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### Editors' Note

Welcome to 2025. Kicking off 2025, once again pictures from The Flash will be in the Healey Marque. Keep an eye out. We look forward to another year of Healeying with our friends and families. We have a new calendar of events, drives and fun times planned. Plus the popular 'pop-up' events that may occur throughout the coming year.

All the best for 2025

Your editors, Robb & Kate.

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## Atlanta President Mark Leinmiller

This morning I didn't have any responsibilities at our church and decided to go to the late service so I could join the growing crowd at Worship in Roswell. This is the group that gathers the first Sunday of every month between the Panera Bread and Target on Woodstock Road from 8-11am. I was joined by John Harris and Rick Alley. I saw the Phillip and Sherri Hungate's Bugeye, and heard about a green one, but didn't see it. I was engaged in conversation with a number of folks, including a fellow wearing a Hemphill's Healey Haven sweatshirt. Doug Fry has three Healeys, two of which are now on consignment at Classic Autosmith in Marietta. The third is a BN7 with a hardtop he is keeping, and Doug has just joined our club as a result of that encounter.



*Former club member Glenn Stephens joins Rick Alley, John Harris and Mark Leinmiller and over 150 cars at Sunday Worship in Roswell.*

While Rick, John and I were admiring a massive '62 Chrysler New Yorker station wagon, the owner approached. After chatting a while we realized he owns two 1967 BJ8s that his dad bought for him and his brother when they were in their early teens as a means for them to learn to work on cars and have something to drive in high school. This station wagon was Senate Minority Leader Everett McKinley Dirksen's campaign car. Then there was the "Hey, wait a minute" moment between John and the owner when they realized that John had sold his fami-

ly their turquoise Ford Falcon, which he still has. Then we learned that the owner, Robert Dirksen has been head of engineering for one of my newly-acquired machine-builder accounts (part of role transition I'm in the midst of at work).



*Rick Alley and John Harris share about their BJ7s with BJ8 owner Robert Dirksen at Worship*

You all might be able to help Robert. His BJ8 was wrecked in the front right side many years ago. It was "repaired", but not very well. The shock mount is angled back (and possibly upward) and someone welded a couple of studs to mount the shock. He wants to replace the frame section from just ahead of the motor mount tower to (and including at least a portion of) the cross brace (under the radiator) including the shock towers and wishbone arm attachment points. If you have – or know of – a front right section of frame, please let me know and I will share the info with Robert. Also, if it makes more sense (structurally) to go further back on the frame rail, that would be good to know, too



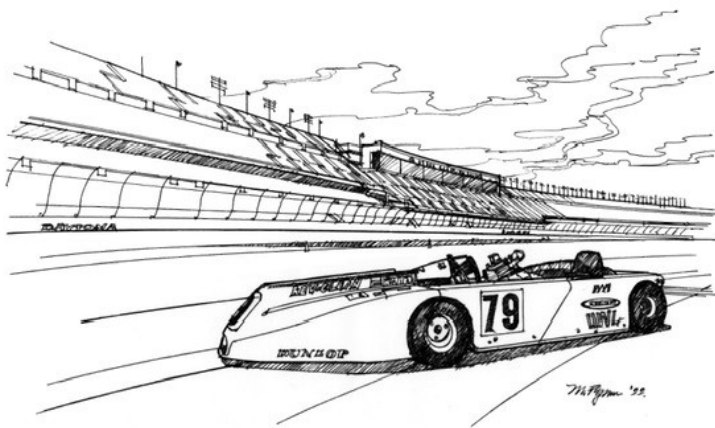
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*BJ8 frame section needed for Robert's restoration of the car he got in 1975 as a teenager*

*Used Healey parts such as frames are getting extremely hard to find. Kilmartin AU makes new chassis repair bits <https://www.kas-kilmartin.com.au/> (ed)*

We held our annual planning meeting last month at The Cottage at Lost Corner Preserve in north Sandy Springs. What a great venue! Seriously, it could become our new "clubhouse". It is the perfect size for gatherings. John May noticed that a new sketch of the cottage was added to their website



*Michael Flynn's hand-drawn renderings of Cottage at Lost Corner Preserve and a race car. No AI generated content here!*

and requested the artist to allow us to reproduce it here. Turns out that Michael Flynn also does hand renderings of cars.

