

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

1987 RIDE TO THE RIVER

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THE ENGLISH MOTORING CLUB

- * Meet at Import Auto Parts, 1326 Clay Street, Vicksburg 9 - 10 am on Saturday, September 19.
- * Depart Vicksburg at 10:30 am for a tour to the Windsor Ruins and on to Grand Gulf Park in Port Gibson for the picnic (bring your own food - soft drinks are being provided by Import Auto Parts).
- * Jackson Area residents may caravan to Vicksburg by assembling in the MetroCenter parking lot (just East of El Chico's) to depart about 9:00 am.



Off-Side Undo



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AUSTIN HEALEY CONCLAVE
HARRISBURG PA

It seems my wife (the one known as "Jane") wound up with a free airline ticket from her many world travels . . . and what better way to use it than to send hubby off to drool over a fine collection of Donald's favorites, and at the same time light a fire under his fanny to get ours restored! I guess that frame has taken up residence in the middle of the garage!

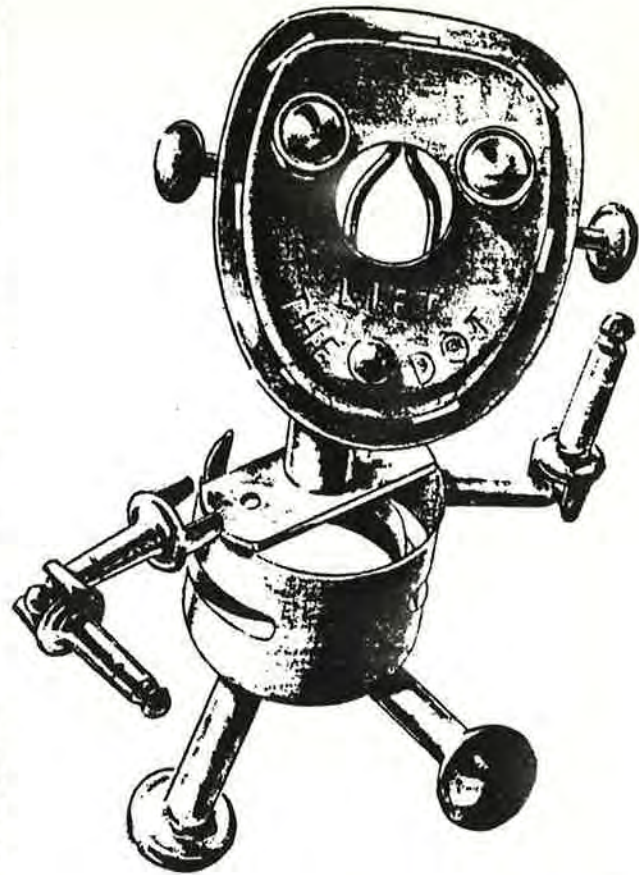
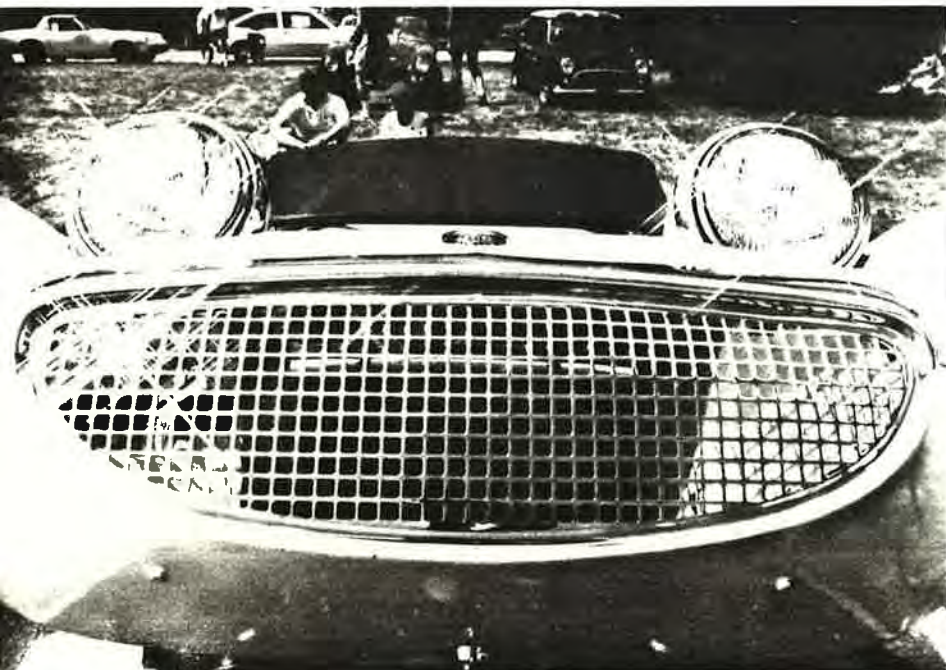
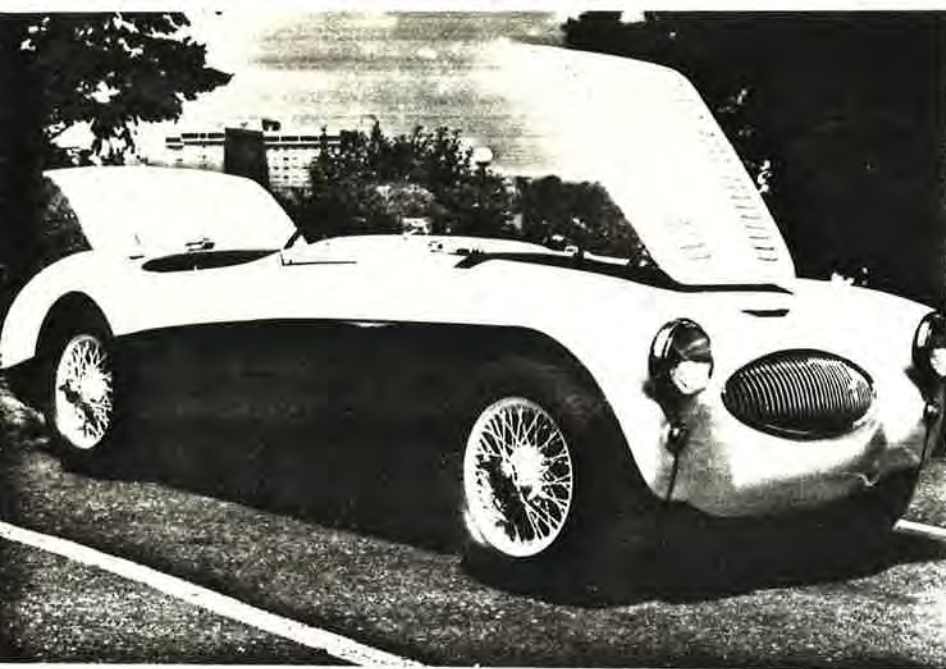
So, off I go to the 1987 ENCOUNTER-CONCLAVE on Aug 14 (the events ran from the 12th through the 16th). I knew it was a shakey start when

