



## Car club

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### THE FIRE THAT ALMOST DESTROYED MY 1951 NASH-HEALEY by Ted Perrin

My 1951 Nash-Healey was in pretty good, but well-worn shape when I bought it. The engine needed a piston, rings, valve job, and the crank ground with new bearings.

The body had rust-out areas in the normal places, in front of the doors and behind them, of which I heli-arc welded patches on.

I had the seat re-upholstered but the rest of the interior was O.K. except needed a new steel floor.

The car had never been badly hit which was a big help. While stripping the paint I found white, maroon, yellow, and a light tan color. The car is now yellow again. It seemed to have some kind of a white filler material under the white paint (kind of chalky material).

I used Ford Mustang brake shoes which had to be reworked but did fit, and had the drums turned.

It was said that the original owner bought it for his son who was in the Korean War but

never returned. It was then sold to a man in the jewelery business in Attleboro, Mass.

I had it 90% done and on the road last Spring. After taking it for a ride I parked it in my barn. About a half hour later my boy came running in and announced that it was on fire. Well, it was a real wipe out. Am lucky we have a barn left much less the car. Along with the gallant efforts of some neighbors and the fire department all was not lost. The fire ruined the interior - glass - wiring - paint - etc.

I now have it pretty much back together again and am hoping for a better time this year.

Oh yes, I do believe the fire started from grounding the throttle cable to the big wire from the battery to the starter motor.

I do need the side and trunk emblems and the correct gauges, and steering wheel overdrive switch assembly but that will come with time.

Am anxious for warm weather to get here so we can really get to drive and know this car.

NASH-HEALEY CAR CLUB MEET - May 15, 1983  
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

"30th Anniversary of the Nash-Healey LeMans Coupe, Commemorative Meet". The Nash-Healey Car Club Western Area will hold a meet on May 15, 1983 in Palo Alto, California at 8:00 a.m. All Nash-Healeys will depart at a specific time to convoy to the site for the Friendship Day Meet at Stanford Linear Accelerator to setup for the display. I am hoping that we will have 8 Nash-Healey's on hand for this meet. Friendship Day has been one of the most enjoyable meets in the Northern California area and this brings out over 800 collector cars. So, come out in style and drive that Nash-Healey to the meet. Cost is \$5.00 per car at the gate. For information write or call: Sieg Wroebel - 1215 Pearl St. - Alameda, California 94501 415/523-0454

INVITATION TO ATTEND AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB MEET  
Angola, Indiana May 20th thru 22nd

Chris Needler, President of the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Austin Healey Club extends a personal invitation to the Nash-Healey Car Club members to attend the Spring Round Up at Angola, Indiana from May 20 thru 22. If interested write to Chris Needler, President-4716 Beaver Avenue - Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

1983 NASH-HEALEY CAR CLUB NATIONAL MEET

Preparations are underway for the 1983 Nash-Healey Car Club National Meet to be held in conjunction with the N.C.C.A. Grand NASHional at Kemper Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin from July 15th thru the 19th.

Please read the letter on pages 3 and 4 thoroughly which was sent to our Club from the N.C.C.A. This letter gives full details on the meet. Our Nash-Healey Car Club will be handling all pre-registrations just for our club members. You have a choice in the pre-registration. If you are a N.C.C.A. member and a N.-H.C.C. member you may register with the Club of your choice. If you intend to register with our Club please fill out the form on page 9 and return as soon as possible.

It would be nice to have an outstanding turnout for this meet. Hope to hear from you soon.

JUNE 11 & 12, 1983 SOUTHBRIDGE AIRPORT IN  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. - Weekend of Family Fun

On June 11 & 12, 1983 the Yankee Region Kaiser-Frazer Club and the Northeast Region of the Nash Car Club of America will co-host a full weekend of family entertainment sponsored by the Sturbridge Lions Club.