If you are interested in having Michael create a customized sketch, here is how to reach him:

[www.MichaelFlynnStudios.com](http://www.MichaelFlynnStudios.com)  
Cell 404 580-6328

The club's calendar is filling out nicely. There are a combination of Atlanta Healey Club events, joint activities with other clubs and car-centric recurring events included. We could still use more scenic drives and tech sessions, so if you have a fun road you want to share or one you haven't explored yet, let us know. Also, if you have a project you are working on (or need to), let us know. It is amazing how much our club members are willing to help.

Our next event is visiting The Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville. We have several members who have been multiple times; they have new exhibits regularly. The newest exhibit, "Fabulous Fiberglass" with feature handcrafted cars of the 1960s and '70s



On April 4 we will have a scenic drive to Bennet Aiken's airplane hangar in Cleveland where he is restoring a BJ8. As we finalize details they will be posted to the Events section of our website ([AtlantaHealeys.org](https://AtlantaHealeys.org)) and an email will go out to current members.

Which reminds me! We have some folks who have not yet renewed their membership. Please take a moment to go online to the national website (<https://healeyclub.org>) and renew. If you have any issues, contact John Miner or me.

When our girls were young I remember May being a really busy month. We have three events, Conclave in Branson, Missouri runs from May 18-23 at the Chateau on the Lake Resort. You can register here: <https://conclave2025branson.com/>

If you aren't going to Branson, maybe you'd care to attend Atlanta British Motorcar Day in Suwanee on May 18. There are only 180 parking spaces set aside for us at Suwanee Town Center, so register early. (<https://www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.org/>)

Then we have British Car Week kicking off on May 31 with "Meet the Healeys" (or something more catchy). The intent of British Car Week (BCW) is to get your cars out into the public eye. Karen Meinzen-McInerny is working with Chastain Park to use the parking lot next to the equestrian center as a place for us to gather, swap tales and maybe generate a little exposure/interest in our little British cars (LBCs). BCW runs until June 8th.

We are looking for a host for our June 21 club potluck dinner. The date is actually flexible; that's just what we selected based on other events. Please contact me if interested.

Charlie Moshell is hosting a tech session in July. We will be helping him remove his transmission, which is in need of a rebuild. Then, on July 31 the Carolinas Mountain Trip weekend begins and runs through Aug 3rd. If you need a reason to go, re-read last summer's newsletter.

Linda and John Miner will be hosting an ice cream social at their home on August 23. It is always a fun and delicious event. Who can resist homemade peach ice cream? Other delectables included as well. Last year it was cobbler. Yum!

September has two annual events, British Car Fayre and Southeastern Classic. BCF is held in downtown Norcross on Sept 6th and brings together all the British marques for a celebration of British cars and culture. This event typically brings cars from all over.

The Middle Tennessee Austin-Healey Club will be hosting the 38th Southeastern Classic scheduled for September 18 through the 21st in historic Franklin, TN, just south of Nashville, TN. The registration website will be ready soon.



## Atlanta President

Ever wonder what goes into judging or preparing your car for concours? On October 4th George Pope will demonstrate using Karen MM's BJ7, Lucky Lady. She was judged a few years ago and received the Bronze level award. Regrettably, she will never receive Gold because 50 points are deducted for using an aftermarket/replacement frame. There's a reason she's called "Lucky Lady"; you can see the smashed front fascia in Karen's garage. (*see Pg 10 (ed)*)

There are two car shows in October that both require pre-registration and have limited (possibly curated) acceptance. The first is Roswell Motoring Festival on Saturday, 10/11. The second is Chastain Park Car Show (approx.. 130 cars) on Sunday, 10/26. More information forthcoming as we get closer.

Friendsgiving is tentatively scheduled for November 15th. We had hoped to use The Cottage again, but there is a no alcohol policy, and wine seems to be a fixture at this event. We have some time to sort out a place. If you are interested in hosting, please let me know. This is potluck style

and we always have an overabundance of food and desserts.

We wrap up the calendar year with two recurring events. Our own Bill Nagel hosts the Kassow Kruse the first Saturday in December (weather permitting). It is a scenic drive that culminates in lunch at some fun/interesting place. The last Saturday of the year is the annual Polar Bear Run, an ALS fund-raiser hosted by our friends at Georgia Triumph Association.