the car rental people in Philly didn't like the already-past expiration date on my Mississippi driver's license (more expense for a commuter plane & taxi - rats!). But things looked up when I found a couple familiar faces at my hotel from the Atlanta Healey Club (they remembered our AH 100 from a few years ago) - GOOD, a ride to bum to the meet convention center! Of course, 4 adults (Physically, anyway) in a closed up AH 3000 isn't my idea of a limo ride, but at this point I'll take anything!

The festivities were well underway, with folks from around the country preparing for the Popular & Concours judging on Saturday. Well, those who were in any condition to do so, at least. The show's premier vehicle's were: a beautifully restored AH 100-S (yes, S!) prepared by Tom Kovacs of fourtune in Wisconsin; the original 1957 Earl's Court Show displayed "Goldie" AH 100-6 (now owned by Bruce & Inan Phillips of Healey Surgeons); and "Number 2", the second of four pre-production big Healeys. That evening, a number of the local clubs put on entertaining skits, with a Canadian bunch winning on a "roll-em-in-the-aisle" meter (kinda a combination of "Monty Python" and Captain Kangaroo!).

I'll tell you, Saturday morning rolled around awfully fast, what with meeting old friends & making new ones, dipping into the local watering hole and swapping stories! I was able to bum yet another ride back to my hotel courtesy of Matt Wesson of Tupelo, driving Thom Anderson's AH 3000 (Memphis British Sports Car Club members). They had driven up earlier and were having a blast.

