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STAHC 2020 PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Shortly after noon club members arrived at the beautiful home of Pam and Bob Chamberlain. It is situated on a hill south of Wimberley overlooking the Blanco river valley. The meal provided by the Chamberlains was as enjoyable as the view on this beautiful afternoon.

Joining the feast and planning this year were: Tina & Bob Adkins, Bonnie & David Ayer, Lera & Ron Borden, the Chamberlains, Joy & Michael Escriva, Lynn McKinnie, Doris & Jaime Molina, Karen & Jim Richmond, and Denene & Jeff Whitmore.







Bob, Jeff, Denene, Joy, and Doris

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STAHC 2020 PLANNING MEETING (continued)



Following lunch the group got down to the business of planning club events for 2020. Our three Highway Pickup dates were established in March, and June, as they have been in years past, and October this year. Texas Healey RoundUp is again in April with CONCLAVE 2020 being in May. Prior to CONCLAVE an additional event in May will be a drive through the Hill Country with lunch at the Alamo Springs Café which has been featured in the past on the front cover of *Texas Monthly* magazine. For the latest coverage go to:

https://www.texasmonthly.com/restaurant/alamo-springs-cafe/

This year the club will undertake a project of getting electric fuel pump cutout switches installed in as many club members' cars as possible. This device is a **very important safety addition** to our 50+ year old cars. Only 948 Sprites have a mechanical fuel pump. But **all other Healeys need a cutout switch.** All new cars *must* have some means of shutting off the electric fuel pumps in the event of a collision. This is to prevent gasoline/diesel fuel continuing to being pumped in case a fuel line is broken on impact before the ignition can be shut off. The need to eliminate the risk of fire is obvious.

So to accomplish our goal we will have two tech sessions in July to install these important devices. One will be at the Adkins' home, and the other a week later at the Richmonds'. These locations were chosen to be convenient for members living in the Austin area or San Antonio area. **But** you may come to **either** session, whichever suits

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STAHC 2020 PLANNING MEETING (continued)

you and your schedule best.

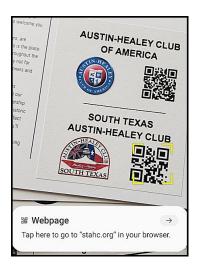
These switches cost \$52.50. There is no labor or other costs. This amount is probably the **best insurance bargain** out there. And, unlike conventional insurance coverage, this is a one-time cost, not a recurring annual premium. So for your safety and piece of mind please plan on having your car so equipped.

If you are unavailable for these July tech sessions, or don't want to wait that long (good idea), please contact Bob Adkins, Jim Richmond, or any club officer listed on page 2 to schedule an installation. If your car is not road-worthy also contact us. We will come to you!

The STAHC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR appears on page 13.



Ron Borden passed out AHCA membership invitation cards to those present. A sticker was placed on the back of each card with QR (Quick Response) codes for both AHCA and STAHC. When these codes are scanned with smart phone cameras a bar will pop up at the bottom enabling the user to "Tap here..." to go to the website for more information (right). These cards can be passed out at car club events to attract new members. More are available. Contact Ron at: rborden@gvtc.com



After the schedule was set and meeting concluded Pam Chamberlain gave a tour of her upstairs quilting studio to quilt enthusiasts. It overlooks the Blanco River and the surrounding hills and valleys. With this stunning atmosphere it is no wonder that Pam has created many dazzling works of art!





Lera, Tina, and Bonnie being introduced to Pam's retreat and its inspiring view.



31st ANNUAL SAN ANTONIO JAGUAR CLUB RALLYE TO LUCKENBACH

Saturday morning, January 25, started off cloudy and chilly with a slight threat of precipitation that didn't

occur. The Rallye began in Helotes at the El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant. Jaguar Club and STAHC member Brian Blackwell was the rally master. Registration was inside the restaurant. After consuming a breakfast taco or two the cars departed at 1 minute intervals from the parking lot. Club members participating were Jim Richmond with Karen navigating, and Ron Borden drove his Sprite with long-time friend, Glen Bilyeu, as his navigator. Mike McPhail from the Gulf Coast Healey Club also ran the rally in his TR-6.



Glen, Karen and Jim getting ready to depart on the first leg of the Rallye to Luckenbach.

The rallye was divided into 4 legs. After the start participants drove through beautiful, secluded Grey Forest to the edge of Boerne, west to the back entrance to and through Tapatio Springs to the first 5 minute stop at a gas station at the north end of Boerne at IH-10. The next leg went north winding through the hills to the next 5 minute stop at the Waring Country Store. More hills, more winding to the final intermediate stop which was at the country store in Kendalia. No time to grab one of their outstanding burgers, unfortunately. The final leg was the reverse of a portion of the RoundUp 2016 rally - Crabapple Road to FM1888 to FM1376 to Luckenbach. By now all were ready for burgers and beverages.

