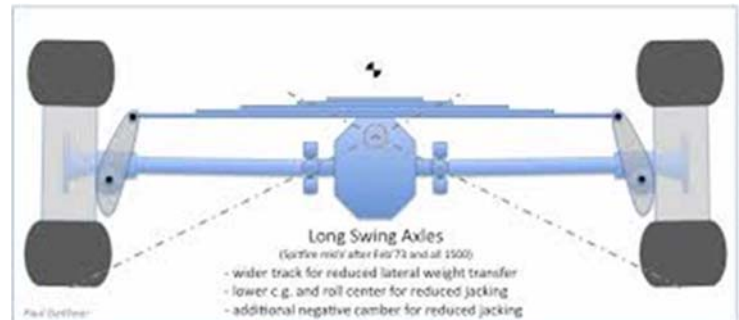
But, throw in the need to turn and things change. When you try to turn at a high rate of speed or rather sharply, the tires have a tendency to squirm or slip as they reach their limit of adhesion. As the car leans away from the direction of turn, they want to lean and pull the thread off the road. So, some designers tried swing axles.

These have a joint at the center differential which is mounted firmly to the chassis. Old British cars use a U-joint. Some cars actually had the axles firmly mounted to the differential housing and had the housing pivot on a central shaft, old Mercedes used this. Let's ignore this style.

The Triumph swing axle system had each axle attached to the differential with a u-joint at

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the unit and at the other end of the axle was the wheel/brake assembly permanently fixed at a 90 degree angle. This is a simple diagram;



It makes for scary watching and very scary driving. But, it was economical to build back then. If yall remember the Corvair, it had this style suspension as did the VWs of that era. Ralph Nader said the Corvair was the most dangerous car on the road. What did he think of Spitfires?

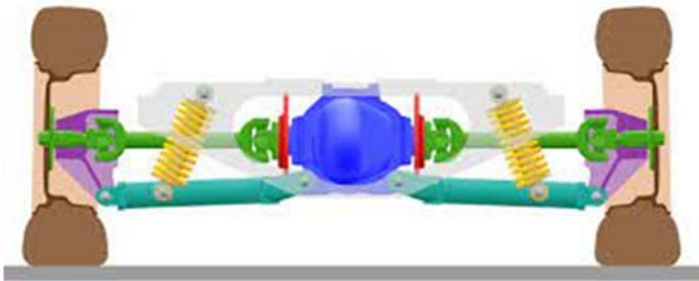


So, now we come to full IRS, independent rear suspension, as on my TR4A IRS. It helps that they put the rear suspension style in the name of the car. This style suspension has a u-joint, in our cars, newer cars use CV joints, at each end of the axle. The differential is firmly mounted to the chassis with the axle attached to the short output shafts.

Tech Corner

By Barry Rosenberg

These end at the wheel with another u-joint and are held in position by a moveable arm. In Triumphs, it is a trailing arm as the axle “trails” behind the pivot points.



As the car leans in a turn, the wheel can maintain a 90 degree angle to the road. In a hard left turn, the inside wheel will lean in and the outer wheel leans out in relation to the car body. But in relation to the road, they remain relatively vertical.

On the Triumph, the trailing arms are large aluminum castings that not only locate the axle but also hold the rear springs and shocks attachment points as the picture shows. This picture gives a pretty clear view of how it all fits together. It is a very successful design and works rather well for handling. But,



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even this design has some flaws. As more weight is added to the car, such as when a passenger joins the driver, the rear suspension geometry changes. The rear wheels take on more negative camber and this increases tire wear. Triumphs also had another problem with this design; too soft of springs.

With soft springs, requested by American dealers of Triumphs, the rear end squats down under hard acceleration. The cars originally came with a stiffer rear spring but Americans used to a more cushy ride complained of the suspension being too stiff so the factory softened them.

There is much that can be done with this rear suspension arrangement. I just haven't decided what. I would like to use a coil over shock similar to the front suspension I plan to use but there is a problem with where to mount it. If you look at the picture with the black chassis and aluminum trailing arm, you see where the spring sits. This is fine but not for mounting a shock. The upper location of the spring mount is not strong enough to take the pounding a stiff shock could produce and the frame will crack.