This event will feature food booths, airplane rides, antique engines, military displays, vintage automobile show, flea market and car corral. The highlight of the weekend is an airshow featuring Art Scholl - world's greatest aerobatic pilot. Anyone who has viewed Mr. Scholl's performances in the movies and on the "Real People" and "That's Incredible" television series knows that title is no idle boast.

The show will be held at the Southbridge Airport in Southbridge, Mass. just off the Massachusetts Turnpike near historic Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

All members of the Nash-Healey Car Club are cordially invited to attend. Members of the Club will be on hand with Nash-Healey cars, parts, literature, technical advice and fellowship. For more information on places to stay, dine, etc. please contact: Michael Feingold - 12 Sherwood Ave. - Randolph, Mass. 02368

1983/84 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Your membership dues for the 1983/84 year are due now. Dues run from June 1, 1983 to May 31, 1984. The amount is still \$9.00. Make check or money order payable to the NASH-HEALEY CAR CLUB and mail to Mary A. Soles, Secretary/Treasurer - Nash-Healey Car Club - R.D.#1 Box A161 - Addison, PA 15411



# NASH CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

March 31st, 1983.

Hi Ray,

The Upper Mississippi River Region, on behalf of NCCA, presents these details for your club's information on the 1983 Grand NASHional meeting, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, July 15th through 19th. This information is to be used for your member's registration form development. As outlined in previous correspondence, we would like your club to handle the pre-registration & mail the information on total number attending the tours, meet registration & swap areas with the associated fees to:

Ralph Stumpf  
W 150 S6559 Spring Dr  
Muskego, WI 53150

Ralph will return the appropriate tickets to you for distribution. This mailing should be made by June 15th to allow enough time to return tickets. A late pre-reg can be handled if Ralph has the information, fees, & self addressed stamped envelopes to distribute tickets directly as late as June 30th, at which time pre-registration closes. After June 30th, events will be on a space available basis only. General information follows:

Meet registration to NCCA is \$2 per car. Your club may want to charge more to cover costs of any extras N-H may want to provide. Dual members of N-H & NCCA may register with either club desired. NCCA will have a Nash Healey class for people registering with NCCA. This class will be judged by the peoples choice type used in the past. N-H is encouraged to have whatever judging or other activities & events desired for the members/cars registered with N-H Club. Some time during the banquet will be available to make awards.

The Midway Motor Lodge is being used as the meet headquarters. Lodging should be arranged directly with Midway. Special rates apply when the Nash Meet is mentioned.

\$30	single person, double bed
37	two person, two double beds
44	four person, two double beds

Security for cars in the motel parking lot will be provided Friday & Saturday evenings. Address is 1800 60th St Kenosha, Wis 53140.

Camping is being recommended to interested NCCA members at Sanders Park, corner Hwy KR & 22nd ave, 15 minutes from Midway Motor Lodge. Shower facilities, dumping station, water & electricity. \$6 plus 1.50 for elec. Reservations not required.

Again, please remember NCCA will supply only the display grounds & window cars for each car that registers. NCCA will not be providing meeting rooms, trophies, participation plaques, or other materials for registrants not signing with NCCA. (unless arranged for ahead of time)

We would like to encourage all N-H members to participate in the tours & events planned for the meet, including the three day tour. We expect all these events to be fun activities, & believe the meet offers something for everyone in the family!

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Friday tour will be of the AMC motor and/or body plant. Tours leave from Midway Motor Lodge, tentatively 1 pm by bus. We ask that all tour participants use the bus to avoid congestion & problems. Buses will cost \$2 per person.

Saturday, the show will be at Kemper Center, 7 am to 4 pm. Kemper Center is best reached by taking 60th St east until you reach the lake. Turn south & Kemper Center will be on the lake side of the road. Cars should be in place by 9 am, & remain on display until 3 pm. Grounds close at 4 pm. Swap meet space will be \$5 per 10 X 20.

