

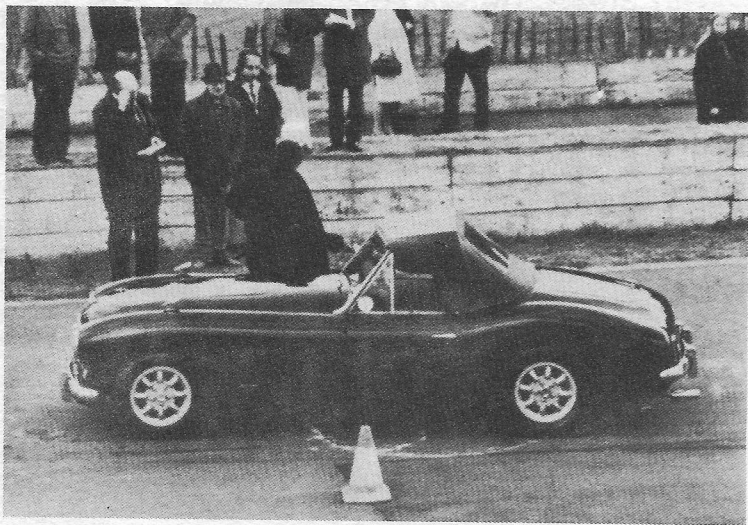
# Nash Healey

## Car club

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### ALVIS HEALEY



NOT MUCH ALVIS about Jim Oakman's Healey, though accepted as an Alvis by special dispensation. Modern Minilite wheels do not seem to contravene the Clink formula.

## PURPOSE & 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 100 members in the United States, England, and the Virgin Isles.

It is our desire to promote the preservation, restoration and maintainance 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 bi-monthly magazine 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, and stories on restorations. Letters and pictures of members cars will also be welcomed.

Membership dues for one year are \$6.00 for the United States and \$4.00 a year for England and other countries overseas. This includes a membership card, one year subscription to the Nash Healey Magazine (published bi-monthly) and a Directory which lists all members and all known Nash Healey cars.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

A note about my publishing this magazine.

This is the third issue that I've done in six months; Fall 1976, November 1976, and this issue.

There have been a few irritations that I'm working out. Labels are one of them. They fell off the magazine. Bad glue. The reproduction of the cover was only xerox on the first two issues. This one is by a different process that I hope is improved. If you did not get either the Fall '76 or the November '76 issue, drop me a line and I'll send copies to you.

I generally don't answer letters privately about Nash Healeys. I attempt to answer all your questions and requests in the magazine so that all the members can benefit from the information.

Keep the photos coming--the letters are great.

I've put Steve Parson's letter in tech. topics complete since it's so full of great information that we can all use.

P.S. Dues are on an annual basis and are due in January of each year. In this time of inflation, it's nice that the Club has held to \$6.00 a year. Some clubs are \$14.00 and more.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

### STEERING WHEELS

My wheel is at a Steering Wheel Service in Calif. I sent my wheel to them and they gave me a price of \$106.00 including painting the hub and welding the spokes. ...The Catch, The rim is in wood. They do not have a mold for the Nash Healey wheel. The quote was \$375.00 to make a mold and cast a wheel. A one shot deal.

Meanwhile, I'm using an XK-120 wheel which fits perfectly. The horn, etc., is different but it allows me to steer.

I'm planning to be in England in May and will try to find wheels in Europe. Bluemels is still in business; and they made the wheel originally. Lucas is still there and they made the horn and and switch ring. So, I hope that in England where they never throw anything away, I find some parts for all of us. There is another possibility I'm looking at...The Alvis Club.

I was having a new headliner put in my Mercedes stationwagon and was discussing the difficulty of a Nash Healey seat replacement. I have no seat for my car. One of the problems is the back must fold straight forward. In most cars, the back tips toward the center to aid rear seat passengers in a two-door car. Well, there was this seat. It had the potential to be THE seat. It was a 1972 Ford Torino seat. The height is close. The width will fit in the Nash Healey and the back folds straight forward so the top can be folded down behind it. The shape of the back is all wrong, but is excessive rather than too short. Any seat that I could imagine finding would need adjustment in the line of the seat back. I'm going to disassemble a seat-back and reshape it for my car. I will keep you posted on my success or failure. In fact, if it makes out, I will give you a photo story of it.

