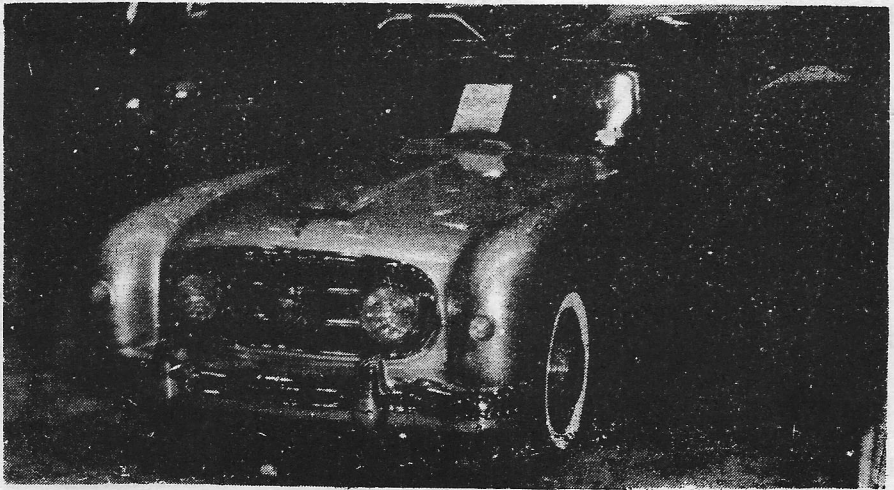


# Nash Healey

## Car club

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**1953 NASH HEALEY**

## 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 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 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 a so 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 Magazine (published bi-monthly) and a directory which lists all members and all known Nash Healey cars.

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## TECH. NOTES

### Carburator & Fuel flow

Gas Problems? With age the Nash Healey tanks are rusting on the inside. The tank is held up with two straps held by 8mm bolts through the trunk floor. 1) drain the tank. 2) remove tank and have it boiled out 3) clean out side and/or sandblast 4) paint outside 5) coat inside of tank with sloshing compound. Reinstall.

A few comments are in order. If you break the bolts taking the tank down, use a torch after the tank is out and remove the broken bolts. Then use a tap to clear the threads. You will probably find a pile of rust in the tank, this is of course the problem after cleaning the tank and getting out all the loose particles that you can. The sloshing compound that I used I got at an airport. The fuel tanks in aircrafts are regularly coated to keep the tanks clean. There are many tank coating compounds on the market - Look in Hemmings Motor News!

After the tank is reinstalled, an in-line fuel filter is a good idea. If you want to keep it as original as possible try and find an old glass-bowl filter as might have been originally on the fuel pump.

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### BUTLER CAR SHOW

The weather was terrific in western Pennsylvania. There was a Flea Market and a general car show by division. Nash Healey was in its own area by the front gate where one got alot of lookers and interest. The reactions of passersby were quite favorable. The Nash Healey Club was represented by a '52 Roadster, 2-'53 Roadsters, a '53 Coupe, 2 AMX, a '40 Nash Convertible, a Lafayette, and a '56 Ambassador. Most of the members stayed nearby in a local motel. Actually, the club mostly took over the motel. It was good fun and nice to be there.

Well, finally UPS returned the windshield frame and I made another trip back to Modern Plating in Newark, NJ for what I planned as the best time. There amidst the mess of the outer office was a mass of twisted cardboard and used tape that looked like a gorilla had wrapped it as he would an unwanted banana. I unwrapped it to find the chrome flaking off and the part not properly prepared.

My advice - Stay away from Modern Chrome and Plating in Newark, New Jersey!!

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Letter of interest...

Dear Sirs:

With date June 2, 1977, I mailed to yours a letter, in which I explained that I have a Nash Healey from 1953 designed by Pinin Farina.

By the way I am reconstructing the car. I have finished to fix all the mechanical parts, with the exception of the upholstery and the body work. It would be very interesting for me to get some information about your club and my car.

I find many difficulties to restore the car because it is the only one Nash Healey in this country. Any information I could get from Yours would be truly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

George Rinze  
Guatemala, City  
Central America

## NASH HEALEY PRODUCTION

There were 510 total cars produced in four years

1951  
1952 Convertible  
1952 Hardtop  
1953 Convertible  
1953 Hardtop  
1954 Convertible  
1954 Hardtop

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Jensen Healey Stories

by Peter Browning

Croydon Motor Racing Publications

Adelphi, MD 20783

distributed by:

Motorbooks International

Minn., Minnesota (\$11.95)

Includes good information such as both Jensen's; and Healey's were at one time powered by Nash engines, or that a Nash Healey really is quite similar to a Silverstone but with a different body. There is a piece on Nash Healey's.

## ELECTION TIME!!!

Nominations for New Directors:

Brand new parts for Nash Healey-

Complete parking light assembly(less lens)..... 14.50  
 Fan Belt..... 4.95  
 Voltage Regulator..... 18.95  
 Ignition Coil..... 14.95  
 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

Set of chrome lock latch strikers for trunk..... 12.00

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

N.H. lapel pin or tie tac, miniature N-H emblem..... 2.25ea  
 N.H. genuine leather key case(black w/silver)..... 1.50ea.  
 N.H. litter bags, vinyl, (specify color-red, blue,  
 green, black)..... .50ea

Reprint of the 1953 8-page Nash Healey brochure..... 1.50ea  
 Reprint of 1951 Nash Healey sales sheet..... .50ea

Special Milestone Car Magazine with Nash Healey  
 article, limited number available..... 3.00ea

Special Interest Auto Magazine, Volume 1, No.1, with  
 Nash Healey article, rare, original..... 2.00ea

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( ) No.6( )  
 Vol.3 No.1( ) No.2( ) No.3( ) No.4( ) No.5( )  
 Vol.4 No.1( ) No.2( ) No.3( ) No.4( )  
 Vol.5 No.1( ) No.2( )

NOTE: ALL back issues are 75¢ each  
 BACK ISSUE CADDERS: P. Williams, SCARLETT  
 VILLAGE ST.  
 WYOMING, WY 80414

BRAND NEW FRONT END PARTS

Eccentric mounting pins for shock absorbers..... \$20.00ea.  
 Knuckle spindle..... 74.00ea.  
 Sway Bar Anchors..... 10.00ea.  
 Outer bearing felt washers (for trailing link  
 rear end)..... 4.00ea.

Sway bar sleeves..... 6.00ea.  
 Bearing retainer screw..... 4.00ea.  
 Thrust washers for king pins..... 3.00ea.

SPECIAL - 60 DAYS ONLY - N-H cross flag emblem \$9.95  
 (limit one)

Brand new FARINA fender emblem..... 17.00  
 Carb. repair kits for S.U. carbs..... 5.95ea.

Richard Kauffman  
 100 Church St.  
 Lakeland, GA 31635

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: harness, new head for engine (Pina Farina Body) Howard Kapso, 1323 Home Ave., Berwyn, Ill. 60402

WANTED: 1951-54 Nash Healey Roadster or Coupe. Must be excellent condition. Restored or original. Prefer mid-West area. Allan Thomann, 206 Edwards St., Danville, Illinois 61832 (217) 442-8929

WANTED: Wiring harness for 1951 Nash Healey, R.W. Nash, Rte.#1, Box 490A Old Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111

WANTED: Crossed flags, N.H. trunk lid - grill medallion-chrome 3 piece or aluminum at door bottom-Pina Farina letters for front fender. Charles Olson, 661 Logan La., Danville, Calif. 94526

WANTED: The complete front and rear bumpers for a 1953 Nash Healey. Also, overdrive relay, radio, - speakers, center grill ornament, 2-inside door handles, gas-cap handle. Rudy Franco, 740 Sampson St., San Diego Calif. 92113 (714)232-8845

WANTED: Tail-light rims, one original parking light, set of side curtains with or without plexiglass, Nash Healey script for trunk. Ray Hren, 7661 Tall-Pine Lane, Roseville, Calif. 95678

WANTED: Two tail-light lenses for 1953 Nash Healey Hard Top. Mark Morgan, 1911 Hughey St., Kissimmee, Florida 32741

FOR SALE: 1953 Nash Healey Roadster, completely restored in 1972, super charged. Paul Shaw, 528 E. College St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

Front-hood latch handle for sale (two parts) \$32.50 (Set) Nash Healey Script \$12.50 each Prices are subject to completion costs. Parts are recently manufactured as identical replacements.

Leonard McGrady, 468 Hillcrest Drive, Aberdeen, MD 21001

1954 Nash Healey Coupe-Very good running condition. New Eng. has less than 1,000 miles. Car is complete drive anywhere (No rust ever) \$5,000.00 firm.

WANTED

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

HELP! Car out of use. Need exhaust system and exhaust manifold. It would be satisfactory to get referred to a person who would manufacture one for me. I would like to know of someone elses solution. (As close to San Diego as possible). Chris Nizic  
(714)469-8162 7083 Murray Park Dr.  
San Diego, Calif.  
92119

1952 Roadster Parts Needed-

Steering Wheel  
Front and rear bumper guards  
Radio and speaker  
Jack-hole plugs  
S.U. Air cleaners  
Grill Emblem

Art Lombardi  
266 Webb Circle  
Monroe, CT 06468

**ALSO '52 ROADSTER FOR SALE \$4000-**  
**NEW CHROME & PAINT & STAF.**  
**MISSOS DETAILING**

Classified continued

FOR SALE: 1953 Nash Healey Coupe, 62,853 miles, willow green with tan interior, partially restored, \$6,000. Also selling 3 moon hub-caps. Mark Morgan, 1911 Hughey St., Kissimee, Florida 32741

FOR SALE: 1952 Nash Healey Roadster, presently under restoration, body in prime & in very good condition. Windshield cracked but has extremely rare wire wheel covers with "N" in cap. \$4,000. firm. Contact - Ron Ayers, 405 Cheyenne Dr., Simpsonville, S.C. 29681 1-803-963-8917

FOR SALE: 1952 Roadster - will part out - contact Peter A. Williams, P.O. Box 16, Village Station, New York, NY 10014 (212) 691-2301

FOR SALE: 1952 N.H. Roadster, new convertible top, \$4,500. contact Jacque Harguindeguy, 167 Richard La., Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595 (415)934-5499

WANTED: 2 new carbs., 1 new fuel pump, exhaust system, dash knobs, round "N" insignia bet. grill bars, licence plate light. Contact David A. Jones, 279 Legion Way, Cranston, R.I. 02910

WANTED: Complete horn ring assembly, would consider steering wheel with horn ring assembly, overdrive relay box, vacuum switch, overdrive wiring. Francis Stewart, 744-12 St., Charleston, ILL. 41920

CONSUMER BEWARE!!

I have a horror story. Chroming is a labor intensive business. Each piece that is processed must go into the hands of eight-to-ten persons - each doing their own part. Now, if in that process something falls in a vat or into a bin or under a bench, you could almost accept the reality of that with existing labor conditions. (It is hard you say to lose something the size of a bumper...wait and see). This is not to say that there are not excellent people who are very careful... There are so I am told. Not knowing where to send my car, I used the old-car almanac published by Hemmings Motor News. I called Modern Plating in Newark, NJ. My first inkling of trouble was the receipt. "One let out parts" great! If he misplaces a piece, will he know? No way. Not even a number of pieces. Being ignorant, I assumed that this was standard procedure; which it is at Modern Plating in Newark, NJ, God help us! Well, the parts were promised for two weeks. Twelve weeks later I was told to go and get the parts. I found eleven pieces. Forty-three were missing. PANIC. Two days later they found 42 more pieces stuck in a Corvair. I asked the foreman about the windshield frame that was still missing. I described the windshield frame in detail to him. He looked me straight in the eye and said he didn't know about it. Well I found out. This same foreman had mailed my windshield frame to another person in Virginia. Okay, you say a mix-up in records - wrong - no records. No system.

Finished pieces, parts to be chromed litter the outer vestibule, and 3 out of 4 times I've been there, one could just walk into the vestibule. No locked door. It turns out that they do not keep records. Very cheap on filing cabinets. No filing cost. No files. They throw away all records. When a job is completed - no record of the transaction.

The quality of the work varied from passable to poor to really not acceptable, but would you leave the parts with people like this so they could get another crack at losing them?

The Board of Directors met on August 27, 1977, and the following persons attended:

Ray Schell  
Ray Soles  
Frank Vollmer  
George Volmer  
Paul Shaw  
Peter A. Williams

The following are items decided on:

1) The directors discussed the direction that the club should take. It was decided that the club should begin to stock and sell parts so as to facilitate the maintenance and repair of Nash Healey cars.

2) The subscription rate for 1978 and 1979 will be \$9.00 per year - a note about subscriptions: they are run on a calendar year January to December - no matter when you join. If you join in the middle of a year you will get all of that years issues.

3) The club will begin to stock tail-light and signal lenses and make them available. This is the beginning of what is hoped to be a long list of needed parts.

Editor's Note: I am going to implement a "where to get it" column that will repeat each month. It will tell you where to get parts and services for your cars. If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas--  
SEND THEM IN!

4) The club will endeavor to produce a steering wheel mold, horn ring and long range a front Nash Healey Emblem. The idea is that no single person will be burdened with the capital cost of these items. They will be carried as stock of the club.

5) There will be elections of new officers and Directors to the club to take effect in January 1978 or sooner if a reasonable response comes in. If you have suggestions for Directors or Officers, or want to be one - write in.

6) West Coast Editorial contributors needed. One of you California guys help us out--keep us informed.

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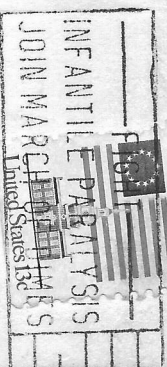
WHERE TO GET IT:

- A) Tail-light lens \$6.00 Nash Healey Club  
Parking light lens \$5.00 c/o Ray Soles  
RD.#1, Box A161  
Addison, PA 15411
- B) Stewart Warner Tach. Repair - \$19.00  
Stewart Warner, 1075 Londons Rd., Union, NJ 07083
- C) Farina Trim-script  
Chinetti Motors Inc., 600 Putnam Ave., Greenwich,  
CT (NYC phone # 212 298-4636)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hey Gang - Drop me a letter now & then. Let us know what you're doing. If you have an idea, thought, repair procedure-share it. Photos of your car will be published - but you have to send it.



FROM: Peter A. Williams  
P.O. Box 16  
Village Station  
New York, NY 10014



FIRST CLASS MAIL

TO:

Jacques Harguindeguy  
167 Richard Lane  
Walnut Creek, PA 94595

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PS.  
SEND PHOTOS of your CAR... I've run out P.W.