



# REGIONAL RUMBLIN'S



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## CONCLAVE 2021, MAY 16-21

### IMPORTANT LAST MINUTE INFO

Please refer to the eighth and final edition of the

### **BIG BEAR GAZETTE**

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## S.A. JAGUAR CLUB ANNUAL RALLYE TO LUCKENBACH - Saturday, May 15

Open to all and all cars!

Information in the flyer on page 6

## HIGHWAY PICKUP & LUNCH

**Saturday, May 22, 9:30 A.M.**

2.6 miles west of Blanco,

FM 1623 @ McKinney Loop Road

"Ladies and Gentlemen, . . . STAAAAART Your Engines,  
for the HEALEY HILL COUNTRY CRUISE!!!"



Ready to hit the road: Bob Chamberlain, Doris Molina, Pam Chamberlain, Jeff Whitmore, Bonnie Ayer, Denene Whitmore, David Ayer, Brett Miller, Bob Brown, Earl Tilton

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**PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S**

*By David Ayer*

**Time for Conclave**



The road trip to Big Bear is soon to begin. We have preordered our regalia, received our official event face mask, got our vaccines and have our travel itinerary close to being completed.

I checked the weather in Big Bear the other day. Low 27° with snow!! The climate for a conclave is considered when picking a location! But history tells us that the results are often different. We will have to act appropriately for the forecast and adapt as necessary.

I was reading in the last newsletter our February snow stories. I hope we have all recovered and got the kayaks out for this round of spring in Texas. The thunder last week was wicked as was the rain! 3" at our house.

Our last event was a drive through the hill country from the Shade Tree Saloon on 281 to Brett and Julie's new house. Our hosts put out a spread of choice snacks and treats. This was our first large group activity since quarantine started last year. It was good to see and be seen by the many participants.

We have picked Saturday, May 22, for the next cleanup. Info in this newsletter.

Bonnie and I traveled to Ft. Hood on April 19 to witness the promotion of Melissa Lutrick to Army lieutenant Colonel!! Parents Bob and Pat Brown who came from the Chicago area and fiancé Earl Tilton were there. And of course Makayla was included in the ceremony. Congratulations!!





### HEALEY HILL COUNTRY CRUISE

(Editor's note: The following is an integration of text input by Julie Miller and DJ Stamp. Pictures here, plus the group photo on page 1, were submitted by Tina Adkins, DJ Stamp, and Jaime Molina. Regrettably, in the interest of keeping the file size of this *Rumblin's* issue manageable, not all of the images submitted were able to be included. My thanks to everyone for all the contributions. Ron)

Brett & Julie Miller are back & have replanted themselves in a brand new home near Canyon Lake. The club was invited to come and check out their new digs – the perfect excuse for a road trip.

The cruise began at the Shade Tree Saloon & Grill in Spring Branch (photo on page 1) where the route instructions were handed out. The drive was mostly Rebecca Creek Road which has a nice crossing over the Guadalupe River and ending up at the Miller Estate.. Everyone seemed to enjoy the drive.



Denene & Jeff, Bob & Bob (Adkins & Brown), Earl



David, Jeff & Denene, Lilah, Lauren, Julie, Everly, & Bonnie



Jeff, Brett, DJ, & Bob



David, Jeff, Denene, Brett, Todd, and Bob

The Miller's new residence has a very nice garage with an attached house. They already have it stocked with a fair assortment of cool junk like a fully operational vintage coke machine on the patio & cathode ray tube TV cabinet in the yard for the grand kids. They also had a new-fangled stereo the likes of which has never been seen - a pair of small cubes that could power a signal from a turntable & retrieve music from the internet.



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**HEALEY HILL COUNTRY CRUISE** (continued)

