



## Car Club

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# NASH HEALEY NEWS

### PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF THE NASH HEALEY CAR CLUB

The Nash Healey Car Club is now an International Car Club for all Nash Healey owners and enthusiasts. Other Nash and other type Healey owners are also welcome to join. The Nash Healey Car Club has over 70 members in the United States, England, and the Virgin Isles.

It is our desire to promote the preservation, restoration and maintenance of all Nash Healey cars.

To unite all Nash Healey owners and enthusiasts of the marque.

To promote the showing of Nash Healey cars on a Regional and National scale.

To provide a source for all members in finding, buying, selling and trading Nash Healey cars, parts, and literature as well as other automobilia.

To publish a monthly or bi-monthly magazine or newsletter for all members. This will include pictures, articles, technical points, restoration tips, and reports on Nash Healey meets, and news of Nash Healey's and other Nash and Healey cars, and a classified section (advertising will be Free for all members in this section).

All members will be entitled to, and encouraged to, send in news items, articles & stories on restorations. Letters and pictures of members cars will also be welcomed.

Membership dues for one year are \$9.00 for the United States and \$8.00 a year for England and other countries overseas. This includes a membership card, one year subscription to the Nash Healey Newsletter or Magazine and a directory which lists all members and all known Nash Healey cars.

### APPRECIATION FROM THE CO-EDITORS

First of all we would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support and prompt reply to the recent letter and questionnaire that was sent out in May. We have had a good response, at least we think we have, and to date we have received 41 answers. As far as we are concerned this is terrific considering the membership was down to almost nothing in the past few years.

We have received several letters from members saying they would help us and are pleased that the Club was starting back up again. We have been told that we are undertaking quite a job and we hope you the members will bare with us until we get the hang of it.

We answered your letter along with the membership-dues application and from now on all letters received will be answered in the Newsletter.

Thanks again for your support and if all the members give us their help we will succeed in organizing this Club again.

### RELATED THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hal Freitag' of Coral Gables, FLA for designing the present Mast Head which is used on the stationery, envelopes, and past magazines. We were informed, by Hal, that the original mast was a terrible design and he designed the latest. This was some years ago but he was never thanked. He also stated that he wrote to the Club, again several years ago, and stated that the exhaust manifold could be replaced at any Midas Muffler shop. Things like this that are overlooked are unnecessary and credit should be given to those who deserve it. So again, thanks Hal.

PARTS FILE

If any member has any information on where to obtain parts or anything for a Nash Healey please let us know. We are going to keep an up-to-date file of everything. This service will be available to all members but we will need your help to keep the file complete. If you have any information send it to the co-editors.

HILL CLIMBS

Recently Steve Parsons of Illinois ran his Nash Healey in a couple of sports car hill climbs and he said the car handles quite well at speed. He has a 1951 roadster. Good luck Steve, you have more guts than I do.

HEALEY SPORTSMOBILE

John B. Barth owns a 1954 Healey coupe and also a Healey Sportsmobile. He said it is believed to be the only Sportsmobile in the United States and that there were only 17 Healey Silverstones in North America. We would like to hear more about this car, John so drop us a line. It would be good reading material for everyone.

1981 NATIONAL MEET

We would like to inform all the members that we are going to have our 1981 National Meet this year in conjunction with the N.C.C.A. Grand NASHional. We have the support of the Board and Officers and it would be great to have all the members attend. We know that isn't possible but let's try to make an effort to get there. We have several letters from members stating they would love to have a good turnout.

When we approached the N.C.C.A. about this meet they have only one requirement and that is you have to be a member of the Nash Car Club of America. We feel it is very beneficial to belong to their Club. They have a bi-monthly magazine which is very informative. So please consider joining their Club also. It would be nice to have a good turnout at the National. There are several members who are from the Gettysburg area

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(within a few hundred miles or so) and we would love to see you there with your Healey. The attached flyer gives more details on the meet. The dates for this meet are August 14, 15, and 16.

