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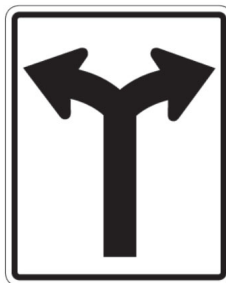
## HIGHWAY PICKUP (& lunch T.B.D. at completion of the Pickup)

- Saturday, October 3, 9:30 A.M.
- FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco
- Suggest boots, gloves, hat, sunscreen
- Social Distancing protocol in effect. Bring sanitizer, mask, etc.
- Possible visit to Real Ale Brewing Co. after lunch

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**2021 CLUB OFFICERS**

All of the current elected and appointed position holders have agreed to serve in their respective capacities for 2021. Since there were no additional nominations for these positions they will remain the same for the coming year. (See the list in the left hand column.)

**INPUT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP**

**Austin-Healey Transport To CONCLAVE 2021:**

Pam & I are planning to attend the Austin Healey Conclave at Big Bear Lake, CA, in May 2021. If other Club members in Texas are interested in round-trip shipping of their Healeys by enclosed transport carrier, we would be interested in consolidating our car together with others for a group price. I estimate that the round-trip cost from Texas will be about \$3,000 per car, if we can gather 6 Healeys for a full load in an 18 wheeler. This is merely my guess on the cost, based on shipping my Morgan from Wimberley to LA two years ago, for \$1,400 one-way. If you might have an interest in doing this, please contact me at [rm.chamber@gmail.com](mailto:rm.chamber@gmail.com).

Bob Chamberlain, STAHC

**From Stan Marcieski:**

This was maybe 1979 while I was stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY, shortly before being reassigned to Germany. The overseas move necessitated selling the lot except the Vette which was shipped to Germany. Sold the white BJ8 for \$5000 but don't remember the selling prices of the others.



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**INPUT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP** (continued)**From Jack Hawkins:**

The first picture shows my 19 year old self, with my rusty little piglet as I was in the process of cleaning it up and stripping it down.

The view through the windshield with water off to the left shows the St Lawrence, somewhere on the way back from Tadoussac, and the Riviere Saguenay on the 2006 New England 1000; my younger brother was working the loud pedal.

The other view through the windshield was on the 2007 Mountain Mille somewhere in West Virginia near the BlueRidge, little bro' again behind the wheel. The last photo shows the piglet sitting with an AC Greyhound at the foot of Mount Ascutney in Vermont on the 2004 New England 1000 rally.

I have had the car a lo-o-o-ong time. My younger brother has sweet little MGA and an MGB-GT of his own, up in Columbus Ohio. He is "similarly afflicted".

**Internet Goodies:**

- [Future Mercedes Benz](#)
- [Austin Healey 3000 Drive](#)
- [BATHURST 1998 SIR DONALD HEALEY International Tribute Race](#)

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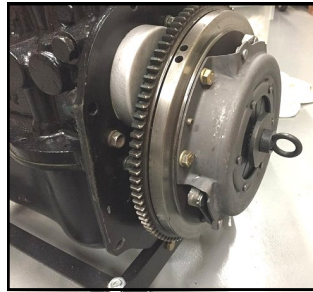
# AS THE SPANNER TURNS

Getting our beloved Healeys on the road and keeping them there is a seemingly never ending saga, not unlike several shows seen on afternoon weekday TV. The objective of this column is to be a forum for members to ask questions, update car statuses with progress reports, etc.

## Jim Richmond reports:

### MAKING PROGRESS – A LITTLE FASTER

Previously, I reported that I'm making progress on improving the Bugeye – very slowly. Well this time I'm making progress a little faster – but not much. The clutch and the gearbox have been attached to the 1275 engine (right).



Clutch before and after attaching to flywheel. Alignment tool (loop seen in center picture) is a must for centering clutch plate.

Alloy head with 3 of 4 exhaust valves installed, below right.



Next: Finish alloy head and mount to engine. Paint engine and gearbox dark green, (like original 948 Sprite color). Convert rear brakes with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " slave cylinders to be compatible with front disc brakes. Install engine. Report details in As the Spanner Turns.