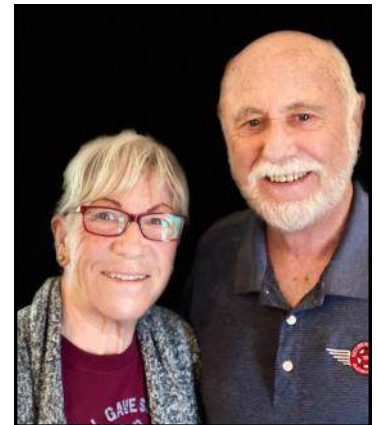
The usual suspects were in attendance minus a few. Everyone had at least 1 Covid shot so we felt pretty safe. We had the added bonus of some new faces including Brett & Julie's daughter Lauren with her husband John & their kids Parker, Everly & Lilah. Bart Goof (Bret Blades, NTAHC) snuck in the back door. Pat & Bob Brown, who came down from the frozen wastelands of Illinois to enjoy our Texas hospitality were in attendance along with new members Carrie & Todd Schelling from Maryland. Also in attendance were Tina & Bob Adkins, Bonnie & David Ayers, Pam & Bob Chamberlin, Melissa & Makayla Lutrick with Earl Tilton & Reese, Doris & Jaime Molina & Jeff & Denene Whitmore. Our enjoyment of each other's company was more than evident given the social desert we've all been wandering around in for the past year. What a refreshing way to spend a Saturday. We can't wait to do it again.



Todd & Carrie Schelling



Brett Blades & Bob Brown



Pat & Bob Brown



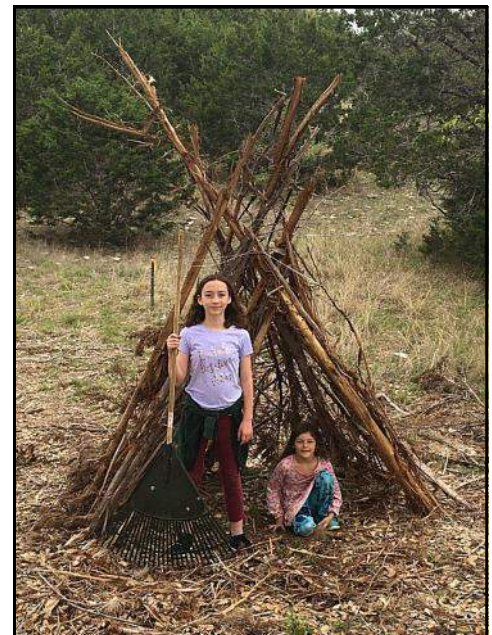
Julie & granddaughter Parker



Brett with 2 of his very best friends!



The Miller's twin granddaughters  
Lilah & Everly



Reese Tilton & Parker



## EDITOR'S RAMBLIN'S

*By Ron Borden*

Well, my self-imposed (self-inflicted??) deadline of sending the monthly issues of *Rumblin's* on the first day of each month didn't even come close this month. But I have excuses as you might imagine. The most important and significant is the attainment of a daughter-in-law! Lera and I went to north Texas last weekend for our older son's wedding!

Actually the lateness has turned out to be a good thing due to my having received information after May 1 that is needed to be in this issue.

- On May 3 an important **Texas Healey Roundup hotel update** was received from Barbie Bucy, NTAHC Roundup Registration chairperson. **Hotel reservations must be booked online.** The **link** to do so, and other important information appear on **page 13** of this newsletter.
- The date for the club's second highway trash pickup was decided on and will occur **Saturday morning, May 22, starting at 9:30 A.M.** We will meet at our usual spot 2.6 miles west of Blanco on FM 1623 at McKinnie Loop Road. Upon completion we will enjoy lunch at our fav place - the Redbud Café in Blanco. The more of us that clean up FM 1623 the quicker we can get to the yummy food! Those of you attending CONCLAVE 2021, which ends the day before, will have to hustle back, won't you!

And speaking of CONCLAVE, Lera and I will not be able to attend this year. So I am asking all who attend to:

**PLEASE TAKE A LOT OF PICTURES, TAKE NOTES, WRITE UP YOUR ADVENTURES, AND SEND ALL TO ME FOR COVERAGE IN THE JUNE RUMBLIN'S ISSUE!!** [RBORDEN@GVTC.COM](mailto:RBORDEN@GVTC.COM)

Your editor and the rest of us who aren't attending THANK YOU!

And finally the South Texas Austin-Healey Club extends a warm welcome and "Howdy" to new members. As noted on the previous page in the Healey Hill Country Cruise article, **Todd and Carrie Schelling** have become club members. We also welcome **Patrick Christensen**. He is sending his Healey to Fourintune for restoration. At least one other STAHC Healey has been beautifully restored by them. Glad to have you all!

