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**Just when you thought it was safe to back on the street...**

**Land Shark!**

**Healeys at the Legacy Ridge assisted living facility (ALF) in Marietta GA  
just ahead of "JAWS"**



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### Editors' Note

July is here, so we officially 1/2 through 2024. We still have a lot of events and happening in the calendar to enjoy with your Healey friends and family. Yes it's hot but you don't have to drive an un-air-conditioned car to participate.

**Your input is more important than ever!** Members are encouraged to submit articles, photographs or other materials of interest by mailing or emailing them to the address shown below.

**Come 'on folks, just everybody has a cell phone with a camera. Take a few shots, then write a short sentence or two to let folks know about the event. It's not that difficult. Cars & Coffee, day at the lake, whatever, we want your input.**

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Your editors, Robb & Kate.

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



- ♦ **Coming Soon !! July 13:** The long-awaited Water Pump Rebuild Session 1 10am – 2pm at Leinmiller's: 5849 Riverstone Circle, Atlanta, GA 30339 **RSVP Requested**
- ♦ July 20: AAHC Tour of British Pubs, location TBD
- ♦ August 1-4: Carolina's Club Annual Mountain Trip, Oak Park Inn, 196 S Main St, Waynesville, NC 28786, 828-456-5328 (Hosted by Chuck & Monique Reeves) MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW
- ♦ August 16-18 Return of the British Annual car show/gathering in historic Rugby, TN Contact: Dennis L. Rainey. Phone: 256-486-8605. Email: [dprainey@att.net](mailto:dprainey@att.net). Website: [PBCCTN.org](http://PBCCTN.org).
- ♦ August 17: AAHC Tour of British Pubs, location TBD
- ♦ **NEW !!** August 24: Water Pump Rebuild Session 2. 10am – 2pm at Leinmiller's: 5849 Riverstone Circle, Atlanta, GA 30339
- ♦ September 5-7 Brits in the Ozarks Saturday is the car and cycle show at Agri Park in Fayetteville. Our special guest and speaker is Dick Lunney, Executive Editor of Classic MG Magazine. Contact: Doug Schrantz. Phone: 479-531-2783. Email: [dougschrantz@gmail.com](mailto:dougschrantz@gmail.com). Website: [www.britishironnwa.org](http://www.britishironnwa.org).
- ♦ September 7: British Car Fayre, Main Street, Downtown Norcross (Date to be confirmed) More info: <https://www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/>
- ♦ September 12-15: Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA: Dillard House 706-746-5348 (Hosted by Peachtree MG Registry) MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW. More info: <https://peachtreemg.com/Dillard-2024>
- ♦ September 13-15: VSCDA/HEALEY WORLD CHALLENGE vintage racing weekend. Prior to Conclave 2024, VSCDA will feature races at Road America, Wisconsin. Conclave participants coming to the races will have the opportunity to purchase VIP packages in advance.

## Look ahead from planning meeting

### AACA Events Calendar

- ♦ September 15-20: CONCLAVE, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI (Host hotel is Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center, Sheboygan, Wisconsin MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW More info: <https://2024conclave.com/> **Registration for this year's Conclave is now \$165.**
- ♦ September 20-22: HSR Fall Historic Races, Road Atlanta, 5300 Winder Highway, Braselton, Georgia 30517. More info: <https://roadatlanta.com/calendar/atlanta-historic-races>
- ♦ October 11-13: Barber Motorsports Vintage Motorcycle Festival, Leeds, AL. More info: <https://www.barbermuseum.org/barber-vintage-festival/>
- ♦ October ??: Pumpkin Run, TBD Weekday
- ♦ October 18-19 British Car Club of Charleston - Contact: Richard Fritz. Phone: 843-817-4063. Email: rich@britishcarclubcharleston.com. Website: www.britishcarclubcharleston.com.
- ♦ October 19 British Car Festival The South Alabama British Car Club Fairhope, Alabama on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay Contact: Ben Cummings. Phone: 251-433-9600. Email: sabcc.org@gmail.com. Website: SABCC.ORG.
- ♦ October 19: AAHC Tour of British Pubs, TBD
- ♦ October 31-November 3: SE Classic XXXVII, new location at the Shelton Vineyards, Dobson NC Host hotel is Hampton Inn 336-353-9400 (Hosted by Triad Austin-Healey Club)
- ♦ November 1-3: Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival, Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club, Hilton Head Island, SC More info: <https://www.hhiconcours.com/>
- ♦ November 17: Friendsgiving at Edenborough Country Club
- ♦ December 7: Kassow Kruise, Location TBD (Hosted by Bill & Mary Ellen Nagel)
- ♦ December 28: Polar Bear Run (ALS fund-raiser hosted by Georgia Triumph Association)