## Lynn McKinnie reports:

I very much enjoyed the "Spine-Drive Center-Lock Wheels" article in the Sep. 2020 *Healey Marque*. I have probably removed and installed the wheels on my Healey more times than I removed and installed the wheels on all of the other cars I have owned since my first car in 1956. The wheel installation procedure the writer, Bill Young, uses to install a wheel is a little different than I have used. He slides the wheel on the splined hub, rocks the wheel to insure it is centered on the hub, then installs the spinner hand tight,

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**AS THE SPANNER TURNS** (continued)

lowers the car and “applies three good whacks with the mallet to tighten the spinner”. I have always given the spinner three good whacks with wheel still in the air and unloaded.

Because I have not thought through how the wheel is centered on the hub, I was reluctant to tighten the spinners with the weight of the car on the wheel. After the wheel is centered on the hub, it makes sense the spinner can be properly tighten after the car has been driven a few miles.

I like the idea of tightening the spinners to a specific torque. I expect those custom made sockets are rather expensive. I think I will just purchase a new lead filled rubber coated mallet. Mine is getting a little thin on the impact surfaces. It has been used a lot!

Now if I could find the Samuel Smith beer the author described, all would be well!

**INPUT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP** (continued from page 3)**From Ron Borden:**

Lera and I did two drives last month, both during very pleasant, almost fall beautiful weather.

The first from our home through the hills to Blanco for lunch at the Redbud Café and return.

The second a week later to Boerne, then to Bandera, Camp Verde, Center Point, Comfort, Sisterdale, and home. In all on this circuit we covered over 100 miles in just over 2 hours. Boerne Stage Kustom (sic) is located at the south edge of Center Point. This is the body shop where Michael Escriva and I had our Sprites painted. It is owned by Chris Shuler and lives next door at Shuler Farms. In addition to doing first rate custom work on cars and trucks Chris also apparently has a first rate sense of humor. This truck (?) was on his lawn. Son of “Grave Digger”???



Monster Jam Truck *Grave Digger*



## TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40

Patrick Yoas, President of the North Texas Austin-Healey Club, host club for Roundup 40, firmly states:

**“We are going to reschedule for APRIL/MAY, 2021!”**



Dear Healey Enthusiast:

We held out as long as we could but finally had to make the tough decision to postpone Texas Healey Roundup 40 until 2021. With the concurrence of the other two Texas Austin-Healey clubs it was decided we could not risk the health of our senior and immune compromised members by holding the event this September.

It is our intention to hold Texas Healey Roundup 40 next year in Granbury, Texas since all the planning has already been done and some funds have already been dispersed.

We will be having discussions about next year's meet in the next couple of weeks with the host hotel and the other venues to be utilized. Once things are firmed up we will send a letter with our plans and instructions on how to cancel your hotel reservations. You must cancel your own reservations - we cannot do it for you. If you feel you need to have your meet registration fees refunded please let us know, otherwise we will hold them for next year. To request a refund contact Barbie Bucy at [stuckonbarbie@gmail.com](mailto:stuckonbarbie@gmail.com).

Needless to say, this was a tough decision to make particularly since all the major Austin-Healey events in the country had to be cancelled this year. We look forward to a great 40th Texas Healey Roundup next year and we will keep you informed as we proceed with the arrangements.

Best regards and stay safe and healthy,

Patrick Yoas  
President  
North Texas Austin-Healey Club

Karen Gilleland  
Chairwoman  
Texas Healey Roundup 40



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year! Austin Healey  
Conclave 2021.

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NEWS FOR TODAY

Big Bear Lake, CA

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# CONCLAVE 2021 COMES TO BIG BEAR!

## HOARDS OF HEALEYS TO DESCEND ON OUR TOWN! MAY 16-21, 2021

### Registration Now Open for the Event of the Year

Conclave 2021, the annual Austin Healey Club of America's national meet will roll into Big Bear Lake on May 15, 2021. Hundreds of vintage Healeys are expected to dominate the village and surrounding areas for the full week. The entire Lodge at Big Bear Lake will be taken over for the event and the featured Car Show will line both sides of downtown Pine Knot Avenue.