Peter A. Williams

## LETTER FROM CLUB MEMBER, Steve Parson's

Surprised but pleased to get two Nash Healey Magazines in a couple of month's! Was going to write before but never got to it. I have a 1951 Nash Healey. Here's the registry info:

1951 Nash Healey Convertible  
Chassis-2015  
Original Engine (still have the block)  
Mileage-67,000  
Condition-Good. Virtual total mechanical rebuild. Body good but needs bodyman.

Date acquired-May 30, 1968  
Interesting(?)Odds & Ends: Early body(there were two slightly different 1951 bodies-main difference was in shape of front edge of door and size of fenders - early 1951 had "notch" in top front edge of door and smaller fenders), gas pedal between brake and clutch pedals, side windows pull up (no cranks), battery on left side behind left front wheel housing. (I mention all these because there appears to be a number of differences among 1951's)

You mentioned steering wheel repair. I wrote a short article for Richard Kauffman on it. Basically, the problem is that the rim breaks away from the spokes. (at least that's what happened to mine) because the spokes are only pressed into the metal ring in the rim. I broke away the plastic and had the spokes welded to the rim. Then I got a length of heater hose and placed it around the wheel. Then I wrapped the hose with a good quality plastic electrical tape (3M is good). What results is a good looking, solid wheel that you can get a good grip on (the original one was too skinny). It might not please those who demand complete originality but it sure is an improvement in driveability.

John Bowers of England has all the front suspension bearings, shafts, bushings. He also can supply tie rod ends and the shaft and bearings for that front steering pivot plate. To get them though, you may need to be a member of the Association of Healey Owners. Write to John Bowers for info.

John also helped me with my steering gear problem. The original gear was made by Burman Co. of England. The worm gear in mine became badly pitted, resulting in loose and rough steering. But we could find no parts in this country or England. Even the maker had none. Therefore, John supplied me with a Marles Co. steering gear. It's the same type as used in the Healey Silverstone, the LeMans, racing Nash Healey's and some other Healey's and other cars. It was almost a bolt-in. It works fine. Cost, including shipping was around \$100.00. There is only one problem-this gear is one turn quicker than the original so it increases the steering effort. Therefore, could you put a wanted ad in the next issue to see if anyone might have a good used original steering gear? Also, I'd like to find a new set of valve lifters.

Rebuilding the front suspension is not difficult (but it is expensive) and really improves the way the car drives. Incidentally, the bolts on the chassis and front suspension are British Whitworth. They are not metric. Special wrenches are needed. They can be bought (which may require some looking) or can be made from U.S. wrenches (which requires some work). Adjustable wrenches can be used but are not awkward.

Keep up the good work on the magazine.

P.S. Steering wheels- check steering wheels from other British cars of the 50's. I believe a TR3 wheel will fit. Splines are the same, I believe, so you could get a new sport wheel from an accessory firm for a TR3 and use it.

-STEVE PARSON

January 23, 1977

OPEN INVITATION TO:  
MEMBERS OF THE NASH-HEALEY CAR CLUB  
AND INTERESTED GEUSTS.

The Western Region of The Nash-Healey Car Club is now forming and it would like to invite all interested people to a Western Regional meeting and car show. We have set up the following events for your consideration. You may participate in one or more of the following events, the individual costs are shown by each event. We must have your checks by June 1, 1977 in order to have confirmed reservations.

WESTERN REGIONAL MEET 1977

Tuesday June 21 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

10:00 a.m. Meet at Harrah's Car Collection parking lot for tour of collection N/C

3:00 p.m. Meet at Holiday Hotel parking lot for tour to Dayton, Geona, Carson City and Virginia City ghost towns and resorts. Dinner at Dayton area restaurants.