*Ron*

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## INTERESTING INTERNET ITEMS

- [That unmistakable, exciting sound of a Ferrari!](#)
- [The Original Hot Rod Lincoln](#)





# 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SAN ANTONIO JAGUAR CLUB RALLYE TO LUCKENBACH - ~~APRIL 4 UPDATE!!!~~



**Saturday, May 15, 2021 (rain date – May 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Meeting Place:**

Rudy's Country Store and BBQ  
24152 IH 10 West (Leon Springs)  
San Antonio, TX 78257  
210-698-2141

**TIMES!!**

**IMPORTANT INFO**

**Registration:** 11:00 AM – 12:10 PM  
**MANDATORY Drivers Meeting** 12:15 PM  
**Registration Fee:** \$20.00 per vehicle  
**First Car Out:** 12:31 PM  
**START POINT:** Road behind Rudy's BBQ

- ✓ This is a JCNA sanctioned time, speed, distance event.....NOT A RACE!!!!!!
- ✓ Rallye will total under 100 miles and three (3) hours.
- ✓ Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded to drivers and navigators **AND** our Famous "Stray Cat" prize for the last driver to arrive in Luckenbach.
- ✓ The Rallye route is on paved roads, some very narrow with cattle guards and loose livestock. Please be careful and use caution in these areas.
- ✓ **NO DRINKING AND DRIVING;**
- ✓ There will be breaks during the rally, and fuel will be available only at the start of the rallye.
- ✓ JCNA rules will be used for scoring and ties will be permitted for JCNA results.
- ✓ Bring a watch, digital watch or stop watch and pencil.
- ✓ Call SAJC rallymasters Bill Davis or Brian Blackwell at below numbers if you suspect bad weather on the morning of the rallye and do not have internet access. Or check the event calendar on [www.sajaquarclub.info](http://www.sajaquarclub.info)

- **Questions?** Call Brian Blackwell at (210) 255-0361 Cell or email [blackwbg@gmail.com](mailto:blackwbg@gmail.com)  
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**SEE Y'ALL IN LEON SPRINGS, AND HOPEFULLY LUCKENBACH!!!!!!**





The event of the  
year! Austin Healey  
Conclave 2021.

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NEWS FOR TODAY

Big Bear Lake, CA

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## CONCLAVE 2021: LAST MINUTE DETAILS

### Things to consider if you are headed for Big Bear

As you gear up to head out to Conclave in Big Bear, here are some things you might want to keep in mind.

#### Weather and Altitude

Big Bear generally has good weather in May, but it is an Alpine area, so it can really cool off at night. Average highs for mid-May are about 70 degrees, with lows around 40. Great driving weather for our hot little Healeys during the day, but you will want warm clothing for the evenings. Average rainfall for the month is only one day, but it is not unknown to even get a little snow. So be prepared for a bit of anything.

Also, keep in mind that Big Bear is at an altitude of 6,752 feet (with some drives over higher passes) so the UV levels can be elevated even if the temperature is on the cool side. Bring that sunscreen and a hat.

Some events, like the Santa Maria BBQ will be held poolside, so be prepared. Currently, we hope to hold most of the major events (cocktail parties, banquet, etc.) inside, but our



North Shore View

COVID "Plan B" is to move those outdoors if restrictions preclude large indoor gatherings.

#### Spares and Repairs

The year-round population in Big Bear and surrounding areas is about 20,000, but many Southern Californians maintain vacation homes in the area and visitors' number in the hundreds of thousands. Therefore, the area is well served, not only with restaurants and shops, but also with the essentials of daily life.

Gas stations are plentiful. There are two auto parts stores and several repair shops. Towing is available from two companies (but you won't need it)! There are a handful of full-sized grocery and drug stores. Big Bear is served by a regional hospital with a 24-hour emergency room.

Of more specific interest, Moss Motors will be providing a "chase van" for the driving events that will be stocked with common

Healey repair parts, and overnight service is available for items not on hand. And as Conclave veterans know, there is no shortage of parts (and advice) from Healey owners. At least four full-time Healey technicians will be in attendance.

#### Getting the Healey Ready

Needless to say, you will be planning to have your Healey in top condition before setting off for Big Bear. Pay particular attention to cooling and brakes. Your arrival and our drives will take you up some long and steep grades (and down the other side), so you will want to avoid cooling and braking issues.

Fortunately, our SU carburetors are designed so that  
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# CONCLAVE REGALIA STORE NOW OPEN!

[www.conclave2021-regalia.com](http://www.conclave2021-regalia.com)



**REGALIA  
STORE CLOSES MAY 1  
FOR ITEMS TO BE  
DELIVERED AT CONCLAVE!  
ORDERS PLACED LATER  
WILL BE MAILED  
AFTER THE EVENT.**



**Gear Up! Check out the online store.**





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## Things to consider if you are headed to Big Bear continued...

adjustment for altitude is usually not necessary. The air is thin, so you might run a little rich, but probably not enough to require turning any screws.