Attendees are expected to enjoy the cool mountain air and expansive views across the lake and mountains during several drives including a Poker Run and Scenic Drive and Rally to Joshua Tree National Park. A Gymkhana and Funkhana will be held at Big Bear Airport and the Car Show on the village's Main Street will be a highlight for attendees and locals alike.



Photo: The Village - a beautiful shopping and entertainment district at Big Bear Lake, CA

Many guests are expected to enjoy Big Bear Lake from the water as well, embarking on the Big Bear Queen Paddlewheel boat for a sunset cruise. Food and fun will abound at several cocktail parties, a Santa Maria style BBQ and the final night's Gala Grand Banquet. In between participating in all the events, those in attendance will have plenty of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones in the hotel's dedicated Social

Center. The Social Center will also host an Arts and Crafts competition, a Photo Contest, the Silent Auction and several Tech Sessions.

**Registration is open now**, with details on the following pages.

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NEWS FOR TODAY

Big Bear Lake, CA

May 16-21, 2021

## Getting There is Half the Fun

While Southern California may seem like a long, long way to go for a Conclave, the options and potential attractions on the way to Big Bear are many, inviting and may make for a grand tour.

For drivers from the East, the possibilities include the Grand Canyon (and other notable canyons), Las Vegas and Death Valley. From the North and Northeast, you will be passing by Lake Tahoe, Yosemite National Park and the Gold Country. And of course, once you are in California the options include San Diego, the Coast Highway 1, Monterey, San Francisco, the Wine Country and much more.

Yes, you say, but it's still many hundreds of miles to get out West. In 2019, 24 cars from Southern



California made the 1300-mile trek to the Deadwood Conclave by a variety of means. Some drove the entire way, others towed their Healeys to Salt Lake City and then drove the remaining miles. Another group had their cars shipped to Denver and drove from there, returning via Salt Lake. Our Conclave organizers will be happy to discuss ideas with your group to make Conclave 2021 more accessible. And while we would love to have your Healey, your rental car (from nearby Ontario Airport) is always welcome.

So, don't be too quick to write off a trip to Big Bear, it could be

### **THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME.**

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## Make Your Escape to Big Bear Lake

Set foot in Big Bear Lake and you'll feel like you have stepped into a postcard: a shimmering lake, untouched forests, snow-capped peaks, endless blue skies.

There is a reason Big Bear is Southern California's top outdoors destination, a lot of them actually. 23 miles of lake shoreline, massive trees in the San Bernardino National Forest, hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails, fishing, boating and miles and miles of great driving

roads. And the Village at Big Bear Lake beckons with shopping, dining and sipping. Day or night, there's always something to do in Big Bear.

But it wasn't always this way. Until 1845 the area was inhabited only by the native Yuhaviat ("people of the pines") Indians. That year Benjamin Wilson led a posse into the mountains tracking some cattle rustlers out of Riverside. Wilson and his team found instead a valley full of grizzly bears, inspiring the name Big Bear Valley.

Gold was discovered in 1855 and a mini-Gold Rush began. The lake itself was born in 1883 when a dam was constructed to supply water to the orange grooves at the foot of the mountains in Redlands. Soon thereafter the area's first hotel opened, and new roads added accessibility. The first automobile round trip to the area occurred in 1908 and took 13 hours to complete!

After the turn of the century, Hollywood discovered Big Bear, both (cont. page 3)



## All About the Hotel



The Lodge at Big Bear Lake (a Holiday Inn Resort) will host Conclave guests and many of the events. Located at 7500 feet elevation in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, the resort is only two hours from downtown LA and 80 minutes from Ontario International Airport which boasts some of the lowest fares in SoCal. But don't let that fool you, Big Bear couldn't be further from the congestion and bad air of the LA Basin.

The hotel features 148 recently renovated rooms, many with

balconies and fireplaces. Stillwell's Restaurant is on site and there is a pool, jacuzzi, fitness center, game room and outdoor patio for drinks and dining. Wi-Fi, parking (including trailer parking) and in-room amenities are included in the remarkable \$100 per night special rate and the normal resort fee has been waived for Conclave guests. A dedicated Social Center will be open during the entire event and will also be the site of Registration, the Welcome Reception, Arts and Crafts and Photo competitions, the Silent Auction, Tech Sessions and

more. The ambiance is "mountain cabin" throughout.

