

HEALEY HIGH ROADS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1st—7:00 PM
Conclave Volunteers Party
at Frank Pirhalla's home

Feb 17th—7:00 PM
Monthly meeting at Chessie's
Bowie, MD. Comfort Inn

March 17—7:00 PM
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June 1—All day
British Car Week picnic
St. Leonard, MD
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June 25th through July 1st
AHCA Conclave in DC
Tyson's Corner's , VA

HOWARD GILSON RECEIVES CAPITAL AREA CLUB'S ANNUAL SERVICE PLAQUE

As one of his last official duties, outgoing President Frank Pirhalla awarded to Howard Gilson the Capital Club's Annual Service Plaque to recognize his many efforts on behalf of CAAHC in 2002.

Howard organized the Capital Classic events for the last two years, and also served as club Vice-President this past year. Additionally, he is one of the co-chairmen for Conclave 2003.

In accepting the award, Howard stated that prior to moving to the DC area he was a member of the Northeast Region chapter of the AHCA and it was there that he learned the importance of being an active participant in activities.

CONCLAVE ORGANIZERS SHIFT INTO TOP GEAR WITH VOLUNTEER WELCOME PARTY

A Volunteers' Welcome Party will be held on Saturday, February 1st at 7:00 PM at the home of Frank Pirhalla, and all members are encouraged to attend. "With Conclave 2003 just around the corner (June 25th-July 1st), we need to start putting names and faces by job descriptions" said Palsgrove.

Palsgrove emphasized that members will be volunteering for relatively short periods of service during the

various events of their choosing, and he also stressed that everyone's main job at Conclave will be to enjoy themselves! Specifics of volunteers' jobs will be discussed at the party.

Refreshments (*Pizza, snacks, beer and soft drinks*) will be served at the party and members who are planning to attend are asked to please contact Frank at (703) 524-8431 or via email (Frank.Pirhalla@faa.gov) to let him know that they are coming.
Directions to Frank's house:

From Route 66 take exit #73 onto Lee Highway (toward Key Bridge-Rosslyn), turn right at first light onto Nash St., then right onto Key Blvd., go to the top of the hill and then turn right onto Ode St., then a quick right onto Colonial Terrace. Frank lives at 1594 Colonial Terrace, which will be on the left. PLEASE ATTEND!!!!

HOLIDAY PARTY A SMASHING SUCCESS

Pam and Jaxson White again opened their lovely Fairfax home to the Capital Area membership on Saturday, January 11th for the combined Holiday Party and Annual Meeting.

Approximately 40 members and guests attended this year's gathering and got to savor some truly outstanding cuisine, although the cool temperatures and the possibility of snow discouraged anyone from arriving in a Healey

After the outstanding buffet dinner the members shifted their focus to several matters that comprised the meeting's "business": Recognition of past service; the election of Officers, and; focusing upon upcoming Club matters (*See related stories on pages 1-2*).

Conclave 2003 co-chairmen Gary Palsgrove and Howard Gilson took the opportunity to bring the membership current on the status of various events and answered many questions from prospective

volunteers. Their announcement of the upcoming organizational party on February 1st.

Following the meeting, members and guests turned the conversation to their favorite topic: Cars in general and Austin-Healeys in specific! Projects were begun, drives were planned, and everyone seemed to look forward to that *first* Spring day when the car comes out of the garage...

Thanks, Pam and Jack!!

CAAHC OFFICERS FOR UPCOMING YEAR ELECTED AT CLUB'S ANNUAL PARTY.... PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

CAAHC Members elected Officers and the National Delegate for 2003 at the January 11 party as follows:

Michael Oritt, President/Newsletter

Howard Gilson, Vice-President

Don Margeson, Secretary

Frank Pirhalla, Treasurer

Bill Eggert, Activities Chairperson

Herman Farrer, AHCA Delegate

Anil & Shanthy Fatterpacker,

Regalia co-chairpersons

According to Article V. Sec. 8 of the Club's Bylaws, "Officers may appoint up to three at-large Board Members." Although the duties of a Board Member are not specifically enumerated, this has customarily served as a position from which an individual can gain experience in the running of Club affairs and in working with other members, especially if one is inclined to become an officer in the future. Conclave

rapidly approaches and the Officers invite any members interested in further service to step up and help in the Club's operations.

The Officers hope to have the Board Members' positions filled by the time of the February meeting, and any members so inclined should advise the President and Secretary of their interest as soon as possible.

HEALEY EXHAUST NOTES: Members' Letters to the Editor

CONFIRMATION

By Bill Eggert

Recently my wife Nancy and I decided to take advantage of a beautiful Sunday morning and drive our BJ8 to the quaint Bayfront town of Galesville for breakfast. WE got about 1-1/2 miles from our house, made a turn and lost power! Thankfully we were able to safely foast to the side of the road. I raised the bonnet to see if anything obvious was loose or had fallen off (that's the extent of my mechanical ability). Not finding anything we tried to restart but to no avail. I guessed that it was something electrical.

We kept the bonnet up and called AAA (I wisely added

my name to her policy when I—also wisely—married her

last year. During our wait for the truck I was pleasantly surprised by the fellowship of passing motorists. About ten people paused to offer advice, look at the engine or make sure we were getting help (*I wonder how many would have stopped for a five-year old Toyota?*) Predictably, two samaritans had once owned Healeys. One fellow actually called his friend Tom Rogers, who lives in Galesville and owns a Healey. Tom arrived and offered the use of a trailer, but at that moment the rollback arrived and we thanked Tom for his offer.

The tow truck driver loaded up our Healey without incident (He knew about the low-slung exhaust system and had

This past Saturday I was watching a TV show when Anil suddenly remembered that he forgot to get a shirt at the dry cleaners. "Honey, you enjoy your show—I'll be right back", he yelled as he went out the door. An hour later he returned with a big, sheepish smile: "I just needed to give the car a little exercise, and it is so pretty out. Say, do we need milk?"

obviously rescued numerous other Healeys), but watching it go up the deck was most upsetting for us. We had been through the "birth" of our car when we purchased it a year ago, and now we were being "confirmed" into Healey ownership!

I had the car taken to an area shop where it was left to be looked at the next day (When I called Monday morning the mechanic playfully said "What Healey", but I was not in a joking mood! But all's well that ends well—it was the ignition system and I took the opportunity to upgrade to an electronic aftermarket replacement. The mechanic cheerfully told me not to worry after separating me from a few hundred dollars.

The car is running fine, and I'm a bit wiser but sometimes I wonder what will happen next! I guess that's a problem all of us Healey parents have.

Now that Anil has his second Healey on the road it seems that he needs to shop more and more frequently.! Anil is a wonderful man but I think he's become a shopoholic!

Editor's Note:

This affliction is common. The only known treatment involves selling the Healey and buying a minivan.

THE SHOPOHOLIC

By Shanthi Fatterpacker

If you've recently seen a man in a shiny red over white BJ8 frequenting the shopping areas of Howard County, that would be my husband, Anil! For some reason, whenever the weather is just right, he seems to remember that he needs to buy something requiring his taking a ride in the Healey.

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**BRITISH CAR WEEK PICNIC & RALLYE
SET FOR JUNE 1ST IN ST. LEONARD, MD**

This year's "British Car Week" is May 24-June 1st, and it will be observed in the DC/Baltimore area at a picnic/rallye being given by Michael and Mary Oritt at their farm in Saint Leonard, MD. For complete information go to the website at: <http://www.chesapeake.net/~oritt/>

Last year the Oritts sponsored this event for the first time, and despite minimal promotion and the threat of inclement weather, about 65 British Cars of various marques and vintage enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of fun and fellowship, picnicing with other LBC enthusiasts. This year the Oritts will be setting up party tents and tables to provide shade, and there will be live music, hayrides and more. You can come directly to the picnic or *supersize* your fun by participating in the 50-mile "Patuxent Valley Rallye" which will commence at 10:00 AM in the vicinity of Upper Marlboro and conclude at the farm. This is a fun "observation-type" rallye with no speeds or distances to worry about—just some questions to be answered.... Awards will be presented at the afternoon picnic.

Families and pets are invited, and although arrival in your Healey is preferred, other means of transportation will be tolerated, but must be kept at a "respectful" distance from the vintage autos. For further information contact Michael or Mary at: Awgertoo@aol.com or visit the site.