Saturday Spree: While the car nuts on the field look for parts or the Nash of their dreams, the non-car nuts have an option to hop a bus to the huge new Grand Ave Mall, in Milwaukee for \$3 per person. Bus leaves Kemper Center at 10 am & returns to Midway Motor Lodge at 3:30 pm.

Saturday banquet will be held at the Italian American Club, 2217 52nd St-  
The menu is delicious beef-ham-chicken<sup>buffet</sup> for \$11.50 per person. 6 to 7 pm is the attitude adjustment hour. Dinner will begin at 7 pm. Stay for the fun afterwards!

The Nash-Ramble! This fun tour begins at Midway Motor Lodge, Sunday noon, a 3 day jaunt across southern Wisconsin & northern Illinois. Paced for antiques & fun!  
Sunday night, Dodgeville, WI, stay at the Don Q Inn  
Monday, tour House on the Rock, & then on to Prairie du Chien  
Tuesday, follow the Mississippi south to historic Galena, Ill.  
No registration<sup>cost</sup> is required for the tour, however, please indicate how many people & cars are interested in going. VINTAGE CARS ARE NOT A REQUIREMENT!

If N-H Club has any special requirements not covered by these arrangements, please let me know in order that we may try to accommodate your needs. We are confident your members will enjoy this meet to the fullest, & hope to be able to meet many N-H members!

Happy Nashin'

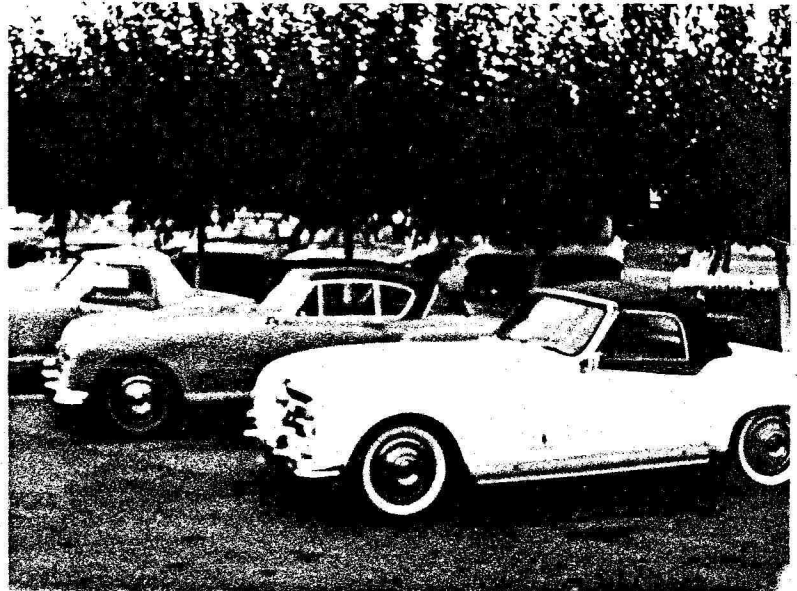
James F. Dworschack  
Meet Chairman



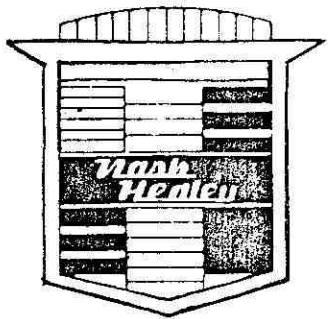
NASH-HEALEY CAR CLUB WESTERN AREA MEET  
11/21/82 VACAVILLE, CA by Sieg Wroebel