Conclave has booked the entire hotel for the event, so it will be wall to wall Healey! The hotel is only steps from The Village at Big Bear Lake where you will find no end of shopping and dining... there's even an English Pub!

For more info and photos visit  
[WWW.THELODGEATBIGBEARLAKE.COM](http://WWW.THELODGEATBIGBEARLAKE.COM)



### *Make Your Escape cont.*

as a perfect natural filming set (Heidi, Gone with the Wind) and as a retreat for stars escaping the big city. More recently Grey's Anatomy and The Bachelorette have been filmed in the Valley. It was at this time (late 20's) that the area began to be known as a winter fun destination. Today Big Bear boasts two world-class ski resorts.

Whatever your pleasure, even if it's just relaxing by the pool, Big Bear has what you need.

For a free copy of the excellent Big Bear Lake Visitor's Magazine, go to  
[WWW.BIGBEAR.COM/TRAVEL-TOOLS/VISITOR-GUIDE/](http://WWW.BIGBEAR.COM/TRAVEL-TOOLS/VISITOR-GUIDE/) (available by mail or for download).



# Conclave 2021 – Day by Day

Conclave 2021 will offer all the traditional events and much more, with plenty of time to socialize with old friends and make new acquaintances. The week will unfold as follows:

## SUNDAY, MAY 16

**Hotel and Event Check-in**, time for a **Car Wash** (on site) or to relax in the Social Center. No host evening **Cocktail Party** with appetizers and a special **Guest Speaker**. Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts



and Photo Contest displays open. Dinner on your own at the hotel or one of the numerous nearby establishments.

## MONDAY, MAY 17

After breakfast we will head out on our **Poker Run and Tour** around the Lake and into the mountains.

**Concours Judging** all day. **Cocktails and final Poker Card draw** in the evening, followed by the optional **Santa Maria BBQ Dinner** by the pool.

## TUESDAY, MAY 18

Today is our big drive, your choice of participating in the TSD Rally or just enjoying the scenery. We will head down the mountain on scenic Highway 38 to visit **Joshua Tree National Park**, a truly unique landscape and habitat. After lunch,

we will return to Big Bear via another mountain route. Tonight will feature the preliminary and practice rounds of

**Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center. Many have decided to partake of the optional **Paddlewheel Boat Tour** on the Lake.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

**Car Show Day** is here! After your commemorative photo



is taken you will be directed to your parking spot on Pine Knot Avenue, the main drag in Big Bear where we will wow the tourists with our dazzling cars.



Late afternoon will see the finals of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center and more **Paddlewheel Boat Touring**.

## THURSDAY, MAY 20

**Gymkhana and Funkhana Day** at the Big Bear Airport. For those not participating there will be several optional self-driving opportunities including a **Lake Arrowhead drive, Morongo/Las Vegas style casino visit, Palm**

**Spring Aerial Tramway ride, Idyllwild and Palms to Pines Highway tour and many other options.** Late afternoon will include **Tech Sessions** and a **Ladies Only Event.** A

final **Cocktail Party** with appetizers will precede the **Grand Banquet, Awards Ceremony,**

**conclusion of the Silent Auction and a very special Healey guest.**

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

Start your morning with an included **Farewell Breakfast.** We will have some special fun awards and the event signage will be auctioned off.

*(Please note that the hotel room rate is \$100 plus tax for Sunday through Thursday nights. Early arrival on Saturday or stayover on Friday night will enjoy a \$130 rate).*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open. You may register online or by mail. Visit [www.conclave2021.com](http://www.conclave2021.com) for full event and hotel information and to start registration. Please note the money back COVID-19 Guarantee. Please answer all the questions carefully, we are collecting a log of information to make your visit as personalized and enjoyable as possible. Once we have received your paid registration, you will receive an email containing the code required to book your room.