You will note there are a lot of open weekend days for taking a drive or tinkering in your – or someone else's – garage. John Woodruff has some engine diagnostic help needed and Joe Wilson could use some help diagnosing his overdrive. We will get those on the calendar soon and get them posted. What do you need help with? If you'd like to host an event, let me know. The club will help with the cost of lunch, etc. Get with me and we can make a plan. Will I see you at The Savoy? Hope so!

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**Don't get left behind!!  
If you have not renewed your membership  
It's not too late!!  
go national website (<https://healeyclub.org>) online to  
the and renew.**

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



## Look ahead from planning meeting AACA Events Calendar

### Initial Draft - Calendar for 2025 Atlanta Austin-Healey Club

#### Watch for updates as the year progresses

March 4 at 7:30pm: Southeastern Classic ideation call via ZOOM

March 15: Club visit to Savoy Automobile Museum, Cartersville

April 5: Drive to Cleveland, GA for Tech Session with Bennet Aiken

April 26, 27: Open for Tech Sessions, Driving Events, etc.

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May 10: Open for Tech Session, Final Prep for Conclave Trip?

May 18-23: AHCA Conclave, Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa & Conference Center, Branson, MO See Page XX

May 31-June 8: British Car Week "Get your car out!" <https://www.britishcarweek.org>

May 31: Come Meet a Healey: Chastain Park Horse Park parking area

June 21: AAHC Club Dinner (TBD)

July 12 or 19: Tech Session at Charlie Moshell's garage

July 31-August 3: Carolinas Mountain Trip, Oak Park Inn, Waynesville, NC (reserve your room now!)

August 23: Ice Cream Social at Linda & John Miner's house

September 6, 10am-3pm: British Car Fayre, Downtown Norcross, GA (register in advance)

September 18-21: Southeastern Classic XXXVIII, Franklin, TN

October 4: Hands-on Explanation of Concours Judging Criteria w/ George Pope, Location TBD

October 26: Chastain Park Car Show, Atlanta, GA (register early)

November 15, Noon-4pm: Friendsgiving, Location TBD

December 6: Kassow Kruise, Location TBD

December 27: Polar Bear Run, Location TBD

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March 6-9: Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance @ Fernandina Beach Ritz Carlton

March 6-9: Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) Classic 12 Hour @ Sebring

March 20-23: SVRA and Hagerty Speed Tour & Car Show @ Road Atlanta

April 4-6 Texas Healey Roundup, LaGrange, TX

April 10-13: The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC

April 25-27: "The Mitty" @ Road Atlanta

June 12-15: Highlands Motoring Festival, Highland, NC

September 26-28: HSR 10 Hours @ Road Atlanta

October 4: Brits at Cambridge Square, Ooltewah, TN

October 11: Roswell Motoring Festival, Roswell, GA (register in advance)

October 17-19: SVRA @ Barber Motorsports Park, Leeds, AL

October 25: Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars

November 1-2: Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours D'Elegance, Port Royal Golf Club

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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.

**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: 1195 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



ATLANTA — A quarter mile south of the Sandy Springs city limits, a few hundred car enthusiasts enjoyed classic hot rods and fall weather Oct. 27 at the Chastain Park Auto Show.

The Chastain Park Conservancy, a community nonprofit with a mission to maintain and enhance the 268-acre park, came up with the idea for an outdoor auto show during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now in its fourth year, the Chastain Park Auto Show brought dozens of young families and their children to the Red Lot across from Cadence Bank Amphitheater.

While Chastain Memorial Park and its Conservancy operate in the city of Atlanta, more than 3.2 million people from Metro Atlanta and around the country visit the park each year.

The Conservancy says it ensures the park's amenities are clean, safe and green for the diverse community it serves.

Karen Meinzen McEnerny, former Sandy Springs City Council member, submitted her award-winning 1963 Austin Healey 3000 BJ7 Mark II Sports Convertible into the auto show Oct. 27 for the first time.

McEnerny, known during her years as an elected official for tree advocacy, said it took some convincing for her to take "Lucky Lady" out of her garage.

She said organizers of the Chastain Park Auto Show approached her earlier this year about submitting her Austin Healey at the show and placed the classic in the six-car Inner Circle.

The Austin Healey 3000 is a British sports car built from 1959 to 1967. Records show only around 6,100 of the Mark II BJ7 sports convertibles were built in August 1962.

