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**PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S**

*By David Ayer*

**Time to wrap up 2020!!**



But we must keep in mind that only the year has changed. Unfortunately we can't turn off 2020 like a bad movie.

So until the Covid -19 situation gets better we still wear masks and distance, eat out where there is outdoor dining and keep gatherings small.

Thank all of you for the your sympathy for my Mom's passing! Bonnie and I had traveled to Las Cruces and my brother flew in from Seattle the preceding week so we got to say our goodbyes!!

Christmas was just us, Eric and the dogs. Hope it was good for all of you!! New Year's Eve will be the same!!

Brett gave me a good idea last week!! He has Healey and car books he has read and is willing to part with. How about a library for club members he suggested!! We need a volunteer to assemble a list of who has what. Then we can put a library post in the newsletter and on the website.

I see a lot of parts for sale in our newsletter. This will help those restoring Healeys. Watching the postings on Facebook. The cars finding their way to restoration are really in sad shape. A few years ago they would have been hauled to the crushing yard.

People are in the hunt for original parts and even those can be in sad shape but get scooped up and repaired!! Original drive line parts are common so the heart of a Healey will remain .

Please read the Delegates meeting notes Jim submitted last month and this month. The meeting had 60 people on Zoom. The club board had a couple of training classes before and that made for a successful meeting.

Now the cold front has arrived with two thunderstorms, wind and cold.

*David*





### The Ghosts of Christmas (Parties) Past

Because of the @\$%& virus that has a vise grip on mankind/womankind, STAHC canceled the 2020 Christmas/Holiday Party. So in the spirit of the season, below are pictures and memories of our celebrations from parties past!



2019



2018



2017



2016



2015



2014



2013



## FALL AHCA DELEGATES ZOOM MEETING (Part 2)

*By Jim Richmond*

(Part 1 of Jim's report can be found on page 12 of the [December 2020 Rumblin's](#))

The fall Delegates meeting on Zoom was continued on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

**Healey Marque.** Reed Trummel reported that the magazine continues to operate within budget.

**Advertising.** Income from advertising continues to decrease, it is down 6% at \$13,138 for 2020. One reason is advertising on the internet. We need to offer advertisers better value through including web links to the AHCA web site and on Facebook.

**Promotions.** The Website continues to operate on an aging platform and will require migrating to a new platform and require a large budget expenditure. Ben Moore recommends spreading this out over two years. Constant Contact has been the biggest step in communicating with our members.

**Club Support.** The Vice President/Club Support offers assistance in the following areas: newsletter assistance, treasurer/tax compliance assistance, and new member recruiting. If you need assistance or if you have ideas in these areas, contact Cliff Hudgins or me and I will contact Cliff.

**Honorary Membership.** Honorary memberships (one year) were approved for the organizers of the Conclave 2020. Although this Conclave was canceled due to the pandemic, the Tampa Bay AHC expended a lot of work for this event scheduled for May at Cristal River Resort in Florida.

**Life-Time Membership.** A membership for life was approved for Hans and Ria Van de Kerkhof, founders and operators of the Healey Museum in the Netherlands the only museum devoted to Healeys and the people that made them.

**Nominating Committee.** The committee is made up of past Presidents of AHCA (past Presidents can opt out) and three Delegate members elected by the Delegates to three-year terms – one each year. The Bylaws of AHCA were confusing regarding this and Bob Gilleland presented amendments for a first reading at the meeting. It takes two readings to amend the Bylaws and the second reading will be at the November meeting in 2021. I was reelected to the nominating committee for a three-year term at this meeting.

**Officers.** Jeff Porada was elected Vice President of Safety. All other officers remain the same. President Gary Feldman appointed the following: Edie Lowery-Assistant Secretary; Vince Barnell-Advertising; Bonny Ayer as chair of the DMH Fund; and Insurance-Bill Borga. Other appointed positions remain the same.

**Budget.** Bev Sealand, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget. Delegates approved income of \$172,025 and disbursements of \$209,700.

**Next Delegates Meeting.** The Central Indiana AHC will host the next meeting on November 5 – 7, 2021. The Delegates asked officers to consider a mix of in person meetings and Zoom meetings as a means of increasing participation in governance of AHCA. The officers promised to take this suggestion under consideration.

President Gary Feldman adjourned the meeting.

(The Zoom meeting was very successful, and thanks go to all the officers of AHCA. Zoom, in my opinion, will never replace the Delegates meeting in person.)

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### TIME TO RENEW YOUR AHCA & STAHC MEMBERSHIP

Go to: <https://healeyclub.org> and look for the  button halfway down the AHCA Home Page. Dues are the same as last year - \$60.00 for both AHCA and STAHC membership.

**Renew now to support our Healey organizations, and so you won't miss any issues of the national Healey club's Healey Marque Magazine.**



**INTERIM STAHC WEBSITE & EDITOR'S/WEBMASTER'S RAMBLIN'S***By Ron Borden*

Let me start off by wishing everyone a most Happy New Year! After all that transpired during 2020 we all deserve a tremendous dose of "Happy!"



