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Editors' Note

Summer is still providing plenty of hot and humid days, real "Scorchers" as we used to say in the Northeast. However, July is over and the kids will be back in school soon and our fall events with cooler temps will be happening soon!

Biscuits & Engines this Month and Norcross BCF, plus S/E Classic next Month. Fall season in full swing. Watch for updates.
(See You at S/E Classic)

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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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, Rick Anderson & daughter Jessica, Kate O'Leary, Jon Blanks and 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 Smaraco 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 28th the purge began



in prep for our upcoming August Biscuits and Engines tech session.

We rounded the corner at the end of July with the **“End of Summer Back to School Adventure Moonshine Drive,”** as Alan White put together a great Moonshine run up and over to Armuchee GA. We had a great turn out of about 12 cars including several cousins from the Georgia Triumph Association and Peachtree MG Registry.

Thanks to Alan for getting this drive scheduled before the sweltering August summer temperatures arrive. We were fortunate to get a break from the July heat wave for this outing. The morning portion of the drive over Burnt Mountain and beyond was delightful with overcast skies and shaded roadways. Alan treated us to some new roads over Calhoun Gap, near Misty Mountain, John's mountain and Marvin Lake. The cruise through the valley on winding lanes was very picturesque with three bugeyes leading the pack. After visiting the Wayne Vicks auto collection, the group broke up for lunch before heading back home. Several opted for BBQ with a few dining at the Harvest Moon in downtown Rome.

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Sheron and I took some time exploring downtown Rome as a possible future SE Classic destination. Remember, Atlanta's turn to host again is in 2026 just a short time away. We'll need to check out the Courtyard by Marriott Riverwalk located in downtown Rome on the Oostanaula River. Two great driving and rally routes are nearby including the Horseshoe Mountain Radio Tower area around the corner and the Calhoun Gap in the Johns Mountain Wildlife Management area just north of town about ten miles. It is never too soon to start scouting for SE Classic locations. Put on your thinking caps and let the brainstorming begin. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

We made it home around 5 pm after enjoying a full all day adventure drive.

When out in the Healey during the summer months, I often ponder what were we all thinking when twenty or so of us drove our Austin Healey's top down the whole trip to Rockford Illinois to a July Conclave in the 1980's. Our tolerance for heat has surely diminished over the last 40 years but our wisdom has increased proportionally. Our Saturday drive was quite pleasant driving all day in the shade with the Top Up!

With the dog days of summer upon us our events move indoors with a two part Tech upcoming Tech session topics and some yummy biscuits.

Note the date change to Saturday August 26th for a morning drive to Kenesaw for a meet up for coffee and biscuits for part 1 of the day's events.

Kate O'Leary has scheduled a meet and greet at the Honeysuckle Biscuits and Bakery located at 2825 Main St, Kenesaw GA 8:00 am-10 :00 am. After a bit of socializing and feeding, we will head

over to the Leinmiller's around 10 am for part 2. From Honeysuckle Biscuits to the Leinmiller's is about a 15-mile drive.

Part 2 of the days event will be Exploring Engines looking at the functions and relationships of internal interconnecting parts. Location: 5849 Riverstone Cir, Atlanta, GA 30338 Kindly RSVP to Mark for a lunch count and arrangements. Mark Leinmiller, leinmiller@gmail.com, 770-329-3878.

Later in the year we will have our water pump rebuild session coordinated by John May and Mark Leinmiller. Exact dates TBD. If you are interested see the information in last month's Flash with replacement/repair part ordering information. This will be a two-part tech session.

.Session #1 will be the disassembly of the water pumps allowing everyone to return home for cleaning, polishing and painting of the impellers, pump housing and pulley.

Session #2 will be the installation of replacement parts and reassembly. Dig through your junk pile and feel free to donate any unwanted water pumps to the cause.

We will attend the 22nd British Car Fayre in Norcross Saturday September 9th 10am-3pm. This year the Featured Marque will be the MG celebrating 100 years. This gathering is just a week before heading to Asheville NC for the South Eastern Classic and is a good opportunity to get your Healey out of the garage and dust off the cobwebs. www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/registration.html.