Meet Report ... It was just three days before the West coast Nash-Healey meet, to be held in Vacaville, CA (just between Sacramento and Oakland) and it had been raining for days. Betty and I were worried that it would rain on the day of the meet and then what would we do---you know Nash-Healey owners don't take their cars out in the rain!! Well, thank God the day the meet came it was sunshine!! Our Nash-Healey didn't make it, the rear end was still not together. We did take a Farina body though!! Our 1954 Nash Ambassador. The meet began on time and the Nash-Healeys started to arrive and the first was the McGregor's from Carmichael in their 1953 roadster, Ray Hren behind him in his 1954 LeMans coupe, the Paradiso brothers Mike & Jim and Anita (Mike's spouse) drove up from Los Banos, CA and their's turned out to be the long distance for the meet. They brought their 1953 roadster that once belonged to Lewis Long of San Jose, CA. Lewis also came to the meet to share some of his literature with us and I think also to see the old 1953 that he once owned. A white roadster from Lafayette also came in driven by Jacques (Frenchy) Harguineguy, the same 1953 roadster that he owned once before. Yes, he bought it back and loves it. Frenchy was the man responsible for the ownership of the other members, he talked us into buying one and in some cases he also sold them to some of us. He was the owner of six Nash-Healeys at one time. Other members that attended the meet were R. Williams, Dennis McAllister, Ray's brother-in-law, Gordon, Jr., and the Emersons

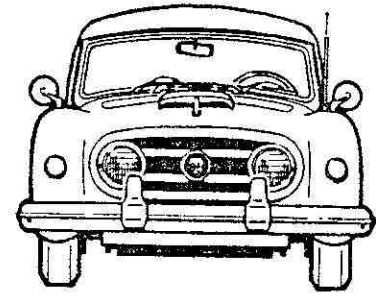
who drove up in their newly acquired 1954 Nash-Healey coupe (a beauty). The meeting started with the introductions of all attending the meet and a short message from Vice President Gordon McGregor. I then talked about the Nash-Healey owners in the Western states and expressed my thanks for those that came to the meet and announced some of the other meets that we may take part in this year. I also read some of the letters from the members in CA that could not attend. After the business meeting we held a seminar on the Nash-Healey and some of the working parts such as steering wheel dismantling and removal from the post by



Gordon. Ray Hren talked about the replacement of the rubber trunion bushing and the tools needed and problems that came up. The Paradiso's also talked about the dual carburetors and how to synchronize them. The last topic was the literature that everyone brought to share and I was amazed as to the large quantity of books, magazine ads, and articles plus sales lit. that was available. (I've got a lot to look for). Reproduction items were going over and some of the items were on hand and we all had a chance to see the items and notice the quality of the items. The seminar was very educational and the meet was great. We all enjoyed it very much. I might add that this was only the second time that we ever had 5 Nash-Healey's together at one time. Let's try for 8 next time.



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March 24, 1983

TO: Pres. Ray Soles Jr. , Officers and Directors  
530 Edgewood Ave.  
Trafford, Pa 15085

Dear Ray

As a director of the Nash Healey Car Club I would like to take this time to propose to the Directors and Membership of the Nash - Healey Club a special resolution .

I propose that we adopt a resolution to " Present a Life Time Membership to Donald M. Healey the Father of the " NASH - HEALEY " .

I don't need to dwell on the achievements of Mr. Donald Healey I think we all know what he has done for the Automobile Industry and also for the Nash - Healey owner.

I would like to inform all of you of the fact that Mr. Healey is now approx. 80 years of age and I hope that all of you will keep this in mind as you vote for the resolution . Time is important and I hope all of you will agree with me that we should do this for Mr. Healey and the Nash-Healey Club . We as a club should be Honored to have this Man as a member of our club .

In the event that this should pass I would like to suggest that a presentation be made to him or a representative at the 1983 Grand Nashional July 1983 Kenosha.