The story of "Lucky Lady" spans two restorations over more than five decades in the McEnerny family.

Bob McEnerny, Karen's brother, first restored the British sports car in 1971 after the family purchased it for her. In 1973, an at-fault driver struck the front of the car and totaled it.

The Austin Healey sat for more than 40 years in the McEnerny family garage before Karen was able to get it restored. She credits restorationist and Powder Springs resident George Pope with getting the first car she ever owned back on the road.

Pope, who McEnerny calls "Michelangelo," completed the four-and-a-half-year restoration with an entirely new frame in 2017.

Since then, "Lucky Lady" has won a couple awards at auto shows in Savannah and Atlanta. McEnerny, the longtime southern Sandy Springs resident, took home the Chastain Park Auto Show's 2024 Best in Show award alongside Pope and her brother Rob.

"A rags to blue ribbon story over 53 years," she said. The Chastain Park Conservancy passed six additional awards, while patrons enjoyed food trucks, dozens of additional classic hot rods and a beautiful fall day in north Atlanta.

Rosa McHugh, president of the Conservancy, said the Chastain Park Auto Show started out with around 75 cars in 2020.

The number of participating vehicles, whether they be all-electric 2024 Rivian R1S or a 1940s Ford Super DeLuxe, has more than doubled since the inaugural year, McHugh said.

Butler Tire, one of the Roswell Road (Ga. 9) landmarks as motorists cross from Atlanta into Sandy Springs, sponsored the nonprofit's annual fundraiser.

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After work over the summer and fall, McHugh said the Chastain Park Conservancy will submit its comprehensive plan update to the City of Atlanta early next year. Some of the capital projects under consideration are streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements at park gateways, improvements to the under-developed Northwoods section and activation of the wooded Palisades area abutting Chastain Park Golf Course.

McHugh, who has led the Conservancy for about a decade, said community input and involvement are what she's looking for from neighbors.

To learn more about the Chastain Park Conservancy and its comprehensive plan updates,

visit [www.chastainparkconservancy.org/](http://www.chastainparkconservancy.org/).

**Start Here**

**End Up There**



## The Future's So Bright...

By Kate O'Leary  
Photos Kate O'Leary



As many households were prepping for an evening of what turned out to be very lopsided pro football game with only one or two noteworthy commercials (can you say "Welcome back, Budweiser!"), a small group of Atlanta club members gathered to begin planning 2025.

Through her extensive connections, Karen Meinzen-McInerny had really found the perfect little meeting house in the wilds of Sandy Springs. In fact, several attendees have already adopted this building as the Atlanta Club's new home out west. (*More like Mid-Atlanta (ed)*)

Upon arrival, I saw Mark and Pam Leinmiller hauling in enough food and drinks for a battalion. I grabbed a few bags and accompanied them into the little house. We were soon joined by Nader and Judy Bagheri, John and Lynda May, John Homonek, John Woodward, Joe Wilson, Charlie and Sheron Moshell, and Karen Meinzen-McInerny, each of whom brought additional food or drink item to share. Uh oh!

A bit of socializing and President Leinmiller called the planning meeting to order. Our new clubhouse has an nicely sized meeting space, separate from the eating space, and we settled into comfy chairs to consider the agenda.

John May reported on the happenings at the AHCA national delegates meeting that happened in November. This semiannual meeting, held in November and at Conclave, is a

weekend of meetings, discussions, reports from local chapters, focus groups and budgets. the big thing i remember from John's reporting was the location for the Conclave/ West Coast Meet to be held in South Lake Tahoe NV in 2027. In 2002, I went to South Lake Tahoe and it was amazing! Definitely want to be there in 2027.

Sheron spoke briefly about our Classic plans for 2026. She and Charlie are always looking for great locations for Healey gatherings and we will get more info soon. Look in your email for a recent note from Mark about the Zoom meeting on the 4th.

The list of events mapped out at the meeting is on prior pages 7-8.

Trophies were passed out, with John Harris receiving the Len Thomas Award for technical excellence, Rick Alley taking home the Rodney Award for Best Club Enthusiasticity. The Little Rodney Award was left in Colorado and was unawarded at the meeting. I will get it back soon and will have a recipient as well. *Little Rodney never left Marietta, GA (ed)*

Someone declared the meeting concluded and was rapidly seconded. People rushed to grab their foodstuffs and head home for their pro football finale. As the last of us left our new clubhouse, with almost enough food to feed a battalion (and more), the sun broke through the clouds and I thought to myself "2025 is looking like a great year!"



**The Future's So Bright...**  
**By Kate O'Leary**  
**Photos Kate O'Leary**



*Charlie & Sheron Moshell, Nader & Judy Bagheri, Pam Leinmiller, John Woodward*



*Mark Leinmiller leads the team, John Homonek, Charlie & Sheron Moshell, Nader Bagheri, Joe Wilson, Karen Meinzen McEnerny*



*Karen Meinzen McEnerny, Pam Leinmiller, Sheron Moshell, Judy Bagheri*



*John Homonek & John May*



*Welcome new friends; Joe Wilson & John Woodward*



*Joe Wilson & John Woodward, Charlie Moshell & Nader Bagheri*



**The Planning Crew**

**(Top Row)**

**Mark Leinmiller, John Homonek, John Woodward, Nader Bagheri, Charlie Moshell, John May, Kate O'Leary**

**(2nd Row)**

**Pam Leinmiller, Karen Meinzen-McInerny, Judy Bagheri, Sheron Moshell, Lynda May**

You know the saying; nature abhors a vacuum? Well motor heads, car people, gear-heads, or whatever you want to call those who love anything motorized have a similar problem. We abhor any open, vacant garage/workshop floor space. When we see a vacant spot on our workshop/garage floor, we MUST fill it. It can't stay vacant for long.

We have to find another tool, piece of equipment or G-D forbid, another car to fill that void. This theory represents me to a T. Here are some pictures of my shop. Notice, no free or vacant floor space. No wall space or open loft space either. Everywhere I look, there is stuff. All valuable, useful stuff. But the good part is, we know where every thing we need is located in our chaos.

Except for the one tool or part we loaned to someone whom we can't remember who or when. I recently went thru this with a large tool loaned to someone I knew who didn't return it until I posted on several different sites that I needed (wanted it) back ASAP. It didn't turn up until some weeks later and then it was returned in secret and hidden on the side of my shop. At least they hid it from anyone wanting to steal it that might by chance be driving by my place and see a big metal box that may contain a large slide hammer.

But, I digress. I had an open space, larger than a car. And I filled it. I found a 1979 MGB, built engine with supercharger, 8 spoke splined mag wheels, lowered and up-rated suspension and new brakes. 5 speed trans, new top and interior (top may need to be replaced) and all the factory extras such as a new tonneau, boot cover, supports for the boot cover in a nice "horse hair" bag, jack and spare tire located in the carpeted trunk.

The car fits right in, it hasn't run since 2013, the last year tag on the car. It filled my empty space to perfection. I think it needs clutch hydraulics rebuilt or replaced. And of course it will need lots of other work like flushing out the fuel system; rebuilding the brakes (they still feel and work great but who wants to take a chance), tires replaced (they look almost new) and many items I haven't thought about.

The pictures show a lot of chaos and confusion in my shop and it needs to be fixed. Therefore, I make myself a promise to get my butt in gear and fix it. I have lots of items for a flea market sale, I just don't have the interest in holding one. Therefore, if any one reading this wants some free stuff for their flea market, call me and come get it. There are vases, old electronic games, video games, books (I think there is a children's encyclopedia in there), magazines and a whole lot more. What doesn't get taken away will go to the dump.

I made the mistake of selling a few tools I hadn't used in years and standard for the course, I needed them shortly after the sale. No tools, books or toys will be sold or given away except those previously mentioned.

My shop is not dedicated to just cars. No, there is much other stuff there. Lawn maintenance equipment like a riding mower, a push mower, leaf blower, weed wacker, fertilizer spreader, etc, etc all take up space. A 1967 TR4A IRS (sat in a real old barn since 1975 and does not run) sits on my scissors lift. A Bugeye Sprite I really need to finish for a customer, shelves with parts (not all are useful and not all car related. There are tubs of electrical and plumbing items stored on shelves.



When you do most of your own home repairs, you will accumulate parts for that. And let's not forget the special tools you need. Paint brushes and rollers, tubing benders, flare kits and so much more. But is there a car person who doesn't like accumulating tools and stuff?

The pictures don't show much of the non auto stuff. I took up woodworking 50 years ago as I did not want to work on cars 7 days a week. I have accrued several nice wood working items that take up space. Hidden amongst the stuff is a sliding compound miter saw, router table (5 more routers in a cabinet), a 16" wide planer, a 10" table saw with attachments, a drill press and many other tools. There is also a home built woodworkers table. Yes, they are different than other tables.

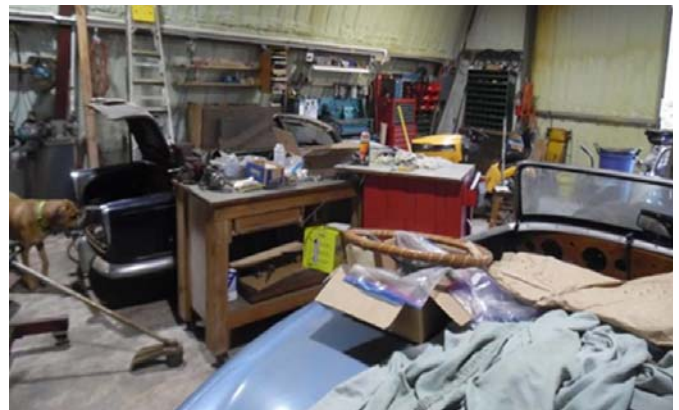
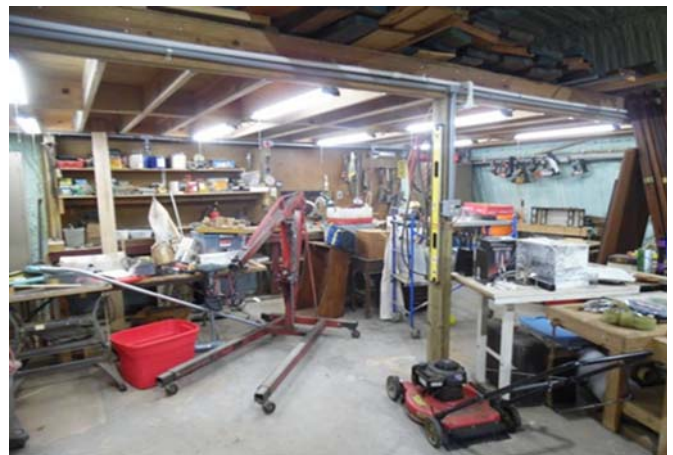
Two tall metal cabinets contain more hand tools and small parts. Several vibrating tools, all for wood working please, that can cut or sand wood or car bodies. Sanders a plenty both electrical and battery powered. Let's not forget wood for future projects. I have the remains of an \$80,000 load of 2" thick rough cut cherry from 6" wide up to 16" wide and about 8' long. It takes all my remaining strength to move one 6" wide board from the loft to my saw so I can cut the board up to use for smoking meats. This was given to me by Patty's old boss, Jim Howard, from Atlanta Hardwoods over 15 years ago.

Walls have either shelves or peg board covered with tools and small hardware items. I have hundreds of different size screws, nuts and bolts although I need to go buy a size I need but don't have. How is it possible I don't have what I need? Something has to give so I can actually work in my shop. I haven't been

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able to do any wood working in a long time and I miss it.

So, if you want some free stuff for a yard sale or as cheap gifts, come on up and browse. I would like room to work on the MGB and make it a safe running car before spring time. And I have an engine to build as well. Here are some pictures of my chaos.





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As you can see, open, free space is very limited. Much more in the shop, and there will be no room to walk and obviously, no place to work. Stuff has to be eliminated or moved. Do you have any free space I can borrow?

The purpose of this article is to let all car nuts know they are not alone, there are many of us in this same boat. It is also to give me a kick in the butt to rectify my personal situation so I can get back to work.

Christmas and New Year are over by now so you should be out in your shop working. I hope to have a British car running soon and hope to see yall some where soon.

Barry Rosenberg  
President (note my new title)  
Peachtree MG Registry  
British Car Service.

*For the LBC Enthusiast, Car Part & Tools tend to follow Boyle's law that states that the volume of gas [and car parts] will always expand to the volume of the space allowed (Ed.)*

## Part II

Well, the weather outside is terrible, cold and wet and I have been with a cold for three weeks now. What I am trying not to say is that my shop looks exactly the same as in my last article. I have not been out there in over a month other than to move a key lime tree in and out to get some sun. Hopefully, it will produce some limes this year.