After one more courtesy



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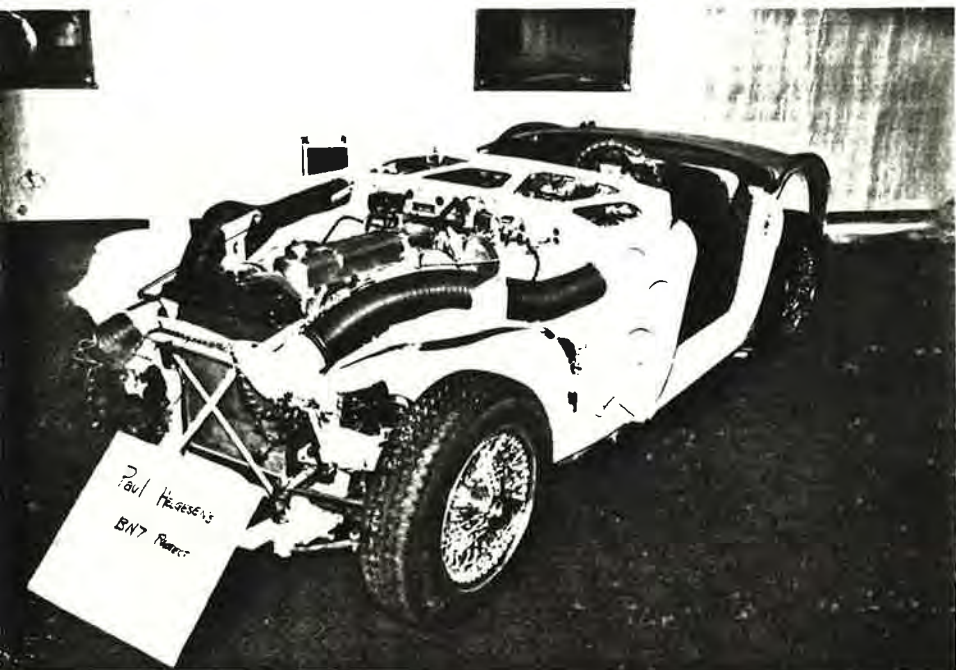


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ride back to the convention center Saturday, I began furiously using up all the film I had. My brother from New York joined me (Oh Boy, more wheels!) and began chewing up film too. There were around 300 Healeys registered, some from California and Texas, Canada and Kansas, and of course a large contingent from the Nor'East states. I tell you, these cars are looking better each year! Bro and I didn't make the awards banquet, so I don't know the winner listing - except that Thom Anderson did take Second Place in Popular Judging of the AH 3000 class! Do any of you remember John May, who moved from Jackson to Atlanta some time back? He was present and wanted me to say "HI!" to y'all!

And so ended a heck of a nice weekend! As I was departing for the airport, I noticed that Bro's new Blazer had been fittingly purchased from a dealership named "Healey" (honest - it was right on the tailgate) . . . coincidence? A sign from beyond the great junkyard in the sky? We will probably never know.

Prez Craig

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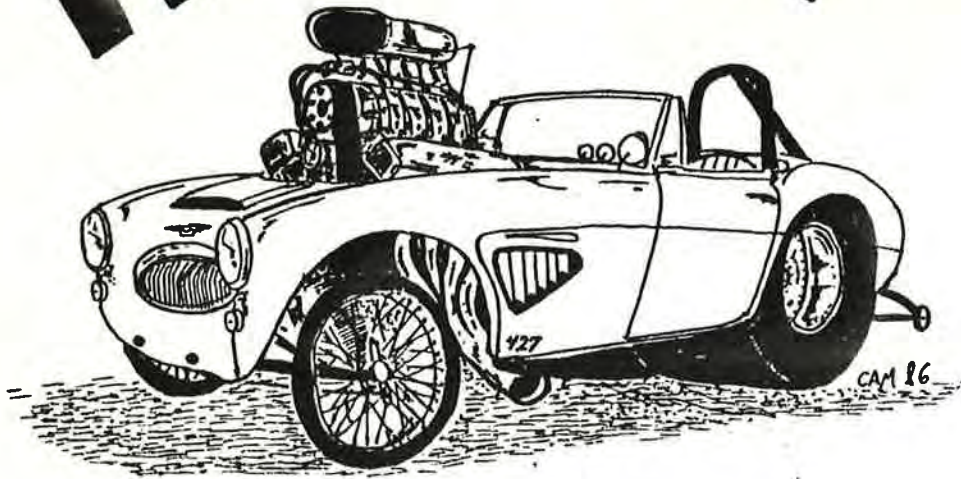
You'll find somewhere in this newsletter a sketch of my proposed design goal for the restoration of our '67 AH 3000 . . . Jane is somewhat skeptical . . . !

TRIUMPH CONVENTION
ISSUE DELAYED

My apologies to you folks who were looking forward to this issue as we had promised coverage of the '87 VTR Convention held a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, all of my pictures ended up in Detroit!

Thanks to Craig for his

HEALEY



which at the annual business meeting . . .