Wed. June 22

6:00-9:30 p.m. Welcoming Cocktail Party N/C  
HOLIDAY HOTEL Suite #828

Thurs. June 23

Before Dawn til 3:30 p.m. Harrah's Swap Meet First day. Will BE AT Spaces E3/4 with booth

6:00-9:30 p.m. Technical and restoration advice Holiday Hotel Suite #826

6:00-9:30 p.m. Cocktails Suite #828

Friday June 24

A.M. Harrah's swap meet booth at E3/4

7:00 p.m. Joint Car Show Nash-Healey and Nash Car Club of America Holiday Inn Convention Center entry fee \$1.00

8:30 p.m. Joint Banquet Buffet style  
Top of Holiday Inn \$10.00@

Sat June 25

A.M. Harrah's swap meet & car show-  
All Nash-Healey entrant will receive entry forms from Western Region. would like a good turnout.

10:45 Meet at Harrah's for Midnite Cocktail Show at The Headliner Room \$15.00@



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Sunday June 26

8:00-11:00 a.m. Champagne Brunch at  
holiday hotel's Shore Room. Buffet style  
all you can eat \$5.000

10:00 a.m. Weekenders Special- tour of  
Harrah's Car Collection N/C

Suggested total package cost is \$205.00  
for two people. Includes Deluxe accomadations  
at Holiday Hotel for four nites(WED-SAT nites.  
Nash car show entry fee,Joint Club Banquet,  
Sat. Headliners Show at Harrah's,Sun breakfast  
buffet.It all adds up to a big experiance.

The rooms at the Holiday Hotel are all on  
the scenic river side of the hotel. The  
garage is underground with attendant parking,  
it is safe and protected from prying eyes and  
fingers.Holiday Hotel has full casino facilitie  
for gaming in the evening.

Anyone who preregisters and shows thier  
Nash-Healey Saturday at Harrah's Car Show  
will recieve a savings bond from Bob & I' for  
Thier time and consideration.We are doing  
this to ensure a good showing of these rare  
cars.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
NASH-HEALEY CLUB WESTERN REGION

*Thank You  
Nadine Wiley*

MEET CO-ORDINATOR:  
NADINE WILEY  
5425 HUTCHINSON ROAD  
SEBASTOPOL,CALIF.,95472

PHONE 707-823-7407 or 7408:  
after 6:30 p.m.

*Fold Here*

BOB: In order to come to Reno and/or show  
our car, we need the following help or information

We want reservations for;

Deluxe rooms for two people for \_\_\_\_\_ nites \$36.00@nite

NASH-HEALEY/ NASH CAR CLUB of AMERICA  
joint banquet for \_\_\_\_\_ people \$1000 @

Harrah's Car Show entry's  
Joint Nash-Healey/Nash  
car show pre entry's

Harrah's Headliner Show

Reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ people \$15.00 @  
Sunday's Champagne Brunch reservations  
for \_\_\_\_\_ people \$ 5.00@

Yes reserve the Total Packake for  
us for \$205.00 for two people, check is  
enclosed

No, we won't be able to attend Reno  
meet but want more information on  
joining Western Region

MAIL INFORMATION REQUESTED TO; \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NADINE-

YES we are coming to Reno and would like  
to participate in the following

ACTIVITY ROOMS

Tuesday June 21

1000 a.m. Harrah's

car tour

3:00 p.m. Tour to old

Nevada silver towns

Wednesday June 22

6:00 p.m. cocktails

Thursday June 23

6:00 p.m. Tech/restro

seminar

Friday June 24

7:00 p.m. N-H car show

8:30 p.m. Nash Banquet

Saturday June 25

A.M. Harrah's car show

10:45 p.m. Harrah's

Headliner show

Sunday June 26

8:00-11:00 a.m. Brunch

10:00 a.m. Harrah's car

collection tour

NADINE; We can help with Judging, Tech or  
RESTRATION SEMINAR, BARTENDING OR STAFFING  
SWAP MEET INFO BOOTH. ( CIRCLE CHOICE)