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Be sure to get registered before the event is full and sold out. Online registration is open now at www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/registration.html.

Anyone wanting to drive up to Asheville for SE Classic as a group are welcomed to join Sheron and I. We usually head out around 9ish am driving north through Clayton and Dillard with a planned stop for lunch at one of the whimsical restaurants in downtown Sylva or the 50's Motor Company Grill/café in Franklin NC. Another scenic back roads route that is enjoyable is a ride up through Cashiers with a lunch stop at the Cornucopia Restaurant which is cozy cottage houses a cheese shop & lunch/brunch cafe featuring soups, salads, sandwiches & burgers,

then over Wolf Mountain , through Balsam and Waynesville.

Upon returning from SE Classic, we will be looking forward to our Fall apple/pumpkin run and Panoz visit in Braselton with Doug and Walter Duffee.

In the meantime, plans are underway for an end of Summer, Hello Autumn Fish Fry.

Best Regards,
Charlie Moshell
Atlanta AHC President

Michael Smaracko's 54 BN1 at BCD



Pat Kemp's Sprite BCD at BCD



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



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

August

Event

| | | |
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| | Morning drive to meet for biscuits and coffee | |
| Sat Aug 26 | Honeysuckle Biscuits & Bakery | Part 1 of day's events |
| 08:00—10:00 | 2825 S. Main St, STE 100A Kennesaw, GA Kate O'Leary | See Page 8 |
| Sat Aug 26 | Internal Engine Garage Crawl | Part 2 of day's events |
| 10:00—? | Mark Leinmiller See Page 9 | See Page 9 |

September

Event

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| Sat Sep 9th | 22nd British Car Fayre in Norcross www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/ | Register On-line or day of show |
| Thu - Sun 21st - 24th | Austin Healey Southeastern Classic XXXVI Double Tree Inn at Biltmore Village Asheville, NC | |
| | Use this link to get the preferred room rate: | |
| | https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/avlbmdt-ahc-31bb06b6-9e20-4053-8d42-bd567c82806e/ | Registration Now Open! See Page 21 |
| 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 AACCA 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 | |
| TBA | Water Pump Rebuild Garage Crawl John May/Mark Leinmiller | Watch for email update |
| 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

Biscuit Run August event part 1
by Kate O'Leary#

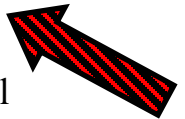
On August 26th (note the DATE CHANGE), from 8am to 10am, we will be gathering at the Honeysuckle Biscuits and Bakery in downtown Kennesaw. There is plenty of parking -there is a decent sized parking lot just across the street-and places to sit both inside and out. I have been there a couple times and the biscuits are quite tasty.

Despite the rumor that I would make biscuits for everyone that attends, that is not the truth. This little bakery offers breakfast dishes, pastries, biscuits, eggs, oatmeal and a variety of drinks. And I won't even need to wash dishes afterward!

The address is 2825 S. Main St. #100A, Kennesaw GA.

You can't click on this link, but you can type it into your browser to view the menu. www.honeysucklebiscuits.com.

I would appreciate a head count by August 23rd, just so I can alert the staff at the bakery. Email me at k64751@yahoo.com.



Following the biscuit blowout, we will head down to the Leinmiller estate for an engine internal workings tech session (see next page)



