



Regional Rumblin's



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President's Rumblin's

Hello, All.



Hot enough for you? How about outside your warmed up Healey? Thinking of becoming a Midnight Rider?

It's hard to imagine, but cooler temps are on the way along with fall car events. Thanks to all that help put these on around the State. This includes Julie Miller representing STAHC and member Brian Blackwell also of the SA Jaguar Club for leading the South Texas All British Car Day. Its moving back to Bourne October 24 after a swing through Gruene last year. The Texas All British Car Day Show is in Marble Falls on Oct 9-11.

A couple of upcoming car-driven fund raisers are mentioned in this issue as well. I participated in a community fundraiser called "Gears and Giving" sponsored by Heritage Credit Union at Dell Diamond during the summer. It was a fun venue, nice to meet other local car people and, of course, answer Austin Healey questions. Another is coming up in Pflugerville in September sponsoring high school student community projects. Let me know if you want to join me.

Larry



Texas Healey Roundup 2026 Grand Competitor – Jim Richmond

At the Texas Healey Roundup in 2026, Jim was posthumously awarded the Gand Competitor trophy for his long support of club members in two states and the Healey marque over many years.

Jim and Karen, his wife, met in Cleveland, Ohio where they both grew up and lived for many years. Jim bought his first Austin Healey, a used 1964 Sprite, in Cleveland.

Back in the 1960s and '70s, Karen and Jim made many trips to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course with their family to watch SCCA racing which always included many big Healeys and Sprites.

Jim and Karen were delegates for the Central Indiana club.

The Richmond's moved to Tapatillo Springs, near Boerne, Texas, in 2004. Jim hung their British flag in the driveway. They settled into their six-car garage home which was perfect for tech sessions. Jim continued his annual Daytona 500 watch event from their days in Indiana.

Northeast Ohio AHC sponsored the Conclave in 2006. It was also Jim's 50th high school reunion the weekend before. In early June, they loaded the BN1 in the trailer for the long drive from South Texas to Northeast Ohio for many days of great fun.

Jim served as President for the South Texas AHC. Jim and Karen routinely drove to the AHCA board meetings in Indiana so they could see family and friends along the route.

Jim Richmond, Texas Healey Roundup 2026 Grand Competitor. Thank you, Jim.

May Highway Cleanup

In May we met and picked up trash and debris on our Highway portion West of Blanco. We collected numerous bags of trash. Cleanup was a success!



Fredericksburg Road Rally

In June, we had a fun and challenging road rally created by Joel Keefer. We saw some beautiful hill country and Fredericksburg of course.

We celebrated accomplishing the Rally with lunch at Hondo's on Main. Larry and Melinda Hester came in first during the rally and took home a bottle of "Come and Drink It", a red blend made in Texas. Thank-you Keefer's for a fun day in your home town!



Pool Party at the Berry's

A fun time was had in July at John and Debbie Berry's house. We gathered for delicious pulled pork sandwiches and all kinds of fixings! And of course, ice cream!

Many great conversations were had particularly around Austin Healeys!



August Healey Trivia Question

What was the last year that Austin Healey stopped producing automobiles?

Whoever can answer the trivia question above and sends the answer to me first at melhester@austin.rr.com will receive a Healey prize.

(I have prizes for ladies and men!)

Time to Clean up the Highway

We will meet Saturday, October 3rd at 9:30 am to scour the roadside. This service project is our way of giving back to South Texas. We meet at the intersection of FM 1623 at KcKinney Loop, 2.6 miles west of Blanco. Afterwards we will meet at the [Red Bud Café](#) in Blanco for an always good lunch.

Remember to bring your gloves, sunscreen, grabbers, water bottle and your pedometer. It's a fun way to get your steps in!



May Healey Trivia Question

Charles Jeffrey won the Healey Trivia Question for May. Remember the question was: which James Bond film did the producers want a "sexier" sound for the Toyota 2000GT, so they used an Austin-Healey 3000 off the showroom floor to record engine sounds?



Answer: You Only Live Twice!

Did You Know?

Fred Draper was the prominent Parts Manager at the Donald Healey Motor Company for 18 years, starting in 1969. He notably purchased the company's remaining Austin Healey spares when production ceased to form A H Spares Ltd, ensuring long-term support for the brand.



NEWPORT LEMON BARS – Jane Davidson**Ingredients:****Shortbread Cookie Base:**

- $\frac{3}{4}$ C. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sticks) unsalted butter
- 2 C. all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C packed light brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt

Lemon Topping:

- 2 C. sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ t. baking power
- 4 eggs
- $\frac{1}{3}$ C fresh lemon juice (about 2 large lemons)

The Garnish:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ C confectioners' sugar
- Raspberries/ mint leaves (your choice for decoration)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9/13" glass baking dish with nonstick cooking spray or grease with butter.

To prepare the cookie base, cut the butter into small pieces. Process the butter, flour, brown sugar, and salt in a food processor until mixed.

Press over the bottom of the prepared dish. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

To prepare the lemon topping, mix the sugar, flour, and baking power in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs and lemon juice and beat until well blended.

Pour over warm shortbread cookie base. Bake for 25 minutes. Let stand on a rack until completely cool.

To serve, cut into bars and lift out onto wax paper. Dust each bar with confectioners' sugar and garish



May 2026 – Look at these beautiful Healeys at the Highway Cleanup

Note from the Newsletter Editor

Regional Rumblin's is published quarterly in February, May, August and November. I'll send out monthly email announcements and reminders to help you stay up-to-date. I always appreciate your feedback, suggestions, stories and pictures. Keep them coming! melhester@austin.rr.com



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SEPT 26
8 AM - 12 PM

\$20 REGISTRATION

\$200 SPONSORS

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 18500 TX-130 SERVICE RD.
 PFLUGERVILLE, TX 78660

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EVENT SPONSOR \$200

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- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT BANNER
- ✓ SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION
- ✓ RECOGNITION DURING EVENT
- ✓ ONE COMPLIMENTARY VEHICLE REGISTRATION

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FUNDS GOING TO LOCAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Interact

TOGETHER, WE DRIVE CHANGE.
 ★ PRESENTED BY PFISD INTERACT STUDENTS ★

ALL FUNDS HELP PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PFISD STUDENTS AND SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGH PFISD INTERACT.

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Eli Alborn, the Youth Services Chair for the Rotary Club of Pflugerville, shared this flyer with us. We are invited to join them for a community Car Show on Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Typhoon Texas in Pflugerville. The event is being hosted by the Interact Clubs of Hendrickson High School, Pflugerville High School, and Weiss High School, with 100% of the proceeds supporting student-led service projects in our community. They would love to have us bring our vehicles to help make this a fun and successful event. Registration is \$20.00 and click [HERE](#) to register.

For Additional information contact: Andrea Gonzalez at (402) 680-1934 or andrea.rye.gonzalez@gmail.com



-Fred Behning's

**"The best therapy has 4 wheels
 and an engine."**

-unknown



Road trip

by DJ Stamp

Recently, Gary Potter and I trekked to the home of Dean Hewitt and Susan Lokker in the rural Hutto, Texas area for a tech session involving their 1930 Buick and their MGB.

When I got to Gary's place in Elgin to pick him up, Gary (knowing I'm a major toy collector) took me inside to show me his collection which was quite impressive and included both the Dopke XK Jag and MG. I'm already confused since this is not the home and garage I remember where they've lived forever - original contractor was God. We proceeded to the garage which from the outside appears to be a pretty unassuming 4 stall structure. We entered and I stopped to take in the view. After standing there for a while Gary gently picked my jaw up off the floor and replaced it to its proper location.

For a British car guy in Texas, I felt like I had just entered Heaven. Even with the help of the pictures I can't recall all of the cars but here's my best attempt: MG - B, TC, TD & TF, Austin Healey 3000 and Bugeye, 1275 Morris Minor, Riley Tourer, Franklin (air cooled), Model A Ford, Hupmobile, Chevrolet and a 49 Ford convertible in the adjacent paint stall. The memorabilia collection and pedal cars were also a treat. I've never seen a 3-wheel pedal car before! The early Chevrolet flat rate chart was also very impressive.

Gary graciously indicated he would welcome a visit from the Austin Healey club if we were so inclined. All in all, a very productive & enjoyable day!





38TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS ALL BRITISH CAR DAY IN BOERNE!

Saturday, October 24, 2026 (Rain or Shine)

OPEN TO ALL BRITISH MADE AUTOMOBILES!

WE'VE GOT A CLASS FOR YOU!



(Event T Shirt Front Graphic)

HOSTED AND ORGANIZED EVERY YEAR BY:

- ALAMO MG ASSOCIATION
- SAN ANTONIO JAGUAR CLUB
- SOUTH TEXAS AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB
- SOUTH TEXAS TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION

Popularity judging by entrants in over 25 classes. Plaques awarded for 1st thru 3rd places in each class and Best of Show.

Time and Location:

Main Plaza Park

San Antonio Avenue, Boerne, TX

Registration Opens: 8:30 AM

Registration Closes: 11:00 AM

Ballot box closes: 12:30 PM

Awards: Approximately 2:00 PM

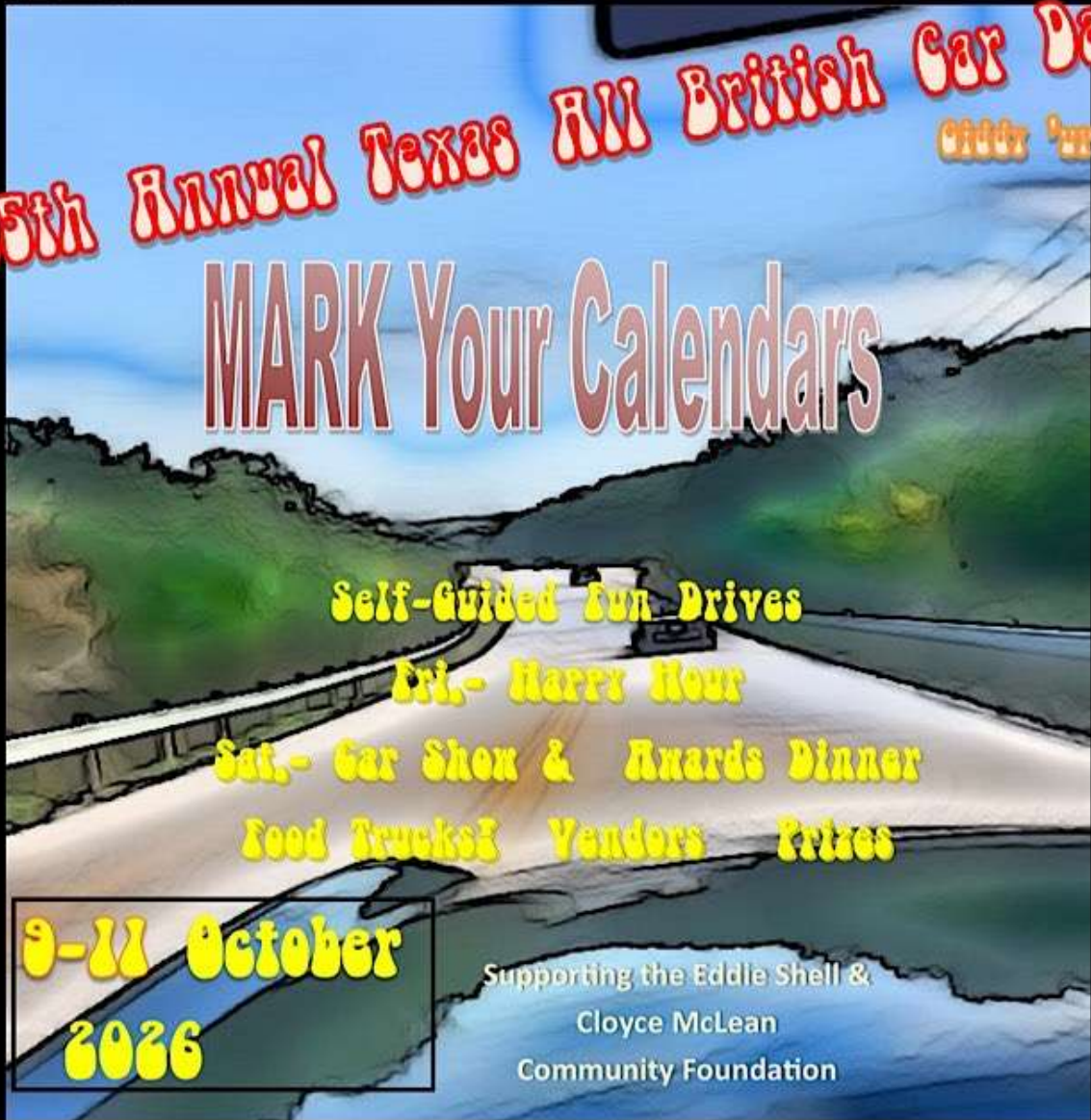
Registration Fees:

\$25.00 per vehicle by mail in advance, \$30 day of show

Event T-shirts with above graphic available for pre-order

Further information with Event registration including T Shirt order form are available for download, **along with online registration, at:
<https://sajaguarclub.info/san-antonio-all-british-car-day>**





 **PRESENTS**

35th Annual Texas All British Car Days

MARK Your Calendars

Self-Guided Fun Drives
Fri.- Happy Hour
Sat.- Car Show & Awards Dinner
Food Trucks Vendors Prizes

9-11 October
2026

Supporting the Eddle Shell &
 Cloyce McLean
 Community Foundation

At the beautiful Dos Conchas Ranch, Marble Falls, TX

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 by Miss
 Vickie's



Hotel, Registration and Schedule INFO online at:
 Open Soon www.txabcd.org







Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet June 6-12, 2027

Lake Tahoe at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino



Mark your calendars now for June 2027, because one of the most spectacular driving destinations in the West is calling! Our upcoming 75th anniversary celebration of the Austin-Healey marque at beautiful Lake Tahoe promises several days of outstanding roads, breathtaking scenery, great fellowship, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Pre- & Post-Meet Tour Routes Now Online!

Want to maximize your time on the road for the Anniversary Meet? We are excited to announce that 12 custom-curated driving routes are now live on healey75.com! Whether you are looking for a quick day trip or want to link multiple routes together for an epic multi-day tour, we have you covered.



Whether you enjoy relaxed touring or spirited mountain driving, the Sierra Nevada offers something for every Healey enthusiast.

Learn More & Register - www.healey75.com



Calendar of Events			
Date	Event	Location	Time
January 17	Annual Planning Meeting	Brett and Julie Miller's	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
February 5-6	Planning for the 45 th Roundup	City Hall in Dripping Springs 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX 78620	11:00 am
March 7	Highway Cleanup and Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop 2.6 miles west of Blanco	9:30 am
March 27	Tour of the Painted Churches and Lunch in Schulenberg	Begins at Chamber of Commerce 618 N Main St, Schulenburg, TX 78956	10:30 am \$25/person
April 10-12	Texas Healey Roundup 45	Dripping Springs	12:00 pm
April 25	San Antonio Jaguar Club Rallye	TBA	11:00 am
May 9	Highway Cleanup and Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop 2.6 miles west of Blanco	9:30 am
June TBA	Fredericksburg Road Rallye, Lunch and Museum Tour	TBA	TBA
July TBA	Pool Party	John and Debbie Berry's home	TBA
August 22	National Healey Ice Cream Day and Pool Party	The Hester's Lunch and Ice Cream Served	12:00 - 4:00 pm
September 13 - 18	AHCA Conclave	Galena, Illinois	Various
October 9 - 11	Texas All British Car Days	Marble Falls, TX	TBA
October 3	Highway Cleanup and Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop 2.6 miles west of Blanco	9:30
October 24	South Texas All British Car Days	Boerne Main Square Plaza 132 S Main St. Boerne, TX	8:30 - 3:00 pm
November 14	Club drive to Lost Maples State Natural Area	5 miles North of Vanderpool on RR 187	TBA



December 6	Annual STAHC Christmas/ Holiday Party	<u>Forke Store</u> 1300 Church Hill Dr. New Braunfels, TX 78130	1:00 – 4:00 pm
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SOUTH TEXAS AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB (STAHC) is an area club of the Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA), the largest Austin Healey club in the world. STAHC is one of 47 independent area clubs and was sanctioned by AHCA in 1979. STAHC covers the Austin, San Antonio and surrounding areas of South Texas.

Membership is open to owners and enthusiasts of all cars bearing the name **HEALEY**. Ownership of a Healey is not required.

For membership information please contact Tina Adkins at: (512) 264-2042. Membership information is also available at: <https://www.stahc.org/contact>

Current and past issues of *Regional Rumblin's*, as well as other information about our club, can be found at the STAHC web site at <https://www.stahc.org/newsletters>

Ready to submit YOUR article to our newsletter? Let us know about your first Healey. Need tech help? Have something to sell? Need a referral for your Healey restoration. Contact me at melhester@austin.rr.com.

Check Out these Newsletters, Websites and Events

[Conclave 50 Years](#) in Galena, Ill
September 13-18, 2026

[New Braunfels Area Car Club](#) in New Braunfels, TX October 24 -26, 2026

[The Austin Healey 75th Anniversary Meet](#),
Lake Tahoe, CA USA, June 7-11, 2027

[North Texas Austin Healey Club](#) [Healey Trails Newsletters](#)

[Central Texas Region Antique Club of American](#) (AACA) Fender Talk Newsletter

[The British Sports Car Hall of Fame](#),
Pittsburgh, PA

[Pistons on the Square](#) in Georgetown, TX
3rd Saturday of the month from 8-10 am