FOR SALE: 1955 Austin Healey 100. Joe Speetjens, 956-5053

WANTED: Wire wheel for an Austin Healey 3000. Wayne Spencer, Suntag, MS 587-7653

Ford purchases luxury car line from Britons

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. said Monday it is buying British luxury automaker Aston Martin Lagonda Ltd., which makes five hand-built, \$140,000-\$170,000 cars a week.

Ford becomes the latest U.S. automaker to buy a prestige line. In the past year, General Motors Corp. has acquired Britain's Group Lotus Cars PLC, and Chrysler Corp. bought Italy's Nuova Automobili F. Lamborghini SpA.

No purchase price or closing date was disclosed. Aston Martin will retain its present management, Ford of Europe Chairman Keith Whipple said.

Ford is the world's most profitable automaker, earning \$3.3 billion in 1986 and \$2.9 billion in the first half of 1987. It had about \$9 billion in cash reserves at last report.

In its history, Aston Martin, founded in 1919, has built just over 10,000 cars.

Each engine is handmade and autographed by a single craftsman at Aston Martin's facilities in Newport Pagnell, England. The company's 400 employees spend 16 weeks on each car, applying 20 coats of hand-rubbed paint.



excellent article on the Austin Healey Convention which provided our lead story for this month's issue. Hopefully, my pictures will be returned in time for the September issue.

Editor

soft drinks.

Anyone desiring to caravan over to Vicksburg from Jackson should meet in the MetroCenter parking lot East of El Chico's around 9:00 am.

SHORT CIRCUITS

RIDE TO THE

RIVER

SEPTEMBER 19

This year's celebrated edition of our Ride to the River will meet in Vicksburg at Import Auto Parts.

Plan A is to leave Vicksburg at 10:30 and take an hour's drive down to Windsor Castle in Port Gibson for a visit. We'll then move on to Grand Gulf State Park for a bring-your-own picnic, with the exception that Jim Karel (owner of Import Auto Parts) will provide the

. . . improvements to the Anderson MGA - lowered rear end & headers - should be completed by this year's Vintage Grand Prix . . . Jack Pool's daughter, Leslie, was recently married in Natchez. Jack is also a new grandfather as his son and daughter-in-law recently had a baby girl . . . Ric Nowell's TR-4 is being re-assembled after its recent paint & body job . . . Joe Speetjens has lined up a TR-3A to purchase - but his Healey 100 must go to make room for it . . . recent events held by the EMC have put the club "into the red" a bit. More about



4th Annual British Car Fest and Swap Meet

Mud Island, Memphis, Tennessee

October 9, 10, 11, 1987

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1987

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Pre-Registration and Hospitality Suite
VIP Suite, Memphis Sheraton

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1987

7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. On Site Registration & Car Clean Up - Mud Island
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Showtime
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Judging
4:00 P.M. Grand Prize Drawing
7:00 P.M. - Until Reception & Awards Presentation
Main Ball Room Memphis Sheraton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1987

9:00 A.M. Wrap-Up Breakfast
Main Dining Room, Memphis Sheraton

HOTEL INFORMATION

Fest Headquarters / Rain Site
MEMPHIS SHERATON HOTEL
300 North Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
(901) 525-2511

For special rates, mention the British Car Fest

Rates: Single \$45.00
Double \$50.00

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Do not have to be present to win

1966 MGB
Fully Restored

Drawing October 10, 1987 - 4:00 P.M.

MUD ISLAND

\$1.00 Donation - Proceeds go to the Variety Club Charities

JUDGING CLASSES - TENTATIVE TO REGISTRATION

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| 1. Pre-War MG thru TC | 10. TR4/250 | 18. Jaguar XKE Series I & II |
| 2. MG TD/TF | 11. TR6 | 19. Jaguar XKE Series III |
| 3. MGA | 12. TR7/TR8 | 20. Jaguar XKE Coupe |
| 4. MGB/MGC Chrome Bumper | 13. Triumph Spitfire | 21. Jaguar Sedans |
| 5. MGB Rubber Bumper | 14. A/H 100-4/100-6 | 22. Competition/Vintage Racers |
| 6. MGB GT | 15. A/H 3000 | 23. Rolls Royce |
| 7. Morgan | 16. Midget/Sprite | 24. Other British Cars |
| 8. Morris Minor | 17. Jaguar XK 120/140/150 | 25. Vintage Motorbikes/Cycles |
| 9. TR2/TR3 | | |

AWARDS, TROPHIES AND DOOR PRIZES