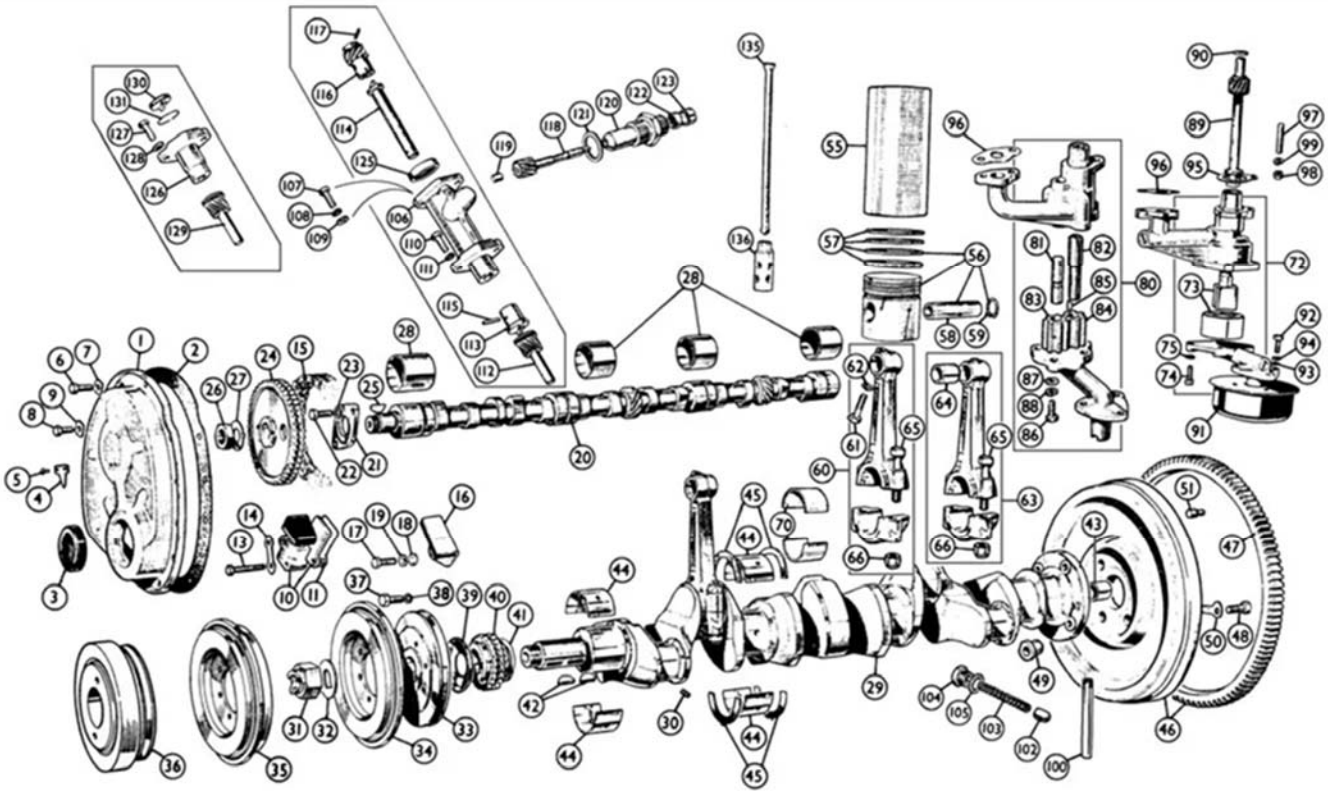
2825 S Main St #100A, Kennesaw, GA 30144



Tech Session – Engine Internals

August 26, 2023 at Mark Leinmiller's garage after Kate's Biscuits & Coffee meet-up
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

Did you ever wonder what all goes on inside that big lump of cast iron under the bonnet? I've had the opportunity to see more than I had ever intended. I'm still a rookie, but I have enough bits and pieces to share how it all works together.



Diagrams courtesy of Moss Motors website (www.mossmotors.com)

Remember the song when we were kids that went something like this:
Foot bone connected to the heel bone, Heel bone connected to the ankle bone, Ankle bone connected to the leg bone?

Well, it's a lot the same with your engine: Piston connected to the crankshaft, Crankshaft connected to the timing chain, Timing chain connected to the camshaft...and on it goes.

We won't be building a running engine, but we will be putting some of my worn bits and pieces together and discussing how they all interact. I'll share what I know, and those of you with more experience are more than welcome to add to the conversation; it isn't meant to be a monologue. So, come join the conversation, enjoy some fellowship over lunch and maybe pick up something you didn't already know. Or may have forgotten!

Location: 5849 Riverstone Cir, Atlanta, GA 30338 Time: 10AM

It's a townhouse, so we may have to get creative with parking.

Please let me know you are coming so I can make arrangements for lunch.
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Future Tech Session – Water Pump Rebuilding

This will probably be in November/December as there are not many events planned to date; exact tech session dates to follow in a future newsletter.