## ALVIS HEALEY

About twenty-five 1951 Nash Healey cars were  
left over in 1952. Donald Healey cast about for  
an engine and he settled on an Alvis 3 litre engine  
and brakes, etc. It was, in fact, the same car as  
a 1951 Healey. The picture on the rear cover is an  
Alvis Healey. Bruce Earlin was kind enough to send  
me several pictures and supply information. The  
engines were about 115hp with 8 1/4:1 compressions.  
The rear axle was 3.77 and 16" wheels (all were R.H.D.).

Performance:	1/4 mile	18.6 sec.
	0.30	3.7
	0.50	8.5
	0.60	11.4
	0.80	21.5
	Top speed 110 mph	

The quotes under the pictures are from The  
Alvis Owner Club Publication. I hope they illumin-  
ate more than confuse.

## Brand New Front End Parts

Eccentric mounting pins for shock absorbers.....	\$20.00 ea.
Knuckle spindle.....	74.00 ea.
Sway Bar Anchors.....	10.00 ea.
Outer bearing felt washers(for trailing link rear end).....	4.00 ea.
Sway bar sleeves.....	6.00 ea.
Bearing retainer screw.....	4.00 ea.
Thrust washers for king pins.....	3.00 ea.

SPECIAL - 60 DAYS ONLY - N-H cross flag emblem  
(repro) Reg. \$14.00 now only \$9.95  
(limit one)

Brand new FARINA fender emblem.....	17.00
Nash-Healey bumper badge-chromed-new price.....	18.95
Carb. repair kits for S.U. carbs.....	5.95 ea.
Carb. repair kits for Carter carbs.....	4.95 ea.



Brand new parts for Nash Healey-

Complete set of king pins and bushings .....	\$60.00
Parking lite lens.....	2.30
Complete parking light assembly(less lens).....	14.50
Taillight lens.....	3.95
Fan Belt.....	4.95
Voltage Regulator.....	18.95
Ignition Coil.....	14.95
Ignition Tune-up kit.....	5.95
Brake Master Cylinder Repair Kit.....	5.95
Wheel cylinder repair kit.....	3.95
Starter solenoid.....	9.95
Light dimmer switch.....	3.95
Brake hose.....	5.95
Fuel pump.....	16.95
Water pump.....	26.95
Front wheel bearings (inner or outer).....	6.95
Piston ring set(3 1/2 in. bore).....	26.95
Starter drive.....	9.50
Exhaust valves-set of six.....	26.95
Intake valves-set of six.....	22.95
Horn relay.....	5.95
License plate lamp holder (orig.).....	25.00
N-H type trunk handle(without lock cylinder).....	7.00
Set of chrome lock latch strikers for trunk.....	12.00
Set of chrome door pulls(2).....	15.00
set of six piece chrome trim for crash pad('52-'54)	25.00
Rebuilt water pump.....	15.00
Set of rear coil springs(like new).....	15.00
(for above) shipping	4.00

USED PARTS

Used brake drum(for '52-'54).....	15.00
shipping...	5.00
Used damper pulley.....	8.00
shipping...	3.00
Used universal joint.....	6.00
shipping...	2.00
Used front end ball joint.....	20.00
Used bracket part no.H5197.....	5.00
Used part no.H3043.....	5.00
Used part no.H4611.....	2.00
Used stay cover trunk hinge.....	3.00

Send orders to:

