



# SMALL TORQUE

## British Automobile Touring Association of Nova Scotia

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### ***Chairman's Message***

The summer of '96 passed all too quickly with many pleasant memories, three car shows with tremendous response at Bedford's Scott Manor House, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Halifax Exhibition Park. Two runs come quickly to mind, Cape Breton and Parrsboro. Due to minor brake problems with the Austin Healey, I was fortunate to be chauffeured to Louisbourg in the back seat of the impressive Rolls Royce of Robert and Helen Bell's and later "do" the Cabot Trail in style as a member of the Phinney family (cheaper to enter the National Park!). Come to think of it, I was also a passenger on the Parrsboro run in Geoff Muttart's Sprite! This was not a good year for me and the Austin Healey however this will change for 1997. It was nice to enjoy other members cars and hospitality.

Over the past few years our association of British cars has grown beyond my wildest dreams and I would like to thank the executive for their hard work, Robert Hamilton and Roger Phinney and all other members who bring their special talents to make BATANS a joy to be a member of.

Joel Page  
Chairman, B.A.T.A.N.S.

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### ***Welcome to a New Season***

During the past few weeks, the Club executive has been busy assembling an exciting schedule of tours and shows for the approaching summer months and we think you will enjoy the lineup. The exact dates for some events are not set in stone yet as the hosts have not set their date.

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| Saturday, April 26th            | Annual General Meeting at the Club House (Drew and Sheila Sperry's home).<br>Details later in newsletter.  |
| Sunday, June 1st                | Apple Blossom Tour - Annapolis Valley<br>Bedford Sunnyside Mall - 9 a.m.<br>Windsor Tim Hortons downtown location - 10 a.m.  |
| Sunday, June 22nd               | South Shore, Petite Riviere, Green Bay<br>Bedford - 24 Hour Sobeys Store - 9 a.m.<br>Junction Routes #14 & #3, 10 a.m. (meet Valley contingent)                            |
| Sunday, July 6th<br>(TENTATIVE) | Meet Austin Healey Club of America tour at Haylett Clarke's cottage near New Glasgow.<br>Bedford Sunnyside Mall 10 a.m.<br>(via Elmsdale, Middle Musquodoboit, Dean, Alma) |

Sunday, July 13th	Picnic at Blomindon Park near Wolfville Bedford Sunnyside Mall - 10 a.m. Windsor Tim Hortons Downtown Location - 11 a.m.
Sunday August 3rd to Friday August 8th	Annual British Invasion Seaside Beach Resort, St. Andrews, NB Day trips to Campobello Island, Grand Manan, King's Landing (See separate details later in newsletter)
Sunday, August 24th	Halifax Antique Car Club, Exhibition Park Show & Shine Clayton Park Sobeys Store - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Sept. 13 to Sunday Sept. 14th	Overnight Trip Tatamagouche, Jost Winery, Springhill, Parrsboro and home. (Details in Next Small Torque)
Sunday October 19th	Second Annual Fun Rally (Details Later)
<u>Dates Not Set</u>	
July	Bedford Show, Scott Manor House B.B.Q. at Gerry & Sandra's in Waverley after show
September	Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in conjunction with the Polaris Sailboat Races, Display cars on the wharf.

### ***British Invasion - St. Andrews, NB, August 3rd. to 8th.***

This is always the highlight of the season for the Club and this years' trip promises to be an exciting six days. The town will be bustling with activity as our visit also coincides with a meeting of all the Canadian Premiers at another location in town. We have planned day trips to Campobello Island (via Deer Island), Kings Landing, and Grand Manan Island and it is also Chocolate Week at Ganongs in St. Stephen. There will be the usual lobster and mussel cookout one evening. Our route to St. Andrews will be through the Valley to Digby where we will board the ferry to Saint John and return from St. Andrews via Sussex, and Fundy National Park.

We have made arrangements with Beth Campbell, co-owner of the Seaside Beach Resort in downtown St. Andrews to hold 15 rooms for us until mid-April (hopefully later). These are housekeeping cottages with various types of accommodations (single, double, twin) with daily rates from \$50.00 to \$85.00. The \$85.00 units are two bedroom with common kitchen and bathroom which might appeal to those wishing to share and reduce the cost. To avoid disappointment, we are encouraging you to please make your reservations early (because of the Premier's Conference) by calling Beth at 1-800-506-8677. For those of you with Internet access, visit their attractive web site, complete with pictures of the cottages at: "<http://www.mi.net/seaside/welcome.htm>".

For those wishing to stay at other locations such as a B&B or camp, the following places are available:

#### St. Andrews B&Bs

Along The Shore Bed & Breakfast 506 529-4323  
Chamcook Forest Lodge Bed & Breakfast 506 529-4778  
Garden Gate Bed & Breakfast 506 529-4453  
Hanson House 506 529-4947  
Harris Hatch Inn 506-529-4713

Heritage Guest House 506 529-3875  
It's The Cat's Meow B & B 506 529-4717  
Pansy Patch 506 529-3834, 1-888-PANSY PATCH (726-7972)  
Seascape Bed & Breakfast 506 529-3872

Campgrounds

Passamaquoddy Park 506 529-3439

Cottages

Boone's Vacation Log Haven 506 529-3010, 1-800-6060

**Seaside Beach Resort 506 529-3846, 1-800-506-8677**



Tour HQ.

Hotels / Motels

Best Western Shiretown Inn & Smugglers' Village, 506 529-8877, 1-800-528-1234

Blue Moon Motel 506 529-3245

Grant's Bayview Suites 506 363-5908

Greenside Motel 506 529-3039

Picket Fence Motel 506 529-8985

St. Andrews Motor Inn 506 529-4571

Inns

A. Hiram Walker Estate Heritage Inn 506 529-4210, 1-800-470-4088

Kingsbrae Arms 506-529-1897

Tara Manor Inn 506 529-3304

Treadwell Inn 506 529-1011

Resorts

Algonquin Resort 506 529-8823, 1-800-441-1414

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### **1997 Membership Dues are Due!**

Just a gentle reminder that the membership dues for 1997 are now being gratefully accepted and at the usual low price of \$10.00 per year for a full membership or \$5.00 for an associate (no British car owned). If you wish to continue to receive *Small Torque*, please ensure that your payment reaches us by May 1, 1997. Thanks if you have already paid!

Failing that..... you *may* get another less than gentle reminder like:

**SEND US YOUR \*#@!\* MEMBERSHIP DUES!!! \***

\*PLEASE ACCEPT OUR THANKS IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES!

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### **Welcome to New Members**

We wish to welcome the following new members who have joined the Club recently:

Robert & Helen Forest	Montreal, Quebec	1959 MGA, 1966 Austin Healey 3000
Aville & Audrey Arsenault	North Grant, NS	1973 TR6
Edwina Arsenault	Calgary, Alberta	1975 MG Midget
Lloyd & Jacqueline Hogan	Dartmouth, NS	1971 MGB-GT
Carl & Judy Jensen	Cow Bay, NS	1964 Austin 1100 Sedan 1965 MGB-GT 1980 Triumph Spitfire
Peter & Linda Steele	Woodleigh Replicas Kensington, P.E.I.	1934 Rolls Royce

We hope you and your family will enjoy the company of others that enjoy driving and preserving

British automobiles and look forward to meeting you at the A.G.M. on April 26th, in Dartmouth.  
***Annual General Meeting - Saturday April 26, 1997.***

The meeting is to be held at the "Club House", the home of Drew and Sheila Sperry, 11 Cranston Ave., Dartmouth starting at 5:30 PM. A Pot Luck Supper will be provided but you are asked to bring either an entree, salad or desert (not all three!) and the beverage of your choice. To ensure that we don't all bring desserts, please call Sheila at 463-4406 to confirm that your choice of food is not redundant.

There will be a treasurer's report, election of officers for the year 1997-98 and the meeting will be thrown open for discussion on any topic the members wish to discuss. If you have a particular topic you would like discussed at the meeting, please call one of the executive to have it placed on the evenings' agenda.

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### ***First Annual British Car Week!***

The subscribers to the British Car Listserv (thousands strong across the world!) have designated May 12th to 18th as the First Annual British Car Week. This was in response to Peter Egan's column in Road & Track that "you don't see old sports cars on the road anymore". Here is the message that appeared recently and I think it would be appropriate that B.A.T.A.N.S. members participate, providing the weather co-operates. The following is the message sent to all car club newsletter editors asking us to participate.

Date: Sat, 15 Feb. 1997 16:32:35 -0500 (EST)  
From: Trmgafun@aol.com  
Subject: More on British Car Week

The following is an explanation of The First Annual British Car Week and instructions for enjoying yourself during this celebration. The week of May 12th to the 18th has been chosen for this year.

A week in May has been chosen because (as indicated in Peter Schauss's letter) it is a time of year when the snow has melted in most parts of the country (at least in the USA) and we can all get our cars out to enjoy them. As indicated in Peter Egan's column "you don't see old sports cars on the road anymore". We can now, during this week in May, get our cars out on the streets at the same time and show people that our old British cars are still part of this modern world. Drive your car to work, to the store, pleasure cruise, plan a rally, take the kid(s) to soccer practice, take mamma to her aerobics class, take papa to the bowling alley. Maybe some of you will have an event to go to, but if you do not, don't let that stop you from getting your car out.

This will not only supply you with some fun (in most cases) but will give your car some exercise. This week of LBC's on the road in unison, will get people talking about these cars, and hopefully catch the eyes of some little dreamer who might want to own one someday and help continue this fun hobby in future years, when we're spending all of our time in our converted bucket seat rocking chairs. And hopefully when you're out in your car, you'll see another British car enthusiast to wave to.

I realize some of you are able to get your cars out almost year around, but as a whole, most of us have a driving season and tend to work on our cars more often, during the off season. This week will give those people a target to shoot for, helping them to get their car ready in time for spring.

If we want these British cars around for many years to come, we need to promote them in some bigger way as a whole group, not just in small groups scattered around the globe.

Safety fast!

Scott in Northern Indiana TRMGAFUN@AOL.COM  
1958 MGA HDA4346400  
1958 TR3A TS35306L

## Member

## Profile

Joel Page  
Wolfville, NS  
1957 Austin Healey  
100-6



This is the Austin Healey BN4 100-6 4 seater owned by BATANS Chairperson and co-founder, Joel Page of Wolfville. After years of patience, Joel was able to purchase this car in 1994 from the previous owner of 22 years. It is ivory with black interior and relatively rare disc wheels and a colour matched hard top. Joel's interest in British sports cars goes back a long way as over the years he has owned and cherished the following cars:

1964 Austin Healey Sprite	Two MGA 1500's ('57 & '59)	1962 MGA 1622
'59 Jaguar 2.4 MK I	1952 TR2 (Drew Sperry's)	1959 TR3
1954 Morris Oxford	Two 1968 Austin Cambridge	1971 Triumph GT6
1979 Caterham Super 7	1932 MG J2	1957 Austin Healey 100-6 (chassis)

### Cars Presently Owned

1957 Austin Healey BN4 100-6 1958 Austin Cambridge A55

A number of years ago, Joel had the misfortune of a garage fire and lost many cars that are listed above and he is slowly recovering from this tragedy. He has plans to build a garage where he can again undertake repairs in relative comfort during the winter months.

The seeds for BATANS really took roots back in the early 1980's when on a colourful October Sunday, Joel was out enjoying the Valley byways in his Caterham Super 7 and at a red light in Kentville happened to pull up beside a "gentleman" in a black Sunbeam Talbot drophead coupe who was on a fall run from the New Glasgow area. There was a tip of the hat when the light turned green but the Sunbeam was no match for the Caterham but like a true sportsman, Joel slowed down later on when the paths crossed again in Wolfville. The owners introduced themselves and after a lengthy chat about British cars, decided that a visit to another British car enthusiast was in order so off they went to visit Sandy Fraser and his classic 1939 MGTA Tickford. At the end of the day, promises were made to keep in touch which was done by way of Christmas cards and eventually a few years later a very loosely connected group of enthusiasts gathered randomly to take runs together. Joel kept records of all the runs and those who participated in those early days, many who are still with us. From this nucleus of Joel Page, Sandy Fraser, Dean Rogers, Ray Whitley and Bob Hamilton, this has expanded into a Club that had 75 paid-up members in 1996 and is growing.

### **Profile of the Austin-Healey 100-6 From 1956-59 †**

Production: BN4 10,246      BN6 4150

### History

The revised and expanded Healey series of the late '50s with svelte styling similar to the original's. A longer wheelbase allowed Bs to offer a choice of two-seat (BN6) or four-seat (BN4) layouts, and a detachable hardtop was offered as a new factory accessory. The main item of interest was a new

† *Complete Book of Collectible Cars, Richard M. Langworth, 1994*

2.6 litre six cylinder engine from November 1957; this gained a more efficient cylinder head for greater power and performance. All BN6s had it as this model was introduced after the BN4 following customer requests for the return of the "pure" two-seat Healey. Early 100-6s were built in Austin's Longbridge plant, later editions in MG's Abingdon works, the latter incorporating a number of engine improvements including a better cylinder head, revised camshaft, and larger valves. Not the favorite Austin Healey with collectors, it did 0-60 in an average 11.2 seconds and topped out at 111 mph.

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### ***Sweatshirts and Golf Shirts***

We still have the following sizes of BATANS monogrammed shirts in dark blue available from previous orders on a first come, first served basis at a cost of \$25.00 each. Call Bob @ 861-3277.

#### **SWEATSHIRTS**

4 Large  
3 X-Large

#### **GOLF SHIRTS**

2 X-Large

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### ***Car Badges***

The long awaited car badges are to be delivered to Roger Phinney by mid-March and will be available for pick-up by calling Roger at 443-1634 or at the Annual General Meeting April 26th at Drew Sperry's. We have seen a sample and they are nothing short of spectacular. Forty-three of the seventy five ordered have been purchased to date so if you have not ordered yours, do not hesitate or they will soon be gone.

Belatedly, we wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who took the time to submit designs for the club logo about a year ago.

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### ***Logic Puzzle Answers - Small Torque December 1996***

For those of you who tried the Christmas Party logic puzzle in the last newsletter but didn't quite sort it out, here is the solution.....

- Helen's car is black and therefore is not the Triumph (clue 2) or the '64 Austin-Healey (clue 3) or the MG (clue 4) and since Gavin drives the Morgan (clue 1), Helen's car must be the Rover.
- Darren's car is neither a Triumph nor the A-H (clue 7), and since the owners of the Rover and the Morgan are already determined (above), he must drive the red MG.
- Lawrence's car is a '61 (clue 6) and since the A-H is a '64 (3), he must drive the Triumph and therefore by elimination, the A-H must belong to Nigel.
- We know that the yellow 1955 car's owner is not Helen (3) or Lawrence (6), and since we now know that Nigel's car is a '64 and Darren's car is red, the yellow '55 must belong to Gavin.
- Since Lawrence's car is not green (6), that must be the colour of Nigel's A-H. This leaves Cream as the colour of Lawrence's Triumph.
- Finally, Darren does not have a '58 car (7) so his must be '63 leaving Helen with the '58.

Thanks to Andrew Hurst for contributing this puzzling puzzle.

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### ***B.A.T.A.N.S. Home Page on the WWW***

For those members with Internet access, I highly recommend you "take a look at us now"! Greg Johnson has spent considerable time recently upgrading the B.A.T.A.N.S. home page and we are getting glowing comments on it from around the World and even some awards. If you would like to see your car on the home page, send a picture to Bob Hamilton for scanning and we'll return it to you. Thanks Greg for applying your creative talents to our home page, [www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/BATANS/index.html](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/BATANS/index.html)