Plan on this being a two-part tech session. The reason for this is that you will probably want to clean up your crusty old water pump and repaint it to match your engine before we put it back together.

Session 1 – Disassembly

Interim: Clean & paint

Session 2 – Reassembly

AHCA's Michael Salter has put together a nice set of instructions of how to know if your pump is rebuildable and how to do it. John May and I used Michael's instructions and his rebuild kit to do the original water pump on my BJ8 before I drove it to Hilton Head.

There are some special tools needed and John has just finished enlarging his hydraulic press; this will make it much easier than when we did my water pump. John has also made a fixture for removing the pressed on front pulley. Another tool that is needed is a bearing spreader, and I have gotten a set of those.

If you have an old water pump that you just couldn't toss out and think you'd like to give this a try, please take a read through these two online articles by Michael Salter, and we will give you a hand rebuilding yours.

John May and Mark Leinmiller

Austin Healey BJ8 Water Pump Rebuild

<https://precisionsportscar.com/austin-healey-bj8-water-pump-rebuild/>

Austin Healey BJ7/8 Reproduction Water Pumps

<https://precisionsportscar.com/austin-healey-bj7-8-reproduction-water-pumps/>

You can also order your rebuild kit from Michael here:

Austin Healey 3000 MkII & MkIII Water Pump rebuild kit: \$62.50 Canadian

<https://precisionsportscar.com/shop/wpk008/>

Austin Healey 100/6 – 3000 MkII Water Pump rebuild kit: \$62.50 CDN

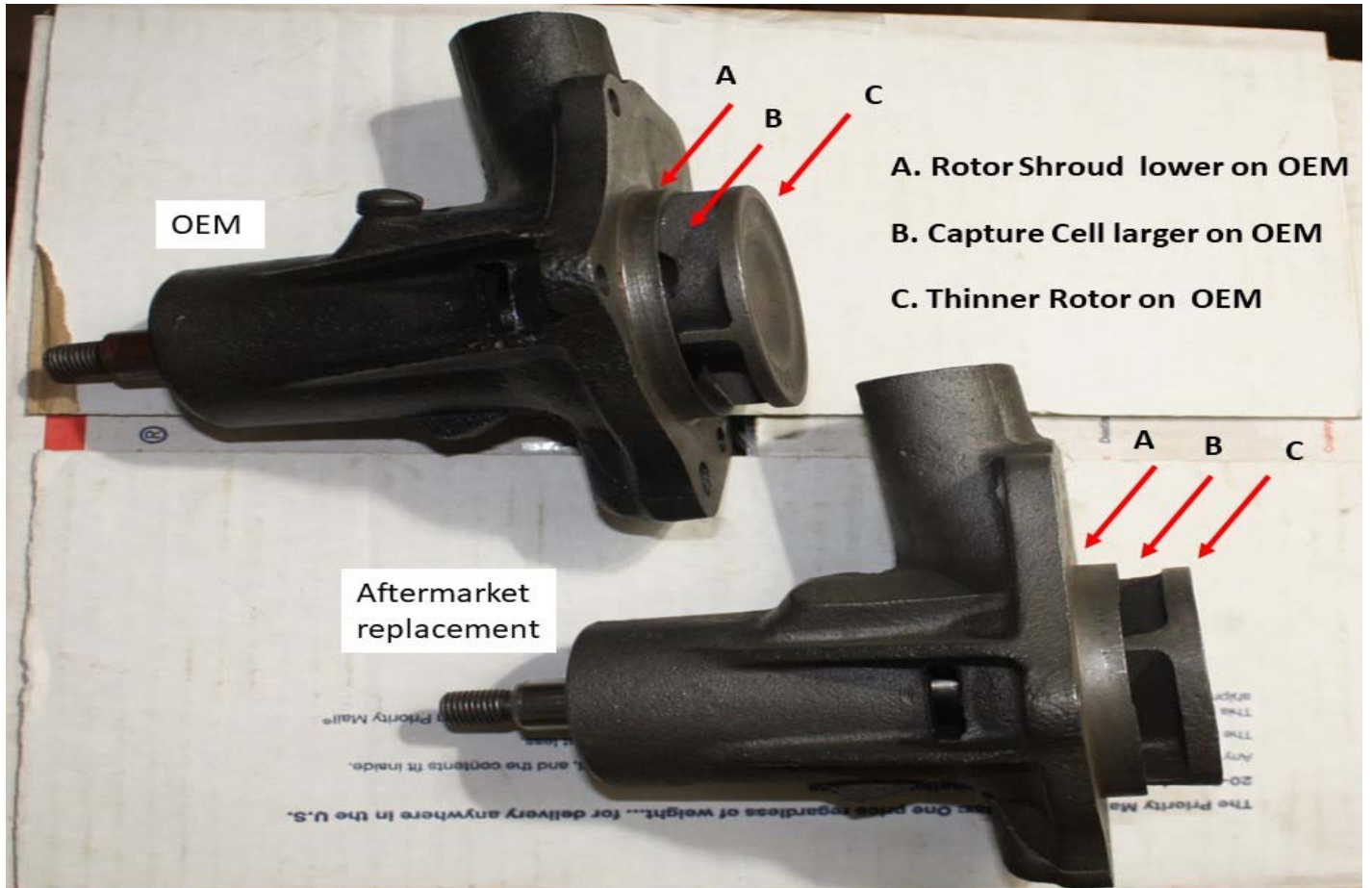
<https://precisionsportscar.com/shop/wpk002/>

