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Regional Rumblins



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The STAHC met on Saturday January 18th at Brett and Julie Miller's home to plan the upcoming year. We had a beautiful sunny day to drive to Canyon Lake and enjoyed chili with all the fixings! We took a vote and Lynn's brownies were ***THE BEST*** and his grandchildren, Charlie

and Jules taste-tested them beforehand and approved. So, the brownies are now called, "***Lynn's Brownies***". The calendar of events on page 4 is what we came up with and hope ***YOU*** will join us in 2025!

* Backrow, from right to left: Lynn McKinnie, Julie Miller with beloved Jovi, David Ayer, Jeff Whitmore, Pat Stamp, Denene Whitmore, Bob Adkins, DJ Stamp, Debbie Berry, John Berry, Bret Miller, Larry Hester, Mel Hester, Tina Adkins, Front row from right to left: Bonnie Ayer, Amy Parks, Jeff Angelovich, Lera Borden, Ron Borden.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN - by Brett Miller

Julie had never been to east Texas in the fall to see leaves change on the trees and explore the beauty of east Texas. Healey was running great, so we took off with the agenda of totally exploring the countryside, especially Caddo Lake. In case you didn't know, it is the only natural lake in Texas. No

holds (not holes) barred; we were going to explore off the beaten path when possible. Backroads as much as possible! Of course, we had to stop off to see family including new grand kid in Katy. A baby boy finally! Family and grand kids were enjoyable again. After traveling (200 miles) to see them in Katy, we headed out to Huntsville (81 miles) except that the Healey was having shifting difficulty. Lucky for us, Pete and Jane Sandy, Gulf Coast Club members, were home that morning and allowed us to swing by to troubleshoot the transmission. Pete was able to add oil to the Toyota transmission and our trip continued on to Huntsville. We stayed in a remote forest area in a remodeled retro Airstream trailer.



So comfy and had all the necessities! We spent the day in Huntsville touring the Sam Houston Museum and the Texas Prison Museum! Really cool! Old Sparky (the electric chair) was there as well as photos of some of the most notorious convicted criminals in Texas.

Ironically, two of them were former Dallas Cowboys! Our next stop was Nacogdoches (110 miles). We had a plush stay at the Fredonia Hotel and enjoyed the Fredonia Brewery just like we did last time Roundup was there! From there, we ended up in the thriving town of Uncertain a real town



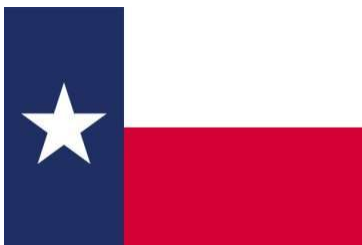
(110 miles). Stayed in a cute lakeside cabin with all the comforts of home. Thankfully, it had a tiny covered area for the Healey as it rained cats and frogs for an entire day! Got to enjoy our nutritious meal of beer and pork skins at the Johnson's Ranch Marina (the oldest inland marina in Texas) before we loaded up on the boat for a swamp tour on Caddo



lake. Guide was owner Dan Chillaxin boat tours. Great guide. Really cool and beautiful boat trip. Then we headed to Rusk (100 miles) to stay at Porch & Pine cottage. Next day, we headed out to Caddo Mounds State Historic Site which was extremely informative with a nice walking trail throughout the area. We packed up the next day to head back. We stopped at the Neches bluff overlook and moved on to



Mission Texas State Park. Very nice campground in the piney woods. Got to see CCC building that my great uncle helped build. Then we headed to Hearne (132 miles) Got to have lunch with my Aunt and Uncle, and then hit the road home (105 miles). Now for the *bad* news. park by Caddo Indian transmission started no ability to shift into made it home and still everyone, even if you Healey problems!