Mr. Healey's address

DONALD M. HEALEY  
PERRANPORTH  
ENGLAND TR60ES

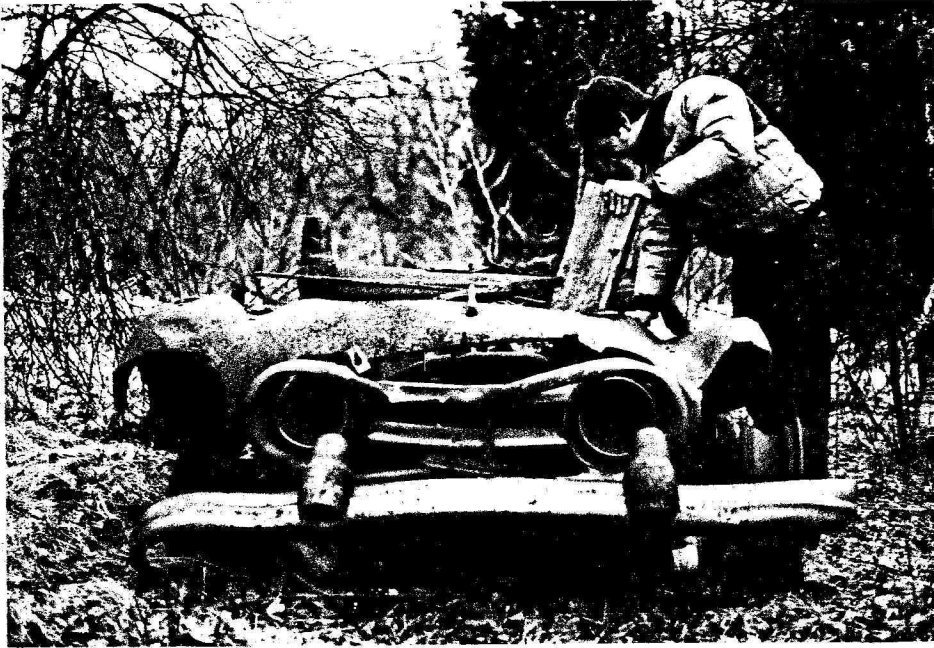
Respectfully submitted ,

*Sieg Wroebel*  
Sieg Wroebel  
Director Nash-Healey Club

NASH-HEALEY RESTORATION UPDATE

Author: Michael Feingold

Photograph: Edward Moore



A well known Nash-Healey expert (Ed Moore) is seen here putting the finishing touches to his latest automotive project. With surgeon-like skill he adjusts the carburetors on the highly customized Farina roadster using a tool of his own design.

COMMENTS FROM CLUB PRESIDENT

Sure feels good to get down off the blocks or up off the butt and out to a flea market and see the old car nuts. I spent some time this past weekend with a couple of well-known carburetor adjusters and cameramen, namely our Nash-Healey Librarian (Mike Feingold) and Nash-Healey Eastern Director (Ed "the carb. specialist" Moore). They were so milk white from cabin fever I had to look twice before I recognized them. The place of our meeting was the Spring Carlisle Event. Ed was very gracious and carried to Carlisle a NOS radiator for my 40 Hudson.

I learned something from Mike Feingold, too. He told me that he has a picture of every Nash-Healey ever made. I thought about that on my trip back to Pittsburgh that night and I think I'm going to challenge him to prove that statement at our National this year. So don't forget to plan on coming to Kenosha, Wisconsin and see Mike squirm or see Ray eat crow. All kidding aside this Club is really

fortunate to have Mike as a member and as Librarian.

We have another member, who while I'm thinking of it, has to be commended for recent good deeds. The member of whom I speak is our Western Director Sieg Wroebel. It sure is great to see members get a chance to meet, let alone have lectures on technical matters. Thank you Sieg and keep up the good work.

Now that we seem to have the inside track on preserving the marque, let's keep our Healeys on the move and plan more meets and attend all meets planned.

It has been suggested by Sieg Wroebel that we the members of the Nash-Healey Car Club, International present Donald Healey with a "Life Time Membership" award for his creation. I heartily agree and will work toward that end. Watch for more on this subject in future newsletters.

Ray Soles, Jr., President