# AHCA Conclave, 2021

## THE LODGE AT BIG BEAR LAKE

BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, May 16 - Friday, May 21, 2021

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**

**\* \* \* DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE \* \* \***

Austin-Healey Association of Southern California  
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**CONCLAVE 2021**  
**BIG BEAR LAKE, CA**

CONCLAVE  
**2021**  
BIG BEAR

What is big bear's favorite wine after a day at Conclave?  
*Cab-bear-net.*

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## REGISTRATION FOR CONCLAVE 2021 NOW OPEN

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**COVID-19 MONEY BACK GUARANTEE**

Please go to [www.conclave2021.com](http://www.conclave2021.com) for online registration or to print a mail-in registration form as well as getting all the info on the scheduled and optional events.

Some things to keep in mind:

1. **In case the event must be cancelled due to Covid travel restrictions, your registration fees, less a small handling charge, will be refunded. You would still receive your welcome gifts and any regalia ordered by mail.**
2. **The host hotel does not require a deposit to book your room and allows full cancellation with no penalty up to 72 hours before the event.**
3. If you register online, with a guest or guests, you will be asked participation questions for each person in your group. Be patient, read the instructions carefully and complete each page in full.
4. After you have registered *and paid in full*, you will receive an email with instructions and code to book your hotel room. You cannot book until you receive the code. You can book online or by phone. Best rooms are assigned first so don't delay.
5. Regalia Sales Will Open Soon. You will be notified by email when the Store is Open.

For more information and questions, contact Steve Kirby, Conclave Chairman at [sackirby@pacbell.net](mailto:sackirby@pacbell.net) or 949-261-8208

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## STAHC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>
Highway Pickup & Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco	Sat., October 3, 9:30 A.M.	Whitmores
AHCA Delegates' Meeting	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<del>November 6-8</del>	
STAHC Camp Out	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<del>Sat. - Sun., Nov. 7-8</del>	
Christmas/Holiday Party at the Forke Store	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<del>Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.</del>	
Texas Healey Roundup 40	Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites, 1517 N. Plaza Dr. Granbury, 76048	<b>April/May, 2021</b>	North Texas AHC

## AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Due the uncertainty of schedules for non-club events In our area please refer to the following websites for the latest information:

- <http://www.motortexas.com/Events/>
- [Southtexascc.com](http://Southtexascc.com)



**SOUTH TEXAS AUSTIN-HEALEY**

**CLUB (STAHC)** is an area club of the Austin-Healey Club of America, 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 Bob or Tina Adkins at:

(512) 264-2042.

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You can join online at:

[www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org)

Current and past issues of *Rumblins*, as well as other information about our club, can be found at the STAHC web site:

[www.STAHC.org](http://www.STAHC.org)

STAHC is on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/southtexasaustinhealeyclub>

**TECH SESSIONS**

(Tech sessions can be a get-together of members to help a fellow club member with a specific problem or a task that requires, or is easier, with one or more helpers. A Tech session can also be a meeting where a member, or non-member, with some particular skill or expertise demonstrates how to accomplish a particular task. Tech Session attendees may be helpers, teachers, learners, tool suppliers or any combination of the above. Tech session hosts usually supply light refreshments. Beer is recommended.

If you would like to host a tech session please send notification to Ron Borden at [rborden@gvtc.com](mailto:rborden@gvtc.com) as far in advance as possible, but no less than one week ahead of the session date. Your request will be forwarded to all members on the *Rumblin's* e-mail list.)

**TOOL BOX**

The purpose of the Tool Box is to assemble, and make available for use by STAHC members, specialty tools that are used in the restoration and/or maintenance of Healeys. In general, such tools will be those that are too expensive for an individual member to acquire for one time, or infrequent use.

Currently, the STAHC Tool Box contains the following:

- Lift-the-Dot Hand Punch. (Punches center hole and prong holes for installation of Lift-the-Dot fasteners for tops and tonneau covers. Moss Motors No. 226-105.)
- Texas Fastening Tool
- Snap Fastening tool
- Valve Guide Reamer size .281 for intake and exhaust standard size valve guides used on all Sprite and Midget A series engines 1958 - 1974
- Engine leveler (for removing or installing an engine)
- Carb Synchronizer
- Colourtune Carb Synchronizer
- Wire Wheel Spoke tool
- 1/8" OD pipe bending tool
- Panel & Trim Removal Tool Set
- CD Workshop Manual for Sprite MK 2, 3 & 4.

If you would like to borrow any of these tools, please contact **David Ayer** at:

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