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Rumblings

It has been exactly a year and a half since the GHA has had a newsletter. A lot has gone on in our country and none of it seems good. But at least I am about to start again on the car.

This edition will include some stuff that should have been published a while ago. I thought I would try to capture it all in this newsletter so there may be a few extra pages and not much on upcoming events. The plan is to publish every other month.

I can make plenty of excuses. I think we all can. The world's gone crazy and during all of that my wife and I decided to move. A good and bad idea. The good is that we have a place we really have wanted for a long time. The bad is that it needed more work than it looked like on the surface. We moved in last September. I was within a week or so of starting the engine on the Healey. Believe it or not, I have still not started it. But as you can see in the pictures in this edition, it is really near ready. This past weekend I spent a few hours going over it, putting a little oil in the cylinders, and spun up the engine without plugs using the starter. The oil pressure came up to 40 PSI after about 5 seconds at zero. That was nail biting. I checked spark and found that I did not have any. A little troubleshooting and I found that the center spring-loaded pin in the distributor cap is missing. I will either have to buy a new cap for \$50 or find a pin. I did check the spark out of the center of the cap and there is a good spark. I have not put gasoline in the tank yet.

What stopped me from starting it before I moved was the messed up throttle linkage. Keith Bester gave me a real good article on it. I will publish it in this edition so others can see how the linkage is supposed to look. That will be my next task to get that linkage ready. Then after putting the pin in the distributor I may actually put gas in and see if she will fire off. More to come soon—I hope.

Phil Ellerbrock, GHA SCN Editor



Me and my better half at
the new house



GHA Meeting: 4th Tuesday of the Month, 7 PM at Keith Bester's
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Don't forget to go to the club website!

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/gatewayhealey/>

The website includes additional articles, links to videos, maintenance tips, and copies of GHA SCN.

Members and Guests at the August meeting

Sean Dowell
Dave Massey
Ron Varley

Dennis Dowell
Richard Etz

Phil Ellerbrock
Jim Reiter

Keith Bester
Bob McElwee

August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Keith Bester reported that after all membership renewals were completed for 2021, GHA has 25 AHCA members and five local club members.

Phil Ellerbrock said he hopes to get a club newsletter out for September 2021 and to produce a newsletter every other month.

Jim Reiter reminded all that the last two Cars & Coffee events at Westport for 2021 will take place on September 18 and October 16.

Ron Varley announced that the annual Cobblestone Nationals scheduled for September 1, 2021 at Fast Lane Classic Cars has been cancelled due to concerns about the Covid virus.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Events calendar in the St. Louis Sports Car Council Gateway Relay at-
www.stlsc.org

Phil Ellerbrock's 1959 BN6 Progress



Engine is ready to install!



Need a couple of big guys to help!



It will fit — I think.



Yup. It sure looks pretty in there



Phil Ellerbrock's 1959 BN6 Progress



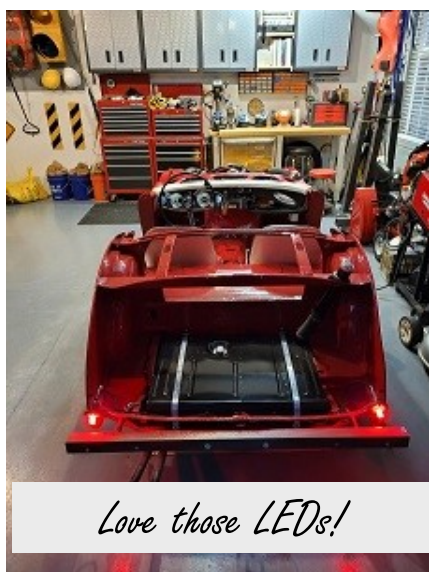
Well we say goodbye to the old homestead...



...and hello to the new place



After a year under covers she still looks very clean!



Love those LEDs!



Dash LEDs too



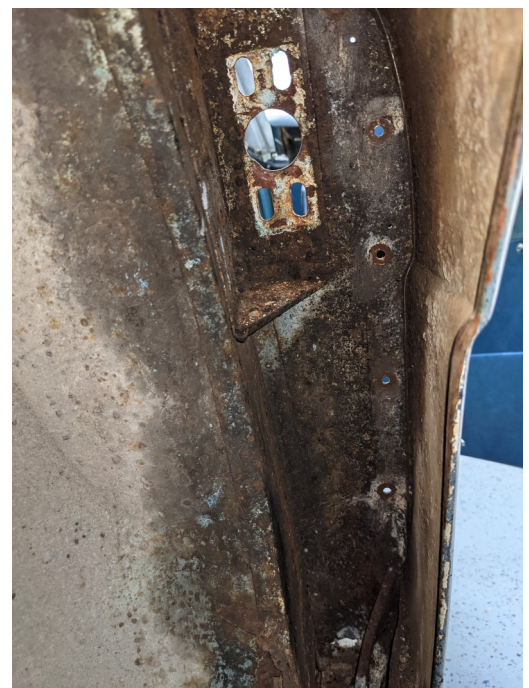
All ready to start!

Sean Dowell's progress on his big healey

May 2021



Thinking it is a front alignment issue, I attempted to do an alignment using 2 tape measures. I set them running under the car making sure to use the same groove in the tire on the front and back. Then I came to the driver's side tire and used the same groove on that tire to measure the distance on the front and back. I then used the difference between front and back to determine and adjust the alignment. It was a bit tedious but it resolved a tire squeal issue I sometimes had when cornering at speed. And the tires don't seem to have gotten any worse. Though they need to be replaced.



At Keith's recommendation, I'm also trying to see if I can get a rear fender off. There is a great deal of rust but I have managed to at least get most of the bolts & screws to turn. Here are a couple pics of the door frame where I managed to remove some parts.

After much struggling and grinding some screws off I managed to get all the door latch and associated covers off. You can also see a bit of the original blue paint here. Someone painted my car white before my dad purchased it.

Sean Dowell's progress on his big healey

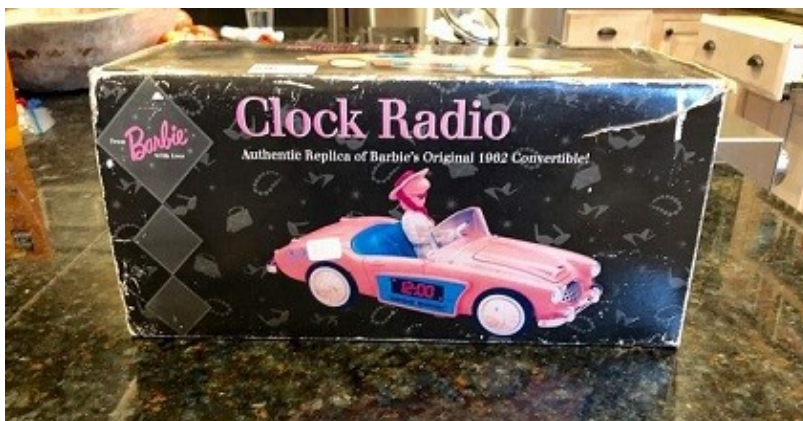
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Working to get the fenders off. Got one rear fender removed. Almost got the other removed too. I'm stuck struggling to remove one screw!. Ordered a screw extractor and should have it off soon!



Barbie™



Photos courtesy of Sean McDowell

Triumph Owners Association Polar Bear Run

Feb 28 2021 Story by Simon Griffin



It was a cool and overcast Sunday morning as a varied group of classics, modern and old assembled in the Waldon Springs MO commuter parking lot. As a Triumph Owners Association event, understandably there were a good smattering of TR6's of varying ages and a lone TR7. MGB, both GT and convertible, NA (series 1) and NC (series 3) Miatas and a "Fiata" as my Miata owning son Christopher called the Fiat Abarth 126. Chuck in a pair of BMWs, one a Z3 and the other a Healey badged M3 and you have nearly rounded out the field. The two oldest cars present were my 100 and a 1600 MGA, complete with polar bear.



The procession set off for the Daniel Boone home heading down MO 94. Everything was nicely organized with maps provided in the event that the procession was split up. The pit-stop at the Boone home was not long, but long enough to get out and see that it is a place that I want to go back to and explore with more time. The wipers on my 100 are almost useless, so the muddy spray that was being kicked up off the damp roads was cleaned from the windshield. So far, the weather was holding, it was just low grey clouds and at most a very light mist of a rain.



Then it was off and on to the winery, Cedar Lake Cellars in Wright City. This part of the drive was wonderful. Twisting winding roads, up and down hill, just perfect to give my big 4 pot free reign to make that glorious



Healey sound. I run a slightly hotter cam in my otherwise stock 100, so get some lovely gurgles and pops upon deceleration and down shift. The route-master had chosen a very picturesque route, which took most of an hour to get to the winery. One of the club members, acting as a road-side photographer, was able to get ahead of the pack as we meandered north, and captured some great images of the cars.



Cedar Lake Cellars is quite the operation. It looks like it is a real event destination, no doubt hosting weddings and other gatherings. On this cold Sunday lunchtime, they had a musician playing and a smattering of guests enjoying a glass of wine. With a 70 mile drive back home in Illinois Christopher and I grabbed a quick snack and hit the road. Heading back down 170 we were soaked by squalls of rain that I had not been anticipating. At 70 MPH in a 100 with the top down, you sort stay out of the rain, but get wet in unexpected places like mid-thigh where the water runs down the inside of the windshield and onto your leg. We never did put the top up and am fairly sure that there are some social medial posts with photos of a pair of idiots driving top-down in the rain.



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Ferrari 458

This car has the most unusual iridescent paint job imaginable for a Ferrari - or any car for that matter. Picture was taken at the August 21 C&C @ Westport Plaza. This is the same Ferrari model Nancy and I drove when we visited the Ferrari factory in 2014.

Photo and text courtesy Ron Varley



**And finally..... Something that will turn heads
and not just for the car....**

Photos courtesy Christopher Griffin, Driver is Simon Griffin.... Or is it?