

Capital Classic

Father's Day in Frederick June 15-17 in Frederick, Maryland

Everyone agreed that the Capital Area AHC's inaugural Capital Classic was a great success. With over 50 people and 20 cars in attendance, the Classic was our most ambitious undertaking in many years. Howard Gilson and his committee toiled for many hours to ensure that everyone had a totally enjoyable Healey immersion.

After Friday evening's reception, everyone was up early and looking forward to the Funkhana and Poker Rally. Mother Nature, however, thought we should take it easy, and rain delayed the start of the day a few hours. Executive decisions were made and the Funkhana was postponed until Sunday due to safety concerns.

Healey drivers are a tough bunch, though, and 12 cars set out on the Poker Rally in a light rain. One car, a 100 piloted by Gary Palsgrove, even went topless because of a stubborn hood latch. After a while, the skies cleared and we enjoyed a nice tour, which included a brief stop at the Antietam Battlefield Museum. The evening's events included a mini golf tournament for our youngest members and cocktails for the others, followed by a banquet and awards program.

We awoke Sunday, Father's Day, to a glorious morning. The Funkhana was the surprise hit of the Classic. Don Pritchard laid out a tight course with stops along the way to pick up parts of breakfast for Dad. It was great to see a number of second and third generation Healey drivers taking part in this event. John Rose, a high school student from Harrisonburg, Virginia, captured first place in his newly restored Bug-eye Sprite. Way to go, John!

Immediately following the Funkhana, Doug Reid of 18G Motorworks presented a parking lot tech session on repairing a throttle linkage. Doug showed us how to replace a worn bushing using RTV silicone. While few of us may ever need to tackle that repair, it's nice to know it can be done.

Sunday's car show at was the capstone of the Capital Classic. The 16 Healeys on the lawn of Frederick High School attracted more than 200 spectators and the local television station. Also on display was Gary and Paulette Lownsdale's Healey Sports Boat. Most of us never knew that Donald Healey made boats,

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seeing such a well-preserved example was a treat. Gary and Paulette drove all the way from Tennessee to join in the fun. Thanks!

It will be hard to top this year's Capital Classic, but plans are already underway. Most likely, it will be in Virginia, perhaps at Luray Caverns. The tentative date is June 7-9. Please place this date on your Healey calendar!





Chris and Steve Garrett raced to second place.







Mark and Melinda Brockman are all smiles.

Whoops! Gary & Paulette Lownsdale leave without their plate.





Yes, it's a Jensen Healey!

Father and son duo Linwood and John Rose.

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Howard Gilson, left, accepts an award from club president Gary Palsgrove for his work as Classic chairman. Thanks Howard!

Golf champs Rebecca Brockman, Leila Farrer, and Mathew Brockman gave it their best shot.





A fine lineup on the show field at Frederick High School.

Two of Healey's finest. Michael Oritt's 100M and the Lowndale's Sports Boat.





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Joyce & Davis Stonely take first in show with their BJ8 rally car.



Double winner John Rose first in Funkhana and second in popular vote.



Third place for Michael Oritt



Kathy Karan and Don Margeson captured third place in the Funkhana.

If you have any photos from the Capital Classic, you'd like to place on our Web site, please contact the <u>Webmaster</u>. We are especially interested in pictures from the Poker Rally.

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