Had a flat at the state park. Then to go south with 5th gear. We recommend it to have a few



STAHC Calendar of Events			
Date	Event	Location	Time
February 22	Highway Cleanup and Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop 2.6 miles west of Blanco	10:00 am
March Date TBA	Electric Car Conversion Company Visit - Moment Motor Co.	7601 S. Congress Ave. Austin 78745	TBA
April 4-6	Texas Healey Roundup 44	La Grange	12:00 pm
April 26	Highway Cleanup and Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop 2.6 miles west of Blanco	10:00 am
May Date TBA	Fredericksburg Road Rally & National Museum of Pacific War	311 E Austin St. Fredericksburg, TX 78624	TBA
May 18 - 23	Conclave 2025 Healeys in the Ozarks	415 North State Hwy 265 Branson, Missouri 65616	4:00 pm
June Date TBA	Pool Party	The Berry's	TBA
July	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
August Date TBA	National Healey Ice Cream Day & Pool Party	The Hester's	TBA
September Date TBA	Inner Space Caverns	4200 S. I-35 FRONTAGE RD. GEORGETOWN, TX 78626	TBA
October 4	Highway Cleanup and Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop 2.6 miles west of Blanco	10:00
October 25	South Texas All British Car Days	Boerne Main Square Plaza 132 S Main St. Boerne, TX	9:00 – 3:00 pm
November Date TBA	Tour of the Painted Churches & Lunch in Schulenburg	Map will be provided	TBA
December Date TBA	Annual STAHC Christmas/ Holiday Party	Forke Store 1300 Church Hill Dr. New Braunfels, TX 78130	TBA

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

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



Interested in Preserving the cultural heritage and the Austin Healey legacy? The STAHC is collecting monetary donations to send to the Healey Museum in Vreeland, The Netherlands. Send checks by February 7th to Bob Adkins, STAHC Treasurer, 950 Stagecoach Ranch Rd. Dripping Springs, TX 78620-2315. For more information about the Healey Museum visit <https://www.healeymuseum.nl/en/visitor-information/>

<https://conclave2025branson.com/>



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**South Texas All British Car Day
Representative:**
Contact any Officer above


Saturday February 22nd at 10:00 am
Highway Cleanup and Lunch
Afterwards


We will meet at the corner of the McKinney Loop and FM1623 outside of Blanco to divide and conquer. Lunch afterwards. Jeff and Denene Whitmore are the organizers and contacts for this event. (210) 422-2666. Email is whitdemore@gmail.com. Gloves, hats, long pants and sunscreen are recommended. A personal water jug or bottle is also helpful.

Random Acts of Kindness do Matter!

In May 2024, the STAHC visited the National Pacific War Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. One of our members anonymously contributed \$100.00 to the work of the museum. The museum was thrilled and wanted to thank the donor and the entire club for visiting.

We hope to visit again this May. Please join us!

Ready to submit *YOUR* article to our newsletter? Let us know about your first Healey. Need tech help? Have something to sell? We want to hear from you! Send to: melhester@austin.rr.com





Texas Healey Roundup44

Host Hotel: Best Western

La Grange Inn & Suites

La Grange, TX April 4 - 6, 2025

Tele No. 979-968-6800

Name:	Address:
Spouse:	City-State-Zip:
Guest:	Phone:
Club Affiliation:	Email Address:

Check
Healey Model:

Sprite

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Convertible
(Roll-Up Windows)

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Roadster
(Side Curtains)

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REGISTRATION & MEALS	Cost			Qty			Total
Registration (Prior to 03/04/25) = Driver + Spouse/Guest (Includes patch and car number)	\$95	X			=		
Late Registration (After 03/04/25)	\$120	X			=		
Additional Logo Patch	\$7	X			=		
Saturday Dinner per Person	\$48	X			=		
REGALIA							
Order thru this link: https://texashealeyroundup2026.itemorder.com/shop/sale/ Telephone: Big Frog 281-712-4191							
TOTAL					=		

With questions or comments,
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Make check payable to **Roundup 2025**
and send this **COMPLETED** form and
your payment to:

Gulf Coast Healey Club, c/o Mike Vecellio
11747 Skene Way
Houston, TX 77024

**NOTE: If paying by credit card please contact
Pat Vecellio at 713-824-3428 with credit card number**

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Y'ALL COME! LA GRANGE IS EXCITED TO WELCOME US!!	Best Western La Grange Inn & Suites 600 E. State Highway 71 Bypass La Grange, TX 78945 979-968-6800 Per Night Rates: All rooms = \$135.95 +plus tax	There are 35 rooms reserved with this SPECIAL rate until 03/21/25 , after which they will return to the regular rates ... BOOK YOURS NOW USING BLOCK NAME: GCAHC