4TH ANNUAL EASTERN MEET

On August 22 and 23 there will be the 1981 Eastern Meet of the Nash Healey Car Club at Butler, PA. This is in conjunction with the Butler Old Stone House Region of A.A.C.A. It is held at the Butler Fairgrounds and we hope to have a good turnout. We had a total of five Healey's there last year and maybe with a little publicity we could have a few more. Pre-registration is requested. The attached flyer gives more information on this meet.

OTHER MEETS OF INTEREST

Kaiser-Frazier Mid-America Meet

We have been informed by Arden Kobler that there is going to be a Mid-America Kaiser-Frazier Meet on July 23, 24, 25, & 26th in Wicheta, Kansas. The Club would welcome as many Nash Healey's that could come. It is a big meet and there are a lot of things scheduled for this event. If any Nash Healey owners are in the area please attend this meet. If you need more information you should contact Arden Kobler - 3312 Lincoln Dr. - Hays, Kansas 67601

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## TECHNICAL TIP

The recessed spark plug holes in the Nash Ambassadors engine tend to collect grease. Sand and other debris can then readily fall into the motor when the spark plugs are removed. Eventually, some of this material becomes lodged in the threads making removal and installation difficult. The delicate threaded aluminum heads used in the Nash Healey are particularly prone to damage from this condition. This situation is easily prevented. Chrysler Corporation's famous slant six engine is equipped with similarly recessed spark plug holes and a set of ignition cables containing neoprene spark plug boots with a wide flange that seals the chamber against the entrance of extraneous matter. These Mopar ignition cable sets are readily available at auto parts and discount department stores. The boots slip off the wires and may then be substituted for those on your Nash Healey. Although the Mopar cables will not directly interchange with those on the Nash, some of them can be utilized with careful trimming. Not only do the boots keep the spark plug chambers clean but they look good too.

The above information was sent to us from Michael Feingold of Mass. Thank you Mike.

## MEMBERSHIP-DUES

Dues are on an annual basis and are due in June of each year.

## LITERATURE TO TRADE

- (1) 8x10 factory press release photos. 36 to choose from.
- (2) Unbuilt 1951 N.H. plastic model kit by Premier Products.
- (3) Large color portrait of Farina roadster from Esquire Magazine.
- (4) Copies of 1951 & 1954 press release announcements, dozens of magazine articles, shop & owners manuals, S.A.E. papers by Nash Healey Chief Engineer, Earl Monson, etc.

Will trade the above for items I do not have Michael Feingold - 12 Sherwood Ave. - Randolph, Mass 02368

## CLASSIFIED

WANTED - Distributor (complete), grill emblem, Pinin Farina emblems & script, horn ring for a 1954 coupe: John B. Barth - Rt. 1 Livingston, WI 53554

WANTED - Grille center emblem, decent bumpers for 1953 coupe: Harold "ED" Case - 31 Hillcrest Ave. - Port Jefferson, NY 11777

WANTED - Rubber parts, motor parts, and carburetor kits for a 1954 coupe: John M. Davis - Rt. 1 Box 145 - Port Republic, VA 23371

WANTED - Pinin Farina lettering for both sides of fenders, complete frame of convertible top for 1953 roadster: Rudy Franco - 740 Sampson St. - San Diego, CA 92113

WANTED - Set of original hub caps for a 1952 N.H.: Hal Freitag - 215 Camilo Ave. - Coral Gables, FL 33134

WANTED - Weather stripping, tie rod ends, steering gear box (possibly needed) for a 1954 coupe: John D. Kemmer - 3217 No. 35th St. - St. Joseph, MO 64506

WANTED - Any type or any kind of parts for a 1954 coupe: Arden & Maggie Kobler - 3312 Lincoln Dr. - Hays, KS 67601

WANTED - Tach drive, accelerator pedal and linkage, heater control valve, grille medallion, rear license light (minus lens), overdrive shift switch, engine dipstick, seat (complete seat) for a 1953 roadster: Michael Lamm - Box 7607 - Stockton, CA 95207

WANTED - Front emblem, script on trunk, tail light bezels, original trunk handle for a 1953 roadster: Gordon & Carolyn McGregor - 1335 Mission Ave. - Carmichael, CA 95608