## ***Casual Reminder -***

***August and the Annual Healey Ice Cream Social will soon be here! The focus is to get your Healeys out in the public eye, if only for an hour or so***



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## **Other Auto Related Happenings**

**Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine & Chrome** – Last Saturday of almost every month. Open to the public. No admission fee. Cruise in with your collectible car or daily driver. Donuts and coffee while supplies last. All makes and models are welcome, with plenty of parking space. This is a family and pet friendly event.

2024 Dates: **May 25 - 25th Anniversary Celebration** • June 29 • July 27 • August 31 - Cause for Paws • September 28 • October 26 - Trunk or Treat • December 7 - Holiday Party

8:00 AM to Noon New location: 2705 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Suite 200, Cumming, GA 30041

**Worship Monthly Vintage & Classic Car Event** – First Sunday of every month rain, snow, holidays. Families are always welcome. Open to the public. No admission fee. Vintage and classic (18 years or older) cars, trucks, and motorcycles are the vehicles of choice.

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Laid-back alternative to Caffeine and Testosterone... err Octane, which meets 9 am to Noon

Location: 1135 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA 30075 (Target & Panera Bread shopping Center)

**Caffeine & Octane Atlanta** - First Sunday of every month, rain or shine.

A nationally recognized “all makes, all models” car show.

9 AM - Noon

Location: Town Center at Cobb, 400 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

## President's Corner

Mark Leinmiller  
Photos Mark Leinmiller



*Unsuspecting BT7 about to be chomped by Jaws*

June has been a busy month for the club. It started with Moshell's Fish Fry on the 1<sup>st</sup> (profiled in last month's newsletter), then we had a unique opportunity to bring some joy to the folks at the Legacy Ridge assisted living facility (ALF) in Marietta on the 15<sup>th</sup>. As I pulled into the parking lot I was amused (and slightly astounded!) to see a boat decorated like the shark from Jaws pointing up in the air at a 45 degree angle.

Kate will tell you more in her article, but it was a nice morning out with friends. And we made some new ones as they reminisced about their youth and how they (or their buddy, brother, etc.) had a Healey. Our own Walter Duffee is now living in a similar place in Hoschton called The Phoenix at Braselton. The address is 1929 Friendship Road, Hoschton, GA 30548. If you are so inclined, drop by and pay him a visit; he'd enjoy the company.

After the ALF several of us lunched at the nearby J. Christophers. John Woodward's

BJ8 was having some poppity-pops from his exhaust so we held an impromptu tech session in the parking lot after lunch.

It must have been his car's way of getting us to check under the bonnet since we noticed gas dripping from the banjo bolts at the carbs. The wrench barely moved when tightening them, but that did the trick! I had my own little issue come up again. That same little screw in the distributor that holds the condenser in place vibrated loose again. I snugged it down and it ran fine. Once home, I thoroughly cleaned the screw, applied some LokTite Blue (thread locker) and put it back. Let's see if that takes care of the situation. I don't need to hear that I have a screw loose again!