You can reach Michael here if you have questions: michaelsalter@gmail.com

AAHC has no affiliation with Michael Salter nor Precision Sportscars, we just have not found another source to share with you yet.



Why Rebuild an Original ?



Parts is Parts? Right? Well not exactly. On top is an original Austin water pump, below is an aftermarket replacement. A water pump's efficiency is based on the ability to move water. Although I have not tested, it looks like the OEM has more capacity than the aftermarket.

The Summer 2023 edition of the club's new electronic magazine, Austin-Healey Quarterly, is now posted on the club website and ready for viewing. Here's the link:

https://www.healeyclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=215328&module_id=549959

Open the link to open the publication and read it online. This new edition of this new publication has 100 pages! So far this year we have already published the Winter 2023 edition of Austin-Healey Quarterly with 42 pages, and the Spring edition with 86 pages.

We know that some of you are reluctant to embrace electronic magazines, but we encourage you to give it a try. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised. And remember, Healey Marque is now produced in both printed and electronic formats, but Austin-Healey Quarterly is available only in electronic format.

Reid Trummel, Healey Marque Editor



NORTH GEORGIA MOONSHINE ROADS DRIVE and WAYNE VICK COLLECTION
Photos by Mark Leinmiller

The Crew Arrives at the Wayne Vick's Garage
 Someone always has to park opposite to the group...



Wayne Vick , Allen White & Wright Bagby discuss the coupe



The renowned '55 to '56 Chevy 'BelAirs



Pre WWII Vehicles

**NORTH GEORGIA MOONSHINE ROADS
DRIVE and WAYNE VICK COLLECTION
Photos by Mark Leinmiller**



Get ready to **RUMBLE**....(seat) Rare 1932 Humpmobile Roadster



1950 Ford Southern Mod Style



The famous Ford Flat Head V8

**NORTH GEORGIA MOONSHINE ROADS
DRIVE and WAYNE VICK COLLECTION
Photos by Mark Leinmiller**

The Crew Arrives at the Wayne Vick Garage
Someone always has to park opposite the group...



A Ford '55 T-Bird, '55 or '56 Ford Sedan and baby blue '50 Ford



John Blanks and Denise Collins Wave Good-bye

DMS-MS (Part II)
By Robb Handshuh

A while back I wrote an article on Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages or DMS-MS for short, now affecting our LBC maintenance and restoration.

Regretfully I must report, as Freddie Mercury of 'Queen' sang in 1980, "Another One gone, Another One Bites the Dust".

After 75 years in business, Graves Plating in Alabama has shut down. It's like losing a longtime friend, Rod Graves supported our club by giving tech Sessions at two of our S/E Classics and several members have

chrome trim on their cars that was re-done by Graves Plating. Another source that was familiar with Healeys and how to make our rides really shine, has closed.



Tech Corner DIY Tip
By Ric Anderson



Ric shows off his 'Coat Hanger' muffler hanger. Yes, sometimes the on the road quick fixes require the use of non-OEM parts!

Tech Corner DIY Tip
By Robb Handshuh

DIY Fix for Headlight Cataracts

Healeys never had this problem and won't in the future as long as you use 7" glass replacement headlamps. However, as some LBC now make their way to events in trailers towed by modern cars, the tow vehicle may have this issue, Headlight Cataracts.

Modern cars use plastic headlights and after a few years, UV rays and road wear cause the headlights to start to cloud-up and yellow. This will cause less light from the headlights at night and make the vehicle look old. Replacement headlamp assemblies can be north of \$175 each depending on make and model. New tow vehicles start at \$60,000. Therefore, repair what'cha got seems the order of the day as long as it runs fine.

I thought I'd try Turtle Wax® Headlight Lens Restorer Kit about \$15, before shelling out \$350 for replacement headlights. Having poor results with 'look as good as new' plastic rear window restoration products on convertible tops in past, I was skeptical.

However, following the instructions and a little, (a lot) of elbow grease, you can see the results were very good (not perfect) on these 14-year-old headlights.

This is not an endorsement of a particular brand or product, just my experience. Your results may vary, based on age, shape and deterioration.



Before



After



The Late Bob Memler's 100 BN1



BF Exclusive: Beautiful 1961 Austin-Healey 3000 Mk1 BN7

[https://barnfinds.com/bf-exclusive-beautiful-1961-austin-healey-3000-mk1-bn7/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Newsletter+\(Daily\)](https://barnfinds.com/bf-exclusive-beautiful-1961-austin-healey-3000-mk1-bn7/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Newsletter+(Daily))

Asking: \$59,000

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Submitted by Bruce Maden

Members Classified

Your ad here -
deadline for next issue 28 July 2023

- 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

Contact- Mark Henderson- home 770-984-0089, cell 404-936-1003.
markhenderson3376@gmail.com

WHEELS MINITOR UK Mini-lite design

NEW mag wheels for Austin Healey Sprite Bugeye MK1, MK2 and, MG Midget MK1 with 4 bolt lugs. Size 13 x 5 with center AH caps.

This is a set of four (4) with the center caps all for \$550.00. Compare to similar wheels at Moss Motors for \$1,000.00 per set + handling/shipping.

I like the original steel road wheels but these can dress up you Spridget and allow you to increase your tire size.

Located in Dallas, Georgia. Contact John Cork 404-202-4565 cork9663@aol.com

Humor Submitted by John Cork



The Flash



For Sale:

Jonathan Wilfong's Restored BJ8 Price (POA)

Byline:

My excuse to go to the event was to give Jonathan Wilfong's BJ8 a shakedown cruise or "check ride". It cranked up instantly from cold and ran really well. It shifts better than either of my cars, and the beautifully executed new interior showed me what those seats are supposed to feel like.

I have to give Jonathan credit for buying a disassembled project car and putting it back together without ever having owned one before. Yes, he had some help along the way from Phillip Middleton, George Pope and Tim's Auto Upholstery. There were a few minor issues to investigate, and thankfully John Miner was back from his three-week motorcycle odyssey. We got the BJ8 up on John's lift and found a few things that simply needed tightening.

Jonathan has wanted an Austin-Healey since a buddy of his had one in high school. It was time to check it off the bucket list, and he found a project car in pieces. After he got it all put together, Jonathan realized he is just too tall and his feet are too big for the car to be comfortable driving it. He has decided to sell it. If you know someone interested in a nice driver let me know and I will connect you with him.

Mark Leinmiller - leinmiller@gmail.com 770-329-3878

Jonathan Wilfong's BJ8 is for sale



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For Sale:
Jonathan Wilfong's Restored BJ8 Price (POA)





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!

Chuck Reeves, SEC XXXVI Chair
Bill Walton, SEC XXXVI Registrar
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