### On Your Way In

There are four main routes into Big Bear. If you are coming from the Northwest, the South or the Southwest (I-10) you will have three choices. From west to east, they are Highway 18, Highway 330, and Highway 38. A suggestion would be to try 330, as our driving tours will take you on 18 and 38 later in the week. All routes are roughly the same

distance and drive time.

If you are coming from the Northeast (I-15), you can take Highway 138 from the Cajon Junction and then Highway 18 to Big Bear. Alternatively, you could cut off in Victorville and take Highway 18 all the way.

There is really no reason to "stock up" before heading up the mountain as supplies and gas in Big Bear are plentiful and not expensive (by California standards).

### Other Considerations

- If you have a National Park pass, bring it along. You will get into Joshua Tree National Park for free.

- Please bring your club banners. About half the rooms have balconies facing the parking lot. We would love to have the whole face of the hotel covered with Healey banners.

- Don't forget your Theme Night attire: California Cowboy, 50's/60's, Wearable Art, and Beach Party.

- And remember your Arts and Crafts and Photo Competition entries.

- If you are in the Gymkhana, try to bring a helmet as we will have limited loaners and all helmets need to be 2005 or newer.

- Finally, take lots of photos on your way to Big Bear. We will have an Online Photo Contest.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



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.



Big Bear Zoo

## 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**.



Sunset over Big Bear Lake

## 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 also enjoy a discounted 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 lot 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.



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BIG BEAR LAKE, CA



## JOIN US FOR PAINT AND SIP

Thursday May 20th 2pm-4pm

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Join us and Nancy with  
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Elks Lodge in beautiful  
Big Bear Lake!  
2pm-4pm

Join us for an afternoon of  
drinking wine, painting,  
and fun with new friends!  
Tickets are \$65 and  
includes all supplies,  
instruction, 2 glasses of  
wine (to go style) and an  
assortment of charcuterie

snacks! We look forward to  
seeing everyone soon.  
Please arrive 15 minutes  
early so that we may start  
on time!

Pre-sign up is needed for  
this event. Email Lisa  
Mandell at  
[Lisa.mandell14@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.mandell14@gmail.com)  
to reserve your seat.  
Payment will be collected  
during Conclave  
Registration Age 21+

Let's Paint Your Party!



## REGISTRATION FOR CONCLAVE 2021 NOW OPEN

BOOK NOW FOR THE BEST ROOMS

**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





## UPDATED Hotel Information

### September 17 - 19, 2021

**YOU NEED TO BOOK ROOM ONLINE WITH THE DIRECT LINK BELOW, NOW !**

**There are limited rooms available.**

ROOM RATE is \$108.00 per night / this rate doesn't include taxes. Dates are Sept. 16th Thurs (for early birds) thru Sept. 19th Sun (for those who would like to stay a little longer and enjoy what Granbury has to offer.) Please Follow steps below to the Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites **DIRECT LINK** for your room.

**DIRECT LINK that you must use to book your room:**

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.44579.html?groupId=1N0MR0L7](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.44579.html?groupId=1N0MR0L7)

**You will receive from Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites a email confirmation once you booked using the DIRECT LINK.**

If you don't receive this, call the hotel direct (817)573-4239 7:00am-3:00pm ask Pam or Pranav for assistance. Texas Healey RoundUp is working directly with Hotel.

**You must book room by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, 2021.**

**CANCELLATION is the RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON WHO BOOKED ROOM.** Room cancellation requires a 48 hr notice.

You can call hotel direct to cancel room (817)573-4239



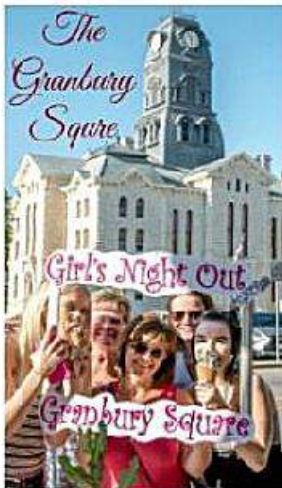
# TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40

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**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: [dbayer@swbell.net](mailto:dbayer@swbell.net) or 210-775-8168.

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