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a couple of events. The morning was the GTA-sponsored drive from Crabapple to Dawsonville. We used live near there, and the meeting spot, the Crabapple Kroger was our grocery store. I had been looking forward to driving the backroads that Jim Doran had planned. BUT, Pam's BMW Z4 was experiencing a little vibration that didn't feel right. We had done a transmission swap from the early SMG to a true 6-speed manual transmission (which Pam likes MUCH better!).

The Z3/Z4 club announced a drive/cookout/tech session at the home of one of their gurus, and I could not pass up the opportunity to get the car on his lift. I am SO glad we did that! The shop that did the engine swap left off over \$1,000 worth of structural parts and heat shielding! On a positive note, the garage (garages!) were amazing. I have serious garage envy!

## President's Corner

Mark Leinmiller  
Photos Mark Leinmiller

*What I want my garage to look like when I grow up. There's a 3rd building with a lift!*



Our second event that day was the first stop in the months-long pub crawl of English pubs. Being familiar with Thomas O'Reilly's Public House I made the executive decision that since Ireland is one of the British Isles, an Irish pub qualifies as English, so we started there. It was a small gathering (not like the 40 folks that showed up at Dunwoody's Vintage Pizza), but it was nice to share a pint with some folks we don't get to see as often. As it turns out, Patrick & Emma Leardo (remember the photo of a toddler wrenching on my engine on the cover of *Healey Marque*?) go to the same church as me and Pam. We'll need to have a tech session to help Patrick re-attach his muffler and check out the exhaust brackets after a scrape leaving his storage facility.

Got a favorite English pub? Let me know so we can plan to visit there. Our next pub is Olde Blind Dog in Crabapple Market on July 20th at 5pm.

Here's their address: 12650 Crabapple Rd #100, Milton, GA 30004

July 20th will probably be toasty hot, but if there is interest in a drive before we gather at Olde Blind Dog, let me know. There are

some scenic roads nearby. You can even bring an air-conditioned vehicle!

Socially, I appreciate that John Homonek gets folks together for Caffeine & Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars in Cumming almost every month. I haven't been able to make it since they relocated to the new facility, and I am looking forward to seeing it. If you haven't been to this free, family/kid/pet-friendly event, check it out. Always held the last Saturday of the month from 9am til Noon.

I got to spend some time with Doug Duffee recently. Doug and Barbara are still working on getting their new house on Lake Lanier finished, and it is going to be a fabulous place for the club to meet! That is still a little way off, but stay tuned.





What do you do with the project you just aren't as enthused about as you once were? I have spoken to two club members with Healey Hundred BN2s that are ready to relinquish their beloved project cars. This is still early-stage, but if you have interest in building a 100-4 to your specifications, now might be your opportunity!

With my father's passing and all the family and arrangements (and work!) I didn't help Rob or Mark get their ads ready for this newsletter. We can get some photos and descriptions ready for next month's issues. If you are interested, please give Rob Meinen and Mark Henderson a call; they're in the member directory. Rob's restoration has not started and Mark's is on the other end of the spectrum, just prior to final prep/paint and interior.

Looking forward to having folks here in a couple of weeks for the Big Healey water pump rebuild tech session. This is the "disassembly" session. Please let me know if you are coming so we can plan for lunch. Here are links to the instructions John May and I followed for my rebuild:

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

And an article on Austin Healey BJ7/8 Reproduction Water Pumps

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

You may want to wait to order the rebuild kit until we have your pump apart (just in case we break something), but here is where you can order your rebuild kit from Michael Salter:

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/>



*Disassembled water pump. This is as far as we go during session one.*

There is no affiliation with Michael Salter nor Precision Sportscars, I just have not found another source.

There are several of us planning our route to the Healey World Challenge races and Conclave.

If you are interested in a non-interstate drive, let me know and I will include you in an upcoming Zoom call.

See you on the road!  
Mark



Dear Members,

The Spring 2024 edition of the club's electronic magazine, Austin-Healey Quarterly, is now posted on the club website and ready for viewing. Here's the link:

Copy & paste to your browser

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page\\_id=22&club\\_id=215328&module\\_id=549959](https://www.healeyclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=215328&module_id=549959)

Just click on that link to open the publication and read it online. This new edition of our e-zine has 80 pages!