To start off this new year our website host, GoDaddy, has had to change its website editing/construction software. The version I've been using has been discontinued. The good news is that they have transferred all of our site's content to the new software. For FREE! Free is good, of course. So, *all I have to do* is reconstruct the **entire** site. The content, which amounts to pictures, etc., is available for my use in building the pages. Once I get up to speed on the new "editor" they have provided I'll get to work.

Some months ago because of frustration with the software they have just discontinued I began searching for alternatives. I opened a free account with WiX and started playing with it. The ability to create new pages, and alter those pages was light-years easier than what I had been experiencing when working on our "STAHC.org" GoDaddy site.

Well, lo and behold, I'd done enough on the test site that it can now be used in the interim until the GoDaddy site rebuild is ready for public consumption. The WiX.com banner on top is because the site is a "freebie."

The URL for the **interim site** is: <https://rborden6.wixsite.com/south-texas-ahc>. You will notice that it is a secure site (https://.....), which really means nothing for the time being.

This and future newsletters will appear, out of necessity, in the **interim site** for the "interim."

Look for the annual "2020 - STAHC's YEAR IN REVIEW" article in next month's *Regional Rumblin's*. As always, your input is welcome, encouraged/needed especially now that club activities are mostly curtailed.

Your Editor thanks you!

Ron

**1970 MGB-GT FOR SALE**

**Needs nothing. New interior, paint, tires, runs and drives great. Have too many British cars and health and age dictate thinning the herd. \$12,500.**

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## 1960 Austin Healey 3000 - 5 Original Rims Available

Club President David Ayer received the following email:

Hello!

I hope you don't mind, I pulled your email address from the STX Austin Healey Club website. My Dad, Terry Blubaugh, may have been a member of your club many years ago. He had a beautiful 1960 Austin Healey 3000, which has since passed to my brother.

At some point he replaced the original rims on his Healey, saving the old ones in the garage. We have five in total that we would like to find a home for if anyone in the club is interested. They appear to be in good shape, but spokes may need reinforcement. Attached is a pic of the original rim and a pic of the box from replacement rims (in case this helps with sizing).

Please let me know if there is any interest within the club! I can be reached at (404) 574-3003 mobile or (512) 868-5678.

Thank you!

Shari Blubaugh



Your Newsletter Editor received the following email from DJ Stamp. Reactions to the pictures will no doubt range from polite smiles, to OMG's, to severe, debilitating nausea!

This 1937 Western Clipper motorhome requiring restoration sold for \$60,500 at the 2019 Mecum Chicago Auction. Ron, this may not be Healey related but I'm sure the Healey folks would enjoy seeing it.

The picture is from the Mecum website

The 1937 Western Clipper was built for the Western Publishing Company of Racine Wisconsin to be used as mobile sales office. There were 26 variations of this unit produced over the years – few have survived. It was designed by Brooks Stevens who was involved with a number of automotive designs such as the Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk, Jeep Wagoneer & the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile . He was also involved in numerous industrial designs such as streamline locomotives & passenger cars. Enjoy, DJ





The event of the  
year! Austin Healey  
Conclave 2021.

# Big Bear Gazette

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down sunny.

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NEWS FOR TODAY

Big Bear Lake, CA

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# CONCLAVE 2021 IS LOADED WITH FUN!

## JAM PACKED SCHEDULE WILL KEEP YOU HOPPING AT CONCLAVE

### Plenty to Pick From Every Day!

With months yet to go, Conclave 2021 has already exceeded all registration expectations. While the host hotel is sold out (with a waiting list open), alternative lodging arrangements have been made nearby. And our guests will not lack for fun and entertainment.

The week will kick off with our ever-popular **Poker Run** around Big Bear Lake, through the mountains to Green Valley Lake and eventually to Lake Arrowhead Village, a great spot for lunch and some shopping. That evening we will hold the final three card draw during cocktail hour and determine the cash prize winners. It should be a great drive.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, you can enjoy **Rocker Cover Racing** under the Hotel Portico. If you have never seen RCR, you are in for a treat as the competitors strive for both style and speed (prizes in both categories). Invented in Australia, Rocker Cover Racing was "imported" into the US by our own Healey Club member, Ed Neumeyer. Since then it has become a fixture at



Lake Arrowhead Village

all West Coast Healey Meets and is spreading across the country.

During the week we will also hold several **Tech Sessions**. Currently scheduled are a "Drive Through Tech Session" hosted by Steve Day. Drive your car under the tent, describe your problem, and Steve will attempt to resolve it on the spot, perhaps with some hands-on intervention. Also, an "Ask the Experts" panel discussion will be held featuring four premier Healey restoration and repair experts. Bring your toughest questions and see if you can stump the experts. Not to be left out, while the (mostly) guys are "teching out",

the gals will be enjoying a more cultured diversion, "**Paint and Sip**". Participants will be invited to create their own painting (some Healey inspired) while wine tasting their way through some of California's finest vintages. A combination sure to inspire creativity!

Don't wait any longer, register now!

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Big Bear Lake, CA

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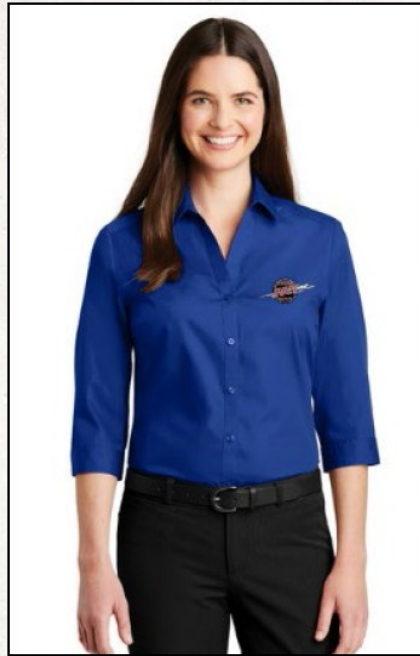
## Conclave Regalia Store Now Open

If you are attending Conclave, or even if you are not, you have to look the part. That should present no problem now that the Conclave 2021 Regalia Store is open for business! With all items featuring the distinctive Conclave "Healey Flash" logo, you are sure to find plenty to please.

Special attention was paid this year to the Ladies Offerings. Regalia Chairwomen Kathy Scroggie noted, "someone finally figured out that a man's T-shirt does not constitute a unisex garment!" Of course, there are plenty of items for the guys as well.



*Folding picnic blanket doubles as a knee warmer in your car*



*One of several fashionable items for the Ladies*

Due to a special arrangement with the garment supplier, all items are being offered in a variety of colors and a full range of sizes. While the official event gray-black-red color scheme is evident, you are sure to find some additional colors that suit your fancy. Be sure to click around on the website to view all the options.

In addition to clothing, other Conclave themed items are on sale, including grille badges, adhesive backed commemorative tokens, event pins, picnic blankets and even extra copies of the cute Conclave mascot teddy bear (one will be provided free to each registered party).



*Two different men's jackets are offered*

The store is open to everyone, attendee or not. Those attending the event will pick up their purchases at registration, while those not attending will receive their orders by mail at the conclusion of the event. *Please note that there will be a VERY limited quantity of regalia available for sale at the Conclave, so don't be disappointed, order in advance.*

**COVID 19 Policy:** In case the event is cancelled due to travel restrictions, or you must cancel, all regalia orders will be fulfilled by mail at no additional cost. No orders can be cancelled and there are no returns.

Visit the Store Now!  
[www.conclave2021-regalia.com](http://www.conclave2021-regalia.com)

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NEWS FOR TODAY

Big Bear Lake, CA

May 16-21, 2021

## Gymkhana and Funkhana to Highlight Conclave Thursday

Thursday during Conclave will see the Gymkhana and Funkhana events hosted at the nearby Big Bear Airport. Both events will be held on a huge patch of wide-open tarmac that normally provides a staging area for the California Fire Agency.

The Gymkhana track is nearly 900 feet in length and 175 feet wide, which will provide for a challenging and fast layout. While the Funkhana area will be a bit smaller, there will be plenty of room for all manner of fun and games.

New requirements are in effect for all AHCA motorsports

events, the most important of which has to do with helmets. Helmets older than ten years cannot be worn. So, if you are bringing your helmet to Gymkhana, please check the manufacture date. At this time, we do not think that Funkhana participants will need helmets.

The Gymkhana requires advance reservation (but no charge), while the Funkhana is strictly "drop in and enjoy". Spectators are welcome at both events and there is an excellent restaurant at the airport.



Beautiful Big Bear Airport



Top Down Fun at Conclave Funkhana

### 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



*Rocker Cover Racers at the Ready*

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



*Don't Be Blue, Come to Conclave*

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.



## 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.



# 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 \* \* \***

**CONCLAVE REGALIA  
STORE NOW OPEN!**  
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CONCLAVE  
**2021**  
BIG BEAR

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

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The advertisement features a central graphic with a bear mascot wearing a cap, a circular logo with 'CONCLAVE 2021 BIG BEAR' and a lightning bolt, and two rows of models wearing various regalia items like t-shirts, jackets, and hats. A small teddy bear is also shown.



## 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





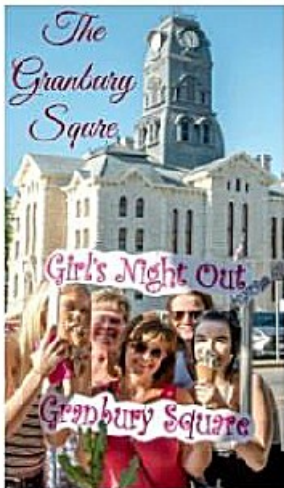
# TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40

September 17-19, 2021



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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.

Membership information is also available at:

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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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