After all cars were in the results were tabulated. The "Stray Cat" (last place) award was announced (so as not to embarrass the STAHC President or Julie Miller's husband, the names of last year's "Stray Cat" awardees will forever be buried in the Feb. 2019 issue of *Regional Rumblins*, p. 5, right column). But the 2020 Rallye "Stray Cat" winners had already strayed on home. Third and First Place winners were driving Corvettes. The Second Place winners were, a *mere 3 seconds* out of first, drum roll please,

Ron and Glen! This was Glen's first rally as either driver *or* navigator. He must be a natural! After feeding Ron information from the Route Instructions all Ron had to do was point his Sprite, maintain speed, and turn as directed. As it turned out this was the first time Ron placed in a rally.

Following the conclusion of the presentations Ron and Glen headed home. About 10 miles south of Luckenbach they noticed an Axis buck racing the in same direction along the opposite highway shoulder. Having lived in the hill country long enough to know what deer tend to do, Ron began slowing. Sure enough, the deer attempted to commit Suicide-by-Sprite (Spriticide??) by



darting in front of them. But the right foot, already poised at the brake pedal, applied moderate braking, slowing the car in plenty of time to avoid any damage to car or deer.



PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

By David Ayer

Where does time go??

Really, already the second day of February??!!

We had a great turnout for our recent annual event planning meeting in January. Many thanks to the Chamberlain's for hosting at their house in the hills!!

We fairly quickly put together a calendar of club related activities which Is in this issue of the newsletter.





Our church, Colonial Hills United Methodist, sponsors a monthly Food Bank food distribution day, serving between 130 and 180 families. In November the kids were out of school for the Thanksgiving holidays so we had a fair number of youth to help pass out food including, from the Winston School, Hannah Whitmore, daughter of Jeff and Denene Whitmore. All the kids did a great job.

Roundup is just around the bend. Send in you registration!! This will be #40 and the organizers are planning a good wingding and you don't want to miss it.

Also following closely is Conclave. Usually in the summer, last years was in the fall and this years will be in the spring!! Information and a registration link appear on pages 11 & 12 in this newsletter.

And for the longer time members (but not old timers) can you identify the folks in their Healeys?

David







LONE STAR LE MANS - 6 HOURS OF COTA

21-22-23 FEBRUARY 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE V.7

Schedule subject to change

http://circuitoftheamericas.com/lslm/tickets

Saturday, February 22

7:30am Parking Lots Open 8:00am-7:00pm Gates Open/Close 8:00am-10:00am Practice 1- FIA WEC 10:15am-10:55am Free Lapping-Track Rats 11:05am-11:35am Safety Car Exercise 11:45am-12:25pm Free Lapping- Track Rats 12:45pm-2:45pm **Practice 2- FIA WEC** 3:00pm-3:40pm Free Lapping- Track Rats 4:00pm-4:35pm Car Corral (Group 2)

4:00pm-5:00pm Pit Walk

4:45pm- 5:25pm Free Lapping- Track Rats

5:40pm-6:00pm Qualifying- LMGTE Pro & LMGTE Am

6:10pm-6:30pm Qualifying- LMP1 & LMP2

Sunday, February 23

7:30am Parking Lots Open
8:00am-6:30pm Gates Open/Close
8:00am-8:50am Car Corral (Group 1)
9:00am-9:45am Free Lapping- Track Rats

9:45am-10:45am Pit Lane Walk

9:50am-10:20am FIA WEC Driver Autograph Session- Pit Lane 11:15am-11:45am FIA WEC Fan Grid Walk- Front Straight

12:00pm-6:00pm Race- Lone Star Le Mans- 6 Hrs of Circuit of The Americas

EL MERCADO

Charlie O'Connors has the following for sale:

- Austin Healey 3000 engine asking \$1000.00 (including engine stand free)
- Austin Healey 3000 1 piece tonneau bar \$35.00
- Austin Healey 3000 trunk prop \$35.00

Charlie O'Connors

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* * * * <u>TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40</u> * * * *

APRIL 3-5, 2020



North Texas Austin Healey Club is proud to be the host of this event. This is the "40th Anniversary" Round-Up. Please join us in celebrating this milestone. We are in Granbury, Texas for a weekend of Healey Friendships, Family and Fun!