We know that some of you are reluctant to embrace electronic magazines, but we encourage you to give it 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.

Also very important, the Quarterly is freely available without logging in to the club website, and so anyone, anywhere, can enjoy it and in the process learn about what we offer to the worldwide Healey community.

The next edition of our printed magazine, Healey Marque, is the May issue, and it is due to be mailed soon. In the meantime, we hope you'll give Austin-Healey Quarterly a look – there are 80 pages of quality Healey content waiting there for you to enjoy.

Happy Healey Reading!  
Reid Trummel  
Editor the Healey Marque



## Feeding Frenzy at the Senior Living Home

Kate O'Leary

On what was probably the sunniest and hottest Fathers' Day ever, a handful of club members visited Legacy Ridge of Marietta. John Woodward, Mark Leinmiller, David Porocho and David McClellan brought their big Healeys to brighten the day for some senior residents.



*Sharkboatdumtruck the land shark version of JAWS*

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*Residents enjoying the Healeys on display*



## Feeding Frenzy at the Senior Living Home

Kate O'Leary



*Unaware of impending danger, Mark parks up front*



They were also joined by a sharkboatdump-truck that drew much of the attention.



*Little Snapper Healey goes after the big Fish*

As someone who studied marine biology at university, I found the artistry of the sharkboatdumptruck to be fairly accurate, while



maintaining safety and drivability standards. (I did watch it drive into the parking lot from Roswell Rd.) The owner of the sharkboatdump-truck has had his hot rod featured on several TV shows but this crazy vehicle is mostly known around the Atlanta metro area currently.



A few of the seniors spoke with the lineup of Healey owners about their cars, but none ventured to sit in them. The blazing sun had raised the leather interior temperature to something close to that of the surface of Mercury.

I took several pictures, of the cars and the sharkboatdumptruck, and pictures of the residents and staff were sent to me by Kaitlyn Reeves, who is a senior staffer at Legacy Ridge. I am hoping that we can gather more cars for a visit in the fall, when, hopefully, the temps will be less brutal.



## Pub Crawl

### The meeting

Kate O'Leary



In mid-June, on what was the hottest day ever, a few hardy souls braved the sunshine to attend the first official pub meeting after our very successful pizza joint meeting in February.

We hadn't seen Patrick since last year's tech session on rebuilding an engine, he was there, but without his young son. Rick was there, too, venturing down from Alpharetta in his Mini. Mark and Pam were there too, they had found and recommended this pub as a meeting space.

It was a nice room, but with such a small contingent, I think we may try again when more can attend.

There was talk of the July pub crawl, garages and workshops and the regular catching up we all do. When we returned to the cars, it had actually gotten hotter and I was so glad for the a/c in my car.

Got a favorite English pub? Let us know so we can plan to visit there.

## Tech Tips & Healey Hacks

By Mark Leinmiller

### Healey Hack – Old Fan Belt

I've heard of "life hacks", little ideas to help with everyday life. How about "Healey Hacks"? These don't have to be anything fancy; just send us your tips & tricks and we will help share them with the rest of the community.

There had to be a reason I kept that old, worn-out fan belt. It works great as a way to hold your generator/dynamo pulley while you loosen or tighten the nut. Just loop the fan belt over the pulley and clamp in a vise. I found that if I pulled down on the belt as I tightened the jaws of the vise it would hold things tight enough that the pulley would not rotate when wrenching on the pulley nut. I also used shop towels to keep the vise from scratching the generator and pulley.



What is your Healey Hack? Send it in for next month's issue. Share the knowledge!

**I'm convinced  
God made  
Georgia  
summers to help  
us understand  
hell is no place  
to spend  
eternity.**

## LEDs in the Lucas L549

As drivers of Little British Cars (LBCs) and today's distracted drivers in 2-ton SUVs EVERYWHERE, We know the importance of being seen, as our LBC were never crash tested and always come out on the losing end of any impact.

Bugeye Sprites share the Lucas L549 taillight with multiple other LBCs. A kit is available to covert to LEDs for better critical, visibility for signaling **Stop!** MOSS kit #143-810 (also available with other vendors on the internet)

Installation requires drilling out the old rivets and removal of the bulb socket to make room for the LEDs. Not difficult, but not 'bolt-in'.

If you have turn signals tied to tail light, you will need LED load capacitors, not included with the kit but available at most auto parts stores. LED load capacitors are necessary as LEDs draw so little power, the old style thermal flasher may not trigger for blinking.



*LEDs installed*



*Lucas L549 Tail Light*



*With "high-output" incandescent bulb*

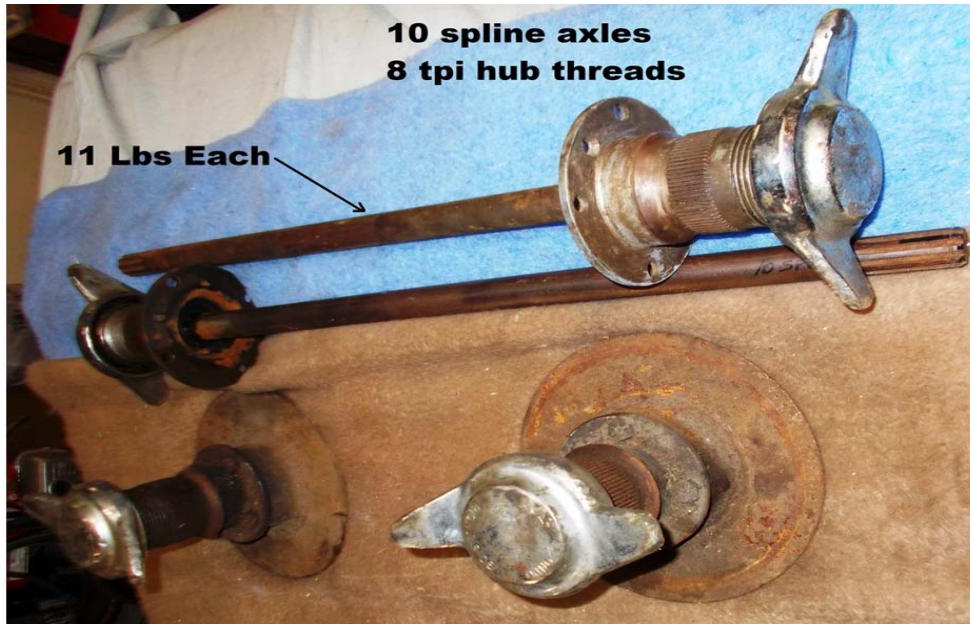


*LEDs on Stop !*

At work, the saying is the juice worth the squeeze? In this case where visibility may be a critical issue, I would have to say yes.



**Hubs and axles for disk to wire conversion for Sprites/Midgets. \$200.00  
located in Lilburn, GA**



Also several 3.5x13 steel road wheels at \$25 each.

Contact John Cork 404-202-4565 [cork9663@aol.com](mailto:cork9663@aol.com)

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Free to anyone who wants 'em ...

Two 948 Blocks with Main Caps (no heads) Free is Good Right? Ahhh there's always a catch. Location is Colorado Spring CO, you pick up, or pay for shipping, Contact you editor (page 2) for details. (719) 246-3637

## Free Healey?

looking for a '67 AH Sprite project car? A friend of friend has one that they're willing to **give** to a good home. Looks a bit rough in the few pictures I've seen, but mostly surface rust. It was running a couple years ago but they parked it because of a dead battery and a gas leak. Can provide more details to anyone who's interested. The current owner thinks it's too good to part out and is hoping someone can save it. Car is located in East Cobb County GA

Contact John Miner for details [jrminer47@gmail.com](mailto:jrminer47@gmail.com) 770-856-4539