So, I have been thinking about how I came to be an old British car mechanic. How did we all get interested in cars? Some were lucky enough to have had parents interested in cars and you were involved enough it rubbed off on you. Some may have had the love of cars and things mechanical go back several generations in your family. And some of us just fell into it.

No one in my family, other than me, had or has any interest in cars or mechanics. Sad to

say, I am not passing it to any of my children. I don't remember much about my grandparents' interests other than they were involved in liquor stores and grocery stores. My mother's father owned a small liquor store in Savannah that was passed to an uncle, Horney Harold Hirsch. Yes, that was his name! It was eventually taken by the state for a highway overpass.

Another uncle, Dave, owned Dave's Famous Steak House in Savannah (whose garlic cheese spread I finally have as it is the best thing on warm bread) that was eventually taken by the state for a new highway. So, there is a tiny bit of relationship between them and what I do, very very tiny relationship. My mom's father once owned a Packard and the only time I remember riding in it was when my father borrowed it to take my brother and me to Jacksonville for a few days when we were young.

I don't remember much about my father's parents as I only saw them a few times when I was very young. They lived in New York, within sight and sound of Coney Island and the roller coaster. Once, when my mother went to New York to visit my father's family, she went on the roller coaster and sitting in the 3rd to last car, went flying thru the air as the last 3 cars left the track. By the grace of G-D, no one was injured and all landed safely. She never went on another ride of any type at any fair.

There was nothing remotely car related going on in my family. My father thought cars were strictly transportation, one step above a horse drawn buggy. He once bought a 1967 Ford Fairlane as stripped bare as possible. No heater, no AC, no radio, no power steering, 3 speed on the column and a 4 cylinder engine. He choose the Ford over a Chevy based strictly on price. I do remember going to the Savannah Chevy dealership looking at the cars with him.

The cars on the showroom floor looked so exciting and colorful. Back then you could get a car in just about any color combination you wanted. However, the Chevy dealer would not go as low on price as the Ford dealer so he bought the Ford. This car was nothing to get any young impressionable child interested in cars. It was transportation to and from work. My father owned a small corner grocery store in Savannah and his total commute was about 5 miles a day.

There was one car related story about my father. Well it was really a rented truck and not a car. He went to Florida and bought a crap load of non-taxed cigarettes, enough to pretty much fill the small truck. His plan was to take them to South Carolina, where they were heavily taxed and resell them. That

would have been a tidy profit if he hadn't been caught during his ride thru Georgia. Seems there was a law against that very thing. He avoided any fines or jail time but did loose his load of cigarettes.

What got me interested in cars was a fellow college student, whose name I do not remember, giving me a ride in his Triumph TR4. That was the most exciting ride I had ever been on. That car took the curves on Abrecom Expressway like nothing I had ever experienced. One ride and I was hooked. And I am still hooked on cars today.

I may have gotten more involved with cars and anything associated with them than most. 3.5 years of college, majoring in chemistry with minors in math and physics, and look what I have done for 3/4ths on my life, cars! In particular, old British cars. If you are reading this article, it is evident that you too are into cars. So, how did you get your interest?

Was there someone in your family that drew you in? Or were you like me and it just happened with one ride in a particular car? Did you happen to go by a dealer show room and stand staring thru the window at the cars inside, dreaming of the day you would be old enough to own one? Did your mother purchase a new Triumph Herald that you really liked? Did your brother or maybe an uncle wet your appetite by owning a Mustang or MGTD? Where did your love and enjoyment for cars and things related to them come from? And, are you passing your love of these cars to anyone in your family?

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I know there are some good stories out there so write a short article about how you became involved and pass it to the newsletter and let's see how many have the same basic theme. I look forward to reading them in the near future.

It is still one or two degrees above freezing so it looks like another day I will not be in the shop. Hopefully, we will get an early spring and the temps will go higher, what happened to all the lies about global warming? I could use some global warming right now.

Well, time to go start taking Christmas out of the house and packing it away until next year. I will end hoping you all had a great holiday season with love and fun with family and friends. We did not as we did not want to give the gift of colds to all our friends and family. It would have been a miserable gift to give.