Friday Afternoon starts off with a "Welcome Tea" for those who need a cuppa, and of course Hospitality will be open, cold beverages for the people who need to wet their whistle after a long Healey drive. Registration will also be open and ready. We will have raffle tickets for sale for a beautiful "40th Anniversary Texas Healey RoundUp" Quilt. Raffle tickets will also be available to buy a handsome "Leather Jacket with Healey Wings" so bring your money, honey! Friday evening we will have a Complimentary Fiesta Buffet, no need to go out.

Saturday begins early with a spectacular Car Show on the square at the Hood County Courthouse in downtown Granbury. Then there will be a Car Rally, not to be missed, that takes you thru the "Heart of Texas". Saturday evening we are at Harbor Lakes Golf Club with our Healey friends for a delicious prime rib dinner along with car show awards. Afterwards hospitality will be open for those who would like to catch up on what's been going on!

Sunday begins early with the annual Gymkhana event. Then we will gather back at Harbor Lakes Golf Club for Brunch with our Healey friends. The Gymkhana and Rally awards as well as the Raffle Winners will be united with their Prize! Then we will say "Bye Ya'll see you next year somewhere in Texas with a Healey!"

Karen Gilleland, Chairperson

Registration form available on page 8

Hotel Reservations:

Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites 1517 North Plaza Drive Granbury, Texas 76048 Hotel Phone: (817) 573-4239

VERY IMPORTANT

You must use the Link below to book your Hotel Room: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotelrooms.44579.html?groupId=7E2EW0L1

For assistance or inquiry regarding Texas Healey RoundUp 40, please contact Barbie Bucy at:

(817) 480-4831 or stuckonbarbie@gmail.com

Hotel Room Rate \$85.00 per night plus taxes

• Includes Complimentary Full Breakfast Buffet

Free WiFi

A special 40th Anniversary quilt is being constructed and will be raffled off at RoundUp! Old T-shirts, polos, and patches from the following years are needed.

• 1980-1984 • 1986-1993 • 1995 • 2000-2002 • 2006-2019 Contact Bonnie Ayer if you have any of these items from these years to donate. Thank you!

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"40th Anniversary Celebration" Texas Healey RoundUp April 3rd - 5th, 2020

Hosted by the North Texas Austin Healey Club

www.txhealeyroundup.org

Name:	Address:	
Spouse/Guest:		
Email:	Cell Phone:	
Club Affiliation:	AHCA: Y / N	Will you have a Trailer: Y / N
I/We will enter: (quantity) Car Show:	Rally:	Gymkhana:
>>>Year/Model of Big Healey(s):		
>>>Year/Model of Spite(s):		

Registration, Meals and Events	Cost		Quantity	Total
Early Registration (Before March 15 th , 2020)		х		
*Includes 2 people and children < 10 y/o, 1 Patch, and 1 Car Magnet				
Additional Car Registration		Х		
*Includes 1 Patch and 1 Car Magnet				
Late Registration (Starting March 15 th ,2020)		X		
Late Registration: Additional Adult(s) or Children < 10 y/o		X		
Friday Afternoon: Complimentary "Welcome Tea"		X		
Friday Evening: Complimentary "Fiesta Buffet" (specify Quantity)		X		
Saturday Morning: Car Show	N/C	Х		
Saturday Afternoon: Car Rally		X		
Saturday Evening: Prime Rib Dinner & Awards - Adult		Х		
Saturday Evening: Prime Rib Dinner & Awards - Children < 10 y/o		Х		
Sunday Morning: Gymkhana		X		
Sunday Afternoon: Farewell Brunch & Awards, Raffle Prizes		X		
Regalia				
Mens Dress Shirt w/Pocket (Navy, White, Red) S, M, L, XL, XXL		х		
Ladies Shirt (Navy, White, Red) S, M, L, XL, XXL		Х		
Custom Distressed Hat (Navy w/Red Front)		х		
40 th Anniversary Logo Patch	\$10.00	х		
	Registration Total:			



Return this form w/check to:

North Texas AHC c/o Barbie Bucy 2611 CR 531 Burleson, TX 76028

Have any questions or need assistance? Contact: Barbie Bucy +1 (817) 480-4831 or stuckonbarbie@gmail.com

40th Anniversary Celebration Chairperson:

Karen Gilleland

Additional RoundUp Information can be found at:

txhealeyroundup.org

ROUNDUP 2020 - Granbury, Texas



<u>Hello RoundUp Fans</u>

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Texas' premiere event "Texas Healey RoundUp", this year's location will be in the historic lakeside community of **Granbury April**3-5, 2020! For those interested you can come in on Thursday and leave Monday...

The first RoundUp occurred when I was 16! Mom and Dad, aka Bob & Stella Gilleland, were part of the original organizational committee for the event held in Kerrville, and it was a "joint" effort between all three Texas' Austin-Healