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A Newsletter for the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club

Issue 7

Presidents Message



Greetings to All!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to warm weather fun!

I know spring must be near, as folks in my park here in Southwest Florida are getting ready to head north.

With everything turning green, flowers beginning to bloom, and a summer full of activities ahead, spring is my favorite time of year!

Hope you enjoy this newsletter and be sure to check out the schedule of events and mark your calendars.

I looking forward to our first gathering, hope to see you then.

Pete

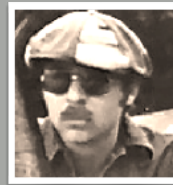
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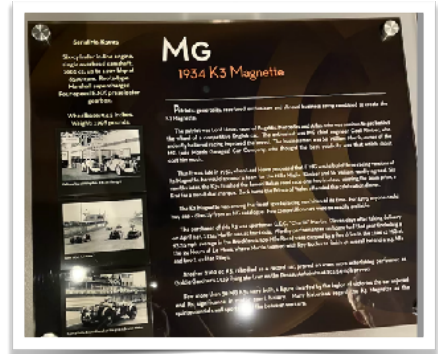


Day trip at the Revs!

Mark Firnhaber posing with 1929 Du Pont Model G Four-Passenger Speedster. Below Dante Kobek panting like a dog, looking at the vintage 1948 Ferrari 166 Spider Corsa.

Top photo Left to right. Owen Johnson, Mark Firnhaber, Dante Kobek, Steve Warner, Fred Fribley, Pete Van Blairicum, and Lou Cantrell

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2024 NIAHC EVENTS CALENDAR



APRIL

Date TBD - Lunch Cruise In. Exact date will be determined by the weather

MAY

May 4th Saturday 8-10am Cars & Coffee - Studebaker Nat'l Museum "Michiana Brits/British Cars will be featured at this event"

May 18th Saturday Time is TBD - Michiana Brits Spring Drive
This drive will include breakfast and lunch stops, and a visit to Gene Stratton-Porter's historic cabin on Lake Sylvan, in Rome City In. As we have many members who belong to the Brits I have included this on our calendar. <https://www.indianamuseum.org/historic-sites/gene-stratton-porter/>

JUNE

June 15th Saturday 9-11am Cars & Coffee - Auburn Cord Museum, Auburn, In. Lunch at Jon and Peg's Gas Station and then a visit to the Ford Flathead Museum. Downtown Auburn shopping is a short walk from the garage for those not going to the Flathead Museum" <https://automobilemuseum.org/events/museum-programs/cars-coffee-May-2024>

June 23rd Sunday 8:30-3:00 Michiana Brits Car Show, St. Mary's College Featured Marque - Right hand drive vehicles <http://www.michianabrits.com/events.htm>

JULY

July 14th Sunday 8:00-3:30 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show - Gilmore Car Museum Featured Marque - Jaguar E-Type
<https://maddogsandenglishmen.org>

July 27th Saturday 8:00-3:00 Rolling into Roanoke Car Show - Roanoke In.
<https://www.rollingintoroanoke.com/rolling-into-roanoke-2023>

2024 NIAHC EVENTS CALENDAR continued

AUGUST

August 3rd Saturday 8:00-2:00 Four A's Car Show - Washington Park - Michigan City In. Cookout at Pete's house afterwards(?)

August 10th Saturday Indy British Motor Day - Lion's Park in Zionsville, In. This date is a best guess, as a 2024 date is not posted on their website as yet. <http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>

August 22nd Thursday 4:30-8:00 Das Essenhaus Weekly Cruise In - Middlebury In. Michiana Brits/British Cars will be featured this week. <https://essenhaus.com/cruise-in/>

August TBD Club activity - Lunch Cruise In or ? Exact date will be determined by weather

SEPTEMBER

September 13th - 17/20th AHCA Conclave and VSCCA Austin Healey Event https://healeyclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=215328&module_id=493392 <https://vscda.org>

OCTOBER

October TBD Fall Color Cruise - Date will be set about a week in advance based on weather forecast

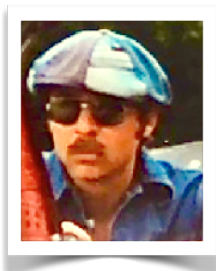
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

NIAHC Christmas Party Date and location is TBD

HEALEY HAPPENINGS!



Mark and Anna Firnhaber's BN6



A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

By Club Historian, Jon Needler

Happy Spring, Everyone!

For this installment we will go back to June, 1990, for the running of the Healey Challenge at the Mid-Ohio Raceway. A lot of Healeys were there, a number from overseas. England was very well represented, as I recall, and there were cars from Australia and continental Europe as well. To see them blasting around the track at serious speed was really something. The sound was spectacular.

Picture #1 shows our own Malcolm Terry conversing with Geoff Healey about who knows what. For those who don't remember Malcolm, he was an engineer at RCA in Marion, IN and was very meticulous. As he was nearing retirement, he decided that he needed a hobby. He had always been interested in things automotive, so he decided to buy an Austin Healey and rebuild it in his garage. He had never really seen one up close, but that didn't matter. The one he finally bought was very badly



rusted and was not running. That didn't matter either. By himself, without the benefit of being a member of the Healey club and without the help the club could have provided, he totally rebuilt that car as an engineer would have done. Where parts were too rusted to be used, he took measurements of the good part on the other side of the car and fabricated a new part based on those measurements. He drove that car to his first NIAHC meeting some months later, and it was beautiful! Everyone was amazed at the quality of workmanship and attention to detail, especially since he had not had the opportunity to compare his car with others until that first outing. Truly amazing.

Picture #2 shows Jack Summers, another of our technologically gifted members, standing next to one of the Healey Challenge cars. Not sure who owned this one, but



Jack was standing tall. Jack and his wife Nancy lived in Michigan City and they were very active in NIAHC for years. Everyone in the club benefited from Jack's vast knowledge about our cars; he was always a fixture at our tech sessions and he wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty, almost always on someone else's car

Picture #3 shows some of the cars out on the track in the rain. The weather that



weekend was terrible... cold with a lot of rain. Not much to do but try to keep dry and stay warm. It cleared a little late in the afternoon and the clubs were able to get

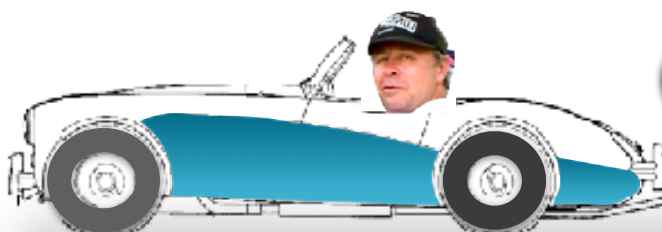
out on the track for a lap or two and that was fun.



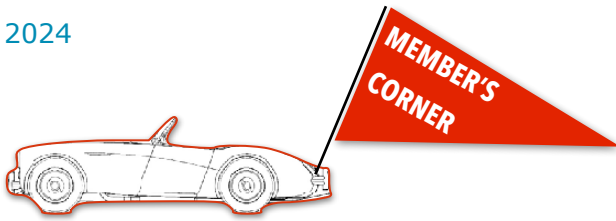
Picture #4 shows the National Club tent which was well attended. They had a Healey Silverstone on display, I think, but no one took a picture. Oh, well...

I'm afraid that's it for now, Folks. As we mentioned before, if anyone has a few old pictures they would like to share with

the club, this is a good place to do so. It would certainly be appreciated. Send to: jonan5402@gmail.com



**Cheers!
Jon**

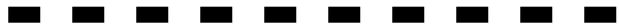


Fred and Connie Fribley
Members since 1981



I purchased my 1967 Austin-Healey BJ8 3000 MK3 in May of 1973 and owned two other Healey 3000 MK3's before that. My first Austin-

Healey was a 1964 BJ8 3000 MK3 Phase 2 that I purchased in 1968 and totaled it in 1969 when a truck hit me head-on. I've been a member of the Austin Healey Club since 1981. The photo of my car with my wife Connie and I is at the 2007 Conclave in Vermont. I live in Warsaw, Indiana, my cell phone number is 574-371-5644 and email address is fribl@comcast.net.



Bruce and Marlene Loos

**1953
MGTD**



Growing up in Daytona Beach, FL, Marlene has

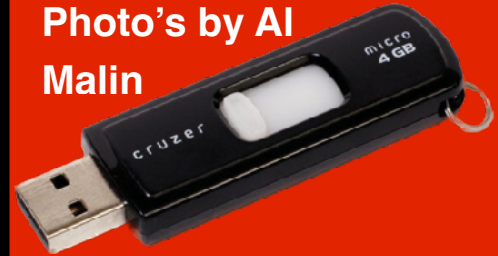


fond memories of riding to school in a neighbor's T-series MG. Bruce's 1st car was an MGA. Our '53 TD was a true barn find with an interesting history. We purchased the

car in 2002. Bruce completed the restoration to a high standard in 2012.

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NIAHC history!**

**Photo's by Al
Malin**

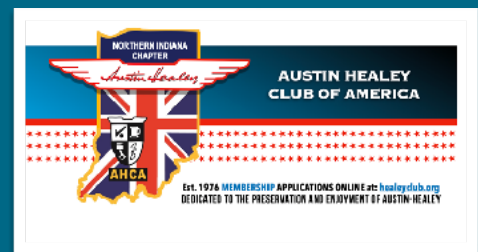


2500 random pictures:

**7 Lemon Creeks, 5-
Conclaves , 5 local car show
events 2-Spring Things and
6 Tune-Ups along with tours
and different outings!**

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SUNDAY 9/15/24	MONDAY 9/16/24	TUESDAY 9/17/24	WEDNESDAY 9/18/24	THURSDAY 9/19/24
REGISTRATION DAY 12 pm - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	CONCOURS & RALLY DAY 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	ROAD AMERICA DAY 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	CAR SHOW DAY 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	SELF-DRIVING TOURS 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors
12 pm - 6 pm REGISTRATION #1	10 am - 6 pm <i>SET-UP</i> ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION	9:30 am - 6 pm ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION	9:30 am - 6 pm ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION	9:30 am - 4 pm <i>PICKUP</i> ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm CONCOURS Pre-Judging	7:30 am - 9:30 am REGISTRATION #2	9:00 am - 11:00 am FUNKHANA Road America	9:00 am - 10:30 am CAR SHOW STAGING at Elkhart Lake	SCENIC TOUR #1 Green Bay and Door County WI
	7:30 am - 5:00 pm CONCOURS Judging	9:00 am - 11:30 am GYMKHANA Road America Motorplex	11:00 am - 2:00 pm POPULAR CAR SHOW downtown Elkhart Lake	SCENIC TOUR #2 Kettle Moraine Area
All Day - Explore the local area on your own	8:30 am - 9:30 am RALLY SCHOOL	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm RACE TRACK TOURING Road America - Healeys Only (Ticket Required)	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm SPECIAL GUEST	SCENIC TOUR #3 Experimental Aircraft Association Museum - Oshkosh WI
	9:30 am - 1:30 pm RALLY	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Bring your own box lunch or snacks	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Excellent Restaurants in Elkhart Lake	GUIDED TOUR Foxtown Brewery - Mequon WI
LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Plymouth	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm All-Healey Photo Op Group Photo after Touring and Individual Car Photo at Winners Circle at R/A	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECH SESSION #3	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Kohler / Sheb. Falls
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ELKHART LAKE HISTORIC RACE CIRCUITS presentation at Blue Harbor	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm HISTORIC RACE CIRCUITS - Elkhart Lake street circuit driving tour (Ticket Required) (leaves from Road America - ends in Elkhart Lake)	4:15 pm - 5:15 pm TECH SESSION #4	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm INDIVIDUAL CAR PHOTO OP at Blue Harbor Resort (optional)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm OPENING NIGHT SOCIAL	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECH SESSION #1 Healey Silverstone - Elkhart Lake Racing History	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm DELEGATES MEETING	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Arts and Crafts Classroom (Ticket Required)	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECH SESSION #5
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm REGISTRATION #3 (If needed)	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm TECH SESSION #2	DINNER ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Shebcygan	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm COCKTAIL HOUR
9 pm - 10 pm BONFIRE	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	6 pm - 8 pm BBQ BUFFET Blue Harbor Resort	EVENING Suggestion: Blue Harbor Waterpark	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm AWARDS BANQUET
	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm VALVE COVER RACING	8 pm - 10 pm LIVE AUCTION	7 pm - 9 pm MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT at Blue Harbor	