WANTED - Need any literature, windshield, grille medallion, hinge assembly for hood, side moldings, wiring harness, dash ash tray, tail light lens, trunk handle, right and left front suspension boxes, gear shift knob, exhaust pipe, rear shocks, license plate light, jack plugs, new rubber moldings for windows-doors-hood and trunk for a 1953 coupe: Stephen Molle - 1304 West Miller - Lansing, MI 48910

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WANTED - Grille emblem for a 1951 roadster: Reggie Nash - 1400 Brooke Rd. - Richmond, VA 23220

WANTED - Hood latch, trunk latch, canvas top, left door rocker panel molding (4' alloy/chrome like molding), side curtains, tail light chromex for a 1953 roadster: Edward G. Novotny - 2 Tudor City Pl. - New York, NY 10017

WANTED - Parking lamps, crossed flag for trunk, grille emblem, trunk handle for a 1952 roadster: Charles L. Olson - 2317 Central Ave. - Alameda, CA 94501

WANTED - Cam and lifters for engine, spare suspension arm and uprights for a 1951 roadster: Steve Parsons - 119 Stahl - Washington IL 91571

WANTED - Side script, grille badge for a 1951 roadster: Franklin A. Russell - LeeMont, VA 23403

WANTED - Horn assembly & overdrive switch, ash tray (or emblem for ash tray): Jeanne & Jay Simonsen - 5626 Beth View - El Paso, TX 79932

WANTED - Emblems, tail lenses, head gaskets, or anything for a 1953 coupe: Robert Sklar - Box 329 - Monroe, NY 10950

WANTED - Dual carburetor head and second side draft carburetor for a 1954 coupe: Richard L. Snell - 552 Birchwood Rd. - Jackson, MI 49203

WANTED - Take off drive for tachometer for a 1954 Coupe: Charles R. Steedman - 271 Angell St. - Providence, RI 02906

WANTED - Original dash & gauges, hood grille, motor mounts, emblems, front grille emblem for a 1951 roadster: Charles & Kathleen Vernon - 2521 Mission Trail - Kalispell, MT 59901

WANTED - Bumpers front and rear, ornament, one ext. door handle driver side, two interior door pulls for 1954 coupe: Siegfried H. Wroebel - 1215 Pearl St. - Alameda, CA 94501

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FOR SALE - Extra engine: Paul A. Capelli - 4500 Seventh St. - Kenosha, WI 53142

FOR SALE - Many factory photos at \$4 each: John A. Conde - 1340 Fieldway Dr. - Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

FOR SALE - Reprinted shop manuals black & white covers, Healey & Farina bodies \$10 postpaid: Michael Feingold - 12 Sherwood Ave. Randolph, MA 02368

FOR SALE - Used oil pump, used water pump, Xerox copies (pages) of original Healey parts catalog (F 2302 dealer book No.), Also have a N.H. Technical Service Manual that I would Xerox pages for those who need them: John D. Kemmer - 3217 No. 35th St. - St. Joseph, MO 64506

FOR SALE - NOS rear fender grilles (ornament), 1 "Healey" script for trunk: \$15 for each item unplayed: Michael Lamm - Box 7607 - Stockton, CA 95207

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

It's great to own a rare car, like a Nash Healey. Having someone say "this car of yours is the only one I've seen", is great. The problem is, when you have a rare car, parts to fix or restore it are also rare. This is proven to me again and again as I hear from fellow club members. The only thing I can think of to do to help all concerned is talk to one another about needs and resources. Talk can be handled very nicely in a good Newsletter. Talk to your editors and we'll pass it on. If you don't need anything or you don't have anything to sell or advise on just talk about your car. For every Nash Healey out there, there is a story. When you write to your editors, tell us who you are, By who you are, we mean walk of life, age, other hobbies, or just anything. We love to hear and read about the people who love these cars and we think you'll enjoy reading about fellow members and their cars. Wouldn't you like to hear about the Healey that never had a title, or the Healey that had a gangster killed in it, or how about Supermans Healey or the Healey of Boston Blackie. Let me say it again, talk to your editors. Nash Healey's are great cars and with a little work we can have a great organization.