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Attaching the new coil over where the shock arm attaches to the trailing arm is also too weak to take both an uprated spring and shock without eventually cracking. My thinking is to reinforce the frame where the upper spring fits and use the shock location for a rear anti-sway bar.

My plans also include a different differential as I want one with some form of limited slip and I want axles with CV joints and not u-joints. On my Tr4A race car, I made my own rear axles using VW Jetta CV joints and parts

of a MGA differential so if my axle ever broke, it would not depart the car like a stock TR4-6 does. Well, again I got long winded so I will wrap it up until next month.

Thanks to all those that attended the tech session and especially to all those the helped out. We all had a great time. So, until next time, see yall some where soon.

Barry Rosenberg
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Healey At Speed - Historic Sportscar Racing Mitty Road Atlanta, May 2023
Photo by John Homonek

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Healey Enthusiasts!

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3:00 PM Hotel Registration <i>Plantation Lobby</i>	6-10 AM Car Wash <i>Magnolia Bldg Parking Lot</i>	6-10 AM Car Wash <i>Magnolia Bldg Parking Lot</i>	6-10 AM Car Wash <i>Magnolia Bldg Parking Lot</i>	6-10 AM Car Wash <i>Magnolia Bldg Parking Lot</i>
11 AM -6 PM Conclave Registration Regalia Sales & Pick Up <i>Rose Wing Lobby</i>	7:30 - 9:00 AM Conclave Registration <i>Rose Wing Lobby</i>	9 AM - 12 PM Tours on Your Own <i>See Program for Directions</i>	9:00 - 11:00 AM Gymkhana <i>WTC Driving Range</i>	8 AM - 12 PM Fun Rally <i>Resort Portico</i>
2-6 PM Arts & Crafts Drop-off Silent Auction Drop-off Raffle Drop Off <i>Sable A, B, C</i>	9 AM - 2 PM Popular Car Show <i>Resort Golf Driving Range</i>	9 AM - 5 PM Arts & Crafts Voting Silent Auction & Raffle <i>Sable A, B, C</i>	11 AM - ???? Funkhana <i>WTC Driving Range</i>	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch on your own <i>Resort or Area Restaurants</i>
2-6 PM Car Wash <i>Magnolia Building Parking Lot</i>	9 - 10 AM Arts & Crafts/Silent Auction/Raffle Drop-off Regalia Sales & Pick Up <i>Sable A, B, C</i>	10 AM - 2 PM Bill Emerson Tour <i>See Program for Directions</i>	12 - 2 PM Lunch on your own <i>Resort/Area Restaurants</i>	1:30 - 2:30 PM Tech Session #3 <i>Sable D</i>
3-5 PM Hospitality <i>Dogwood</i>	11 AM - 1 PM Lunch on your own <i>Resort/Area Restaurants</i>	11 AM - 2 PM Lunch on your own <i>Resort/Area Restaurants</i>	1:30 - 3:00 PM Ladies Wine & Jewelry 1 <i>Sable D</i>	2:30 - 3:30 PM Delegates' Meeting <i>Sable D</i>
5-7 PM Dinner on your own <i>Resort or Area Restaurants</i>	10 AM - 6 PM Arts & Crafts, Silent Auction, Raffle Voting <i>Sable A, B, C</i>	12 PM - 5 PM Tours on Your Own <i>See Program for Directions</i>	3:00 - 4:30 PM Ladies Wine & Jewelry 2 <i>Sable D</i>	6 :00 PM- 9:30 PM Awards Banquet & Live Auction <i>Magnolia Room</i> Say farewell to all your Healey friends!
7:30 - 8:30 PM Meet & Greet <i>Tiki Bar / Poolside</i> Best chance to meet & greet your old friends!	3-4 PM Tech Session #1 <i>Sable D</i>	3-4 PM Tech Session #2 <i>Sable D</i>	5-7 PM Dinner on your own <i>Resort/Area Restaurants</i>	NEED INFO OR HELP Bill Borja 727-732-0554 John Opp 607-349-5889 Edie Lowery 832-259-9592 Bernie Bowersock 815-505-7975 Bob Brown 630-235-3087
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Southeastern Classic XXXVI
September 21-24, 2023
Biltmore Village, Asheville, NC



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Plan on attending as it looks like another great Southeastern Classic is coming soon!

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