11/12/2023



VSCDA
VINTAGE SPORTS CAR DRIVERS ASSOCIATION

2024 SCHEDULE

GingerMan Spring Brake and Drivers School
GingerMan Raceway May 2-5

Blackhawk Classic
Blackhawk Farms June 14-16

Vintage Gran Prix Au Grattan
Grattan International Raceway August 9-11

Arien's Art on Wheels Presented by the VSCDA
Road America September 13-15

Thunder In The Ozarks
Ozark International Raceway October 11-13

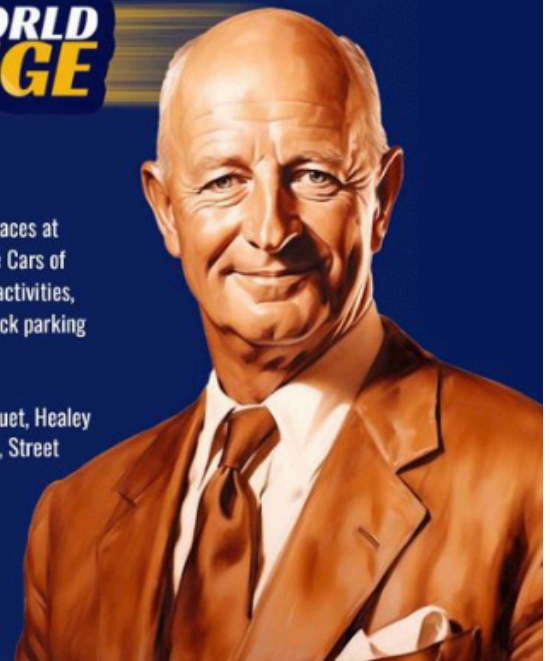
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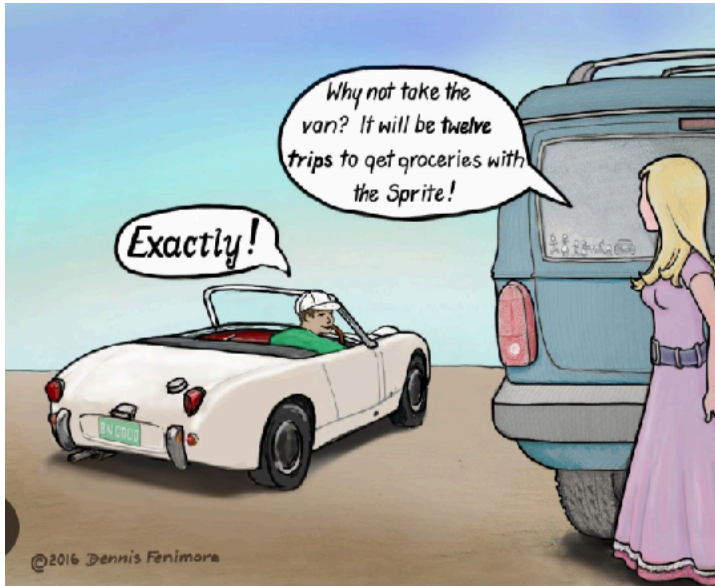
ON YOUR MARQUE...

Get set! Go! Experience vintage road racing at its' best at the legendary VSCDA Fall Races at Road America, the weekend of **September 13-15**. This year's feature marque is "The Cars of Donald Healey," highlighted with two exclusive Healey races, along with events and activities, celebrating all things Healey! Every Healey owner is a VSCDA VIP with premium paddock parking across from Victory Circle!

Lunch Time Touring on Tracks, Friday Reception for all Entrants, Saturday Night Banquet, Healey Panel, Healey Awards, Healey Legends Paddock Display, Healey Club Area in Paddock, Street Healey Corral Viewing Area.

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Healey funnies of the Month!



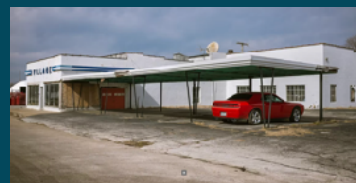
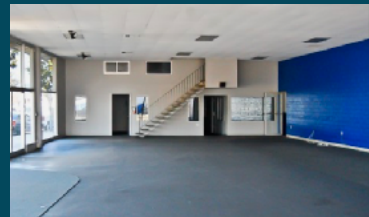
I thought it would be fun messing around with our Club Historian's Head - Jon Needler.

Pictured is Needler's beautiful House in Ft Wayne taken a few years ago. I dropped in a picture of them to show the before and after effect. Then I modified it to look like 200 years from now, after the Apocalypse. HAHA! Look closely you can see his ghost in the window.



Having a little fun on the Computer by John Eslinger

Architecture has been a passion of mine. I enjoy bringing back to life old buildings. I belong to a few groups on FACEBOOK, which display old abandon buildings, gas stations, car dealership. I find it interesting how I can change them visually with a new designs and adding Healey's and other British cars while doing it!
HOPE YOU ENJOY THEM!



Reprint article from Victory Lane January 2024



The Healey Westland was Donald Healey's first model.

A Brief History of Healey One of Vintage's Most Popular Marques

– story by Mike Korneli
– photos courtesy of Mike Korneli

When you go to a vintage race you will see grids full of Austin Healeys. It can run from Healey 100/4s, 100/6s, 3000 series to the beloved “Bug Eyed” Sprites. There is a reason for their popularity. They were popular when they were new! Healeys ran in SCCA in the D, E, F, G and H production classes. How successful were they? They won a National Championship in each class with multiple wins in many classes; certainly a reason for their popularity in vintage racing today.

The racing passion started with Donald

Healey himself. He owned a garage business but like most gearheads he loved driving. As part of his business he did prep cars for racing for some of his customers. Donald entered his first Monte Carlo Rally in 1929 driving a Triumph 7. His first success came in 1931. He drove a 4½ liter Invicta to an overall win in the Mote Carlo Rally. While he was not able to repeat for 1932 he did come in second overall, still very impressive. That kind of success can look really good on your resume. He sold his business and moved to the Midlands.

He was able to secure a position at Riley. His career took him to Triumph. There he worked as the Experimental Manager. A year later he was promoted to Technical Director. This gave him complete control over designs for Triumph. The Triumph Gloria was one of his designs. In 1934 he came in first in class and third overall in the Monte Carlo Rally. Unfortunately in 1939 Triumph went into liquidation. World War II was on the horizon.

His work focus became armored cars for Humber.

With the war over Donald's thoughts turned back to cars. There were many dreams and plans made during the war years. The Donald Healey Motor Company was formed in 1945. He didn't waste any time. Many of the established manufacturers were rehashing prewar models. Healey brought out his first new model in 1946. It was called the Westland. It was named after the manufacturer who produced the bodies for him. It was an open car powered by a twin overhead cam Riley engine. It was considered to be a more, high end car. A closed car version was then produced to get more top end speed. It was called the Elliot. An Elliot was taken to the famous Jabeke Highway in Belgium in 1947. It attained a top speed of 111.87 mph. This allowed the Elliot to claim itself as the world's fastest saloon car.

The successes kept coming for Healey. The Healey took first in class in the 1947 Targa Florio. That was followed up with class wins in the 1947 and 1948 Alpine Rally. It took a class win in the 1948 Milli Miglia in the touring class. It ran in other events including the 24 Hours of Belgium in 1948 where it came in second in class and 8th overall. Those are some pretty impressive results for a new company with a new car. When you look at them his cars aren't what we think of when we think of race cars. The fact is you can't argue with success.

Since the end of the war club racing was really taking off. Donald Healey wanted to produce a thinly veiled race car for the street. Using the chassis he built for his successful saloon cars he built the Silverstone. It was a sleek aluminum



The Healey Elliot was built for more top end speed.

bodied car that certainly looked like a race car for the day. It was powered by the same 2 1/2 liter Riley engine. The cars were snapped up by eager club racers. Several cars came to the United States. Briggs Cunningham bought 3 of them. He installed a Cadillac V8 engine in one of them. The V8 was brand new for GM and on "loan" to Cunningham and another to Donald Healey. Another car was sold to racer and future SCCA president Jim Kimberley. Two cars were even exported to Buenos Aires.

Three Silverstones were raced at their namesake track Silverstone in the 1949 British Racing Drivers International Trophy Meet. Drivers Louis Chiron, Tony Rolt and Tommy Wisdom won the Daily Express Team Award. Peter Riley and Bill Lamb piloted a Silverstone to a class win in the 1951 Leige-Rome-Leige Rally. The Silverstone even set a new one hour speed record in Motherly France in 1952 with Tommy Wisdom at the wheel.

Donald Healey was always looking for bigger, better and faster. That was his hope with the Cadillac powered Silverstone. The first engine was on loan from GM and he needed to secure a supply of them. In December of 1949 Healey boarded the RMS Queen Elizabeth for the United States. He had a meeting set up to talk to GM about the supply of Cadillac engines. An additional incentive may have been the



Lightweight Nash Healey that was built for Le Mans.

Nash would supply engines to Healey. GM refused to supply engines to both Healey and Cunningham. Donald Healey and George Mason struck a deal and the Nash Healey was born. And Cunningham; well, he went with Chrysler and it worked out quite well.

The Nash Healey used a slightly modified Silverstone chassis. The Nash driveline was only slightly modified. The engine used a higher compression head with two SU carbs. Three open cars and one coupe were built to add provenance to the street cars. They were run in four consecutive 24 Hour of Le Mans and Milli Miglia races. With Le Mans it's all about endurance. In 1950 only 29 of the 66 starters finished. Tony Rolt and Duncan Hamilton finished 4th overall. In the 1951 Le Mans race it was Rolt and Hamilton again. They finished 4th in class and 6th overall. By 1952 things were getting much more challenging for the Nash Healey. The car finished 7th overall. That was behind the Ferrari, Mercedes and Lancia factory teams. 1953 would be the final year for the lightweight Nash Healey cars. They did manage an 11th place finish despite being 39 laps behind the winning

early Westland, Silverstone, Elliot, Nash Healey and later Healey 100, 100-6, 3000, Bugeye Sprite, Square Nose Sprite, the MG badged "Sprite" and the Jensen Healey. Healeys will have three days of on-track practice, qualifying and feature races. There will be a large in paddock display of special and famous Healey's near the podium. A welcome party will be Friday evening. The Saturday banquet will feature a Healey celebrity and racers panel discussion. Austin Healey Club of America members will have a special in paddock area. Street Healey drivers will have a special outside the track parking and viewing area. Both purchase special tickets through VSCDA. More special events are soon to be announced, including all the collaborations with the 2024 Austin Healey Conclave. For racing and race weekend info go to www.vscda.org

Austin Healey cars will be on full display at the Austin Healey Conclave 24. This national event is being hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America. The four day event will be held Sept. 15th-20th 2024. The base hotel is the Blue Harbor Resort which is on the shores of Lake Michigan in Sheboygan Wisconsin. Events will take place in the surrounding areas including Elkhart Lake and Road America. The Healey connection started early in the area. Jim Kimberley's Silverstone had two first place and one second place finish in the 1950 inaugural Elkhart Lake street race. The car will be in attendance. There will be activities for everyone's tastes. There will be dinners, tech session, concours and seminars at the resort. There will be activities held in Elkhart Lake on the original street race course. A Gymkhana, Funkhana and track touring will take place at Road America. There will be rallies in the surrounding areas and a bonfire on the shores of Lake Michigan. It is an event not to be missed! To get the full information on the event go to www.2024conclave.com.



The Healey Silverstone was built for club racing.

1950 Palm Beach Race. Four Silverstones were entered in the race. They included Briggs Cunningham's Cadillac powered car and Jim Kimberley's car driven by Healey driver Tommy Wisdom. By chance, on his voyage, he met George Mason. Mr Mason was president of Nash-Kelvinator. The two discussed Healey's upcoming meeting with GM. Maybe it was Mason's understanding of GM or he was just fishing. Mason made Healey an offer. If the GM deal fell through

Jaguar. The future for Donald Healey and his cars were headed in a new direction with a higher volume production with hopefully higher profits. That would be the marriage with Austin to create the new Austin Healey the 100.

VSCDA's Airs Art on Wheels, Sep. 13-14 at Road America, will feature all the Healey cars in the Healey World Challenge events. This includes the



PARTS FOR SALE/BUY (Please send me any news of cars or parts that are needed or for sale.

Pictures are welcome, send jpeg, png or pdf to: jnreslinger@gmail.com

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- miamivalleyAHC.com (Dayton)
- ohiovalleyAHC.com (Cincy)
- neohio.com Northeast, Ohio
- stahc.com South Texas AHC
- michianabrits.com
- mossmotors.com
- healeysurgeons.com

<https://maddogsandenglishmen.org/events/>
[https://iflbcc.club/2024-cbcf-overview/Champagne British Car Fest](https://iflbcc.club/2024-cbcf-overview/Champagne%20British%20Car%20Fest)



UPCOMING

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MAY, 24

CARS & COFFEE

You bring the cars, and we'll bring the coffee (and donuts)! Park your classic car in one of the Museum's parking lots and join fellow car collectors and enthusiasts for a tasty treat. Each month, Cars and Coffee will highlight a different local car club. Sponsored by Studebaker DRIVERS Club.



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We look forward to welcoming you to the Northern Indiana Austin-Healey Club

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