Richard Kauffman  
100 Church St.  
Lakeland, Ga. 31635

NASH HEALEY CLUB ITEMS ORDER FORM

( ) Nash Healey bumper badge, quality made, 3" chrome N-H colors.....	\$6.95ea
( ) Nash Healey lapel pin or tie tac, miniature N-H emblem.....	2.25ea
( ) Nash Healey Genuine leather key case(Black w/silver).....	1.50ea
( ) Nash Healey litter bags, vinyl, (specify color-red, blue, green, blk)	.50ea
( ) Nash Healey Dash plaques, only a limited number are available....	.75ea
( ) 1970 Spring Meet	
( ) 1970 National Meet	
( ) 1973 Spring Meet	
( ) 1971 Spring Meet	
( ) 1971 National Meet	
( ) 1972 National Meet	
( ) 1974 National Meet	
( ) Nash Healey vinyl 3 color decals, very durable.....	.50ea
( ) reprint of the 1953 8-page Nash Healey brochure.....	1.50ea
( ) reprint of 1951 Nash Healey Sales sheet.....	.50ea
( ) Special Interest Auto Mag. Vol.1 No.1 with N-H article, rare, orig.	2.00ea
( ) Special Milestone Car mag. with N-H article, limited number avail.	3.00ea
( ) back issues of Nash Healey Magazines:	
Vol.1 No.2 ( ) No.3 ( ) No.4 ( ) No.5 ( ) No.6 ( )	
Vol.2 No.1 ( ) No.2 ( ) No.3 ( ) No.4 ( ) No.5 ( )	
Vol.3 No.1 ( ) No.2 ( ) No.3 ( ) No.4 ( ) No.5 ( )	
Vol.4 No.1 ( ) No.2 ( ) No.3 ( ) No.4 ( ) No.5 ( )	
Vol.5 No.1 ( ) No.2 ( )	

NOTE: All back issues are 75¢ ea.

Also, a very limited amount of original Nash Healey Literature is still available.

52,53,54 N-H Shop Manuals-xerox.....\$17.50  
 52,53,54 N-H Parts Catalog-xerox..... 12.50  
 Peter A. Williams, P.O. Box 16, Village Sta., NY, NY 10014

WANTED: Front suspension casting; the ones that bolt to the frame-mine are shot. Harold Case, 31 Hillcrest Avenue, Port Jefferson, NY (516)473-3482

WANTED: Flywheel and bell housing for '54 Coupe  
 F. Vellano, 211 Riverside, Scotia, NY (518)372-9512

WANTED: '53 Coupe  
 C.W. Nittinger, Box 133A Best Rd., E.Greenbush, NY 12061

WANTED: magazine ad re: Teal Blue N-H Roadster with English County Setting. Dr. Blackburn, 14010 Allisonville Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060

WANTED: 1951 Roadster-prefer excellent original condition or restored. Fred Neff, 408 Cleveland Ave. N., Apt. 204, St. Paul, Minn. 55104 (612)646-4927

1952 Roadster parts needed: Steering wheel, front and rear bumper guards, radio & speaker, jack-hole plugs, S.U. air cleaners, grill emblem. Art Lombardi, 266 Webb Circle, Monroe, CT 06468

FOR SALE: 1954 Nash Healey Coupe, very good running condition. New eng. has less than 1,000 miles. Car is complete. Drive anywhere. No rust ever! \$5,000 firm. Jacque Harguindeguy, 167 Richard Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595 (415)934-5499

FOR SALE: '52 Roadster New chrome and paint and seat. Needs detailing. \$4,000. Art Lombardi, 266 Webb Circle, Monroe, CT 06468

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( )	Orig. 1953 8-page two-tone Nash Healey sales brochure.....	\$12.00ea
( )	Orig. 1953 Power to win folder on the N-H Lellans race.....	3.50ea
( )	Orig. 1952, 53, 54 Nash Dealer News with Photoson Nash Healey cars	2.00ea
( )	Orig. magazines of the 1950's with N-H articles & photos.....	2.00ea
( )	Orig. 1951 Nash Healey Owners handbook and guide.....	7.00ea
( )	Orig. 1952 folder on the Nash Motor Company.....	2.50ea
( )	Orig. cancelled Nash Motor Stock certificate, nice souvenir.....	5.00ea

NOTE: All items will be shipped postpaid, on a first-come basis.

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Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for delivery



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