Barry Rosenberg  
British Car Service  
See yall somewhere soon.  
(only when the weather permits)



**Don't Forget**

**Time to Spring Forward**

**09 March 2025**

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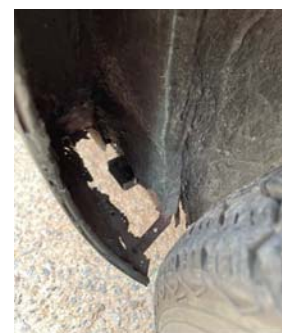
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### 1965 Austin-Healey 3000 Mark III, BJ8 Phase II for sale \$25,000



95% original, complete, and functional car with a strong motor, crisp transmission, and working factory overdrive. Garage kept in Georgia the last 21 years and only driven on sunny days (needs new top). Numbers matching BRG per certificate with Dayton stainless wheels and Vredestein tires. Unfortunately, its prior life was in NJ so it has lots of underside rust, but the frame is solid and one outrigger has been replaced. Lots of new parts and repairs over the years.

Contact Roger Toland 770-656-5680 [rttoland@hotmail.com](mailto:rttoland@hotmail.com) for more info, photos, and a test drive. Car is located in East Cobb near Lassiter H.S.





## 1953(?) Austin Healey 100 BN 1 [Call for more information](#)

For Sale Project Austin Healey 100 BN 1 Chassis 151756 Body 4550 / 1824  
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### 1956 100-4 BN2 - **Call for recent inspection results**

Rare Florida Green (originally, still partially), Have inventory of all parts (new and old); missing very few parts. The best features of the car are that it is complete and numbers matching, one of the last 425 100-4's produced, and it's a roller. The worst is lots of rust in the usual places and the engine does not now turn over. Frame requires extensive repair. Sampling of photos below, many more photos available if interested. Owner history and maintenance/modification history included. Offering it up in the Flash first just in case there might be some local interest. I would like for it to go to someone local just for the possibility of seeing it again in the future in a better state. Rob Meinzen 404-822-5178 [rwmeinzen@bellsouth.net](mailto:rwmeinzen@bellsouth.net) AAHC Member Price \$11,000





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### 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



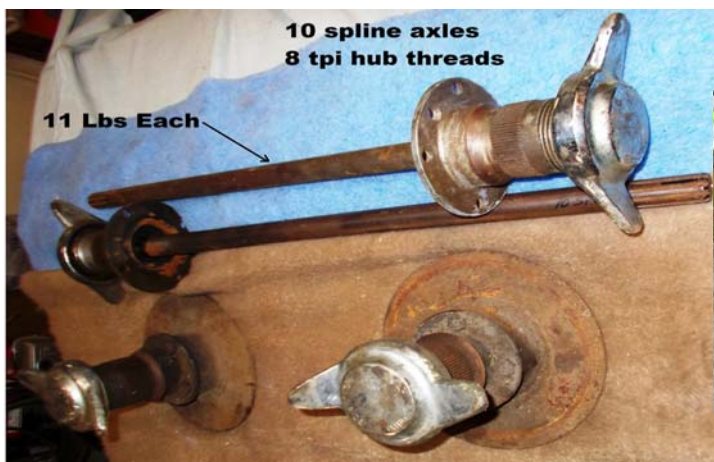
**Hagerty Driver's Club on the Sprite** *"While already affordable and cheerful, the Austin-Healey Sprite (also sold as the Midget in MG form) the small, British sports roadsters have always been a great way to enter the hobby. If you're pressed for room, they'll fit in a one-stall garage with tons of space to spare. The best part is that if you're somewhat mechanically inclined, the operating systems and the agricultural nature of the Sprite and its A-Series engine present a simple way to DIY repairs without too much trouble. If you want something as beginner friendly on the wallet and ownership experience as a Miata, but you want something more classical, then it's hard to ignore the Sprite. "*



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I recently needed new tires and purchased a 60 spoke chrome wheel for my spare, which allows me to part with the four (4) prepped and painted 48 spoke wheels and one useable additional wheel for use as a spare.

(4) Painted 48 spoke wire wheels

(1) Used (unfinished) 48 spoke wire wheel.

(1) Unused (but dated) tire

Offering for sale Atlanta Club members first, before further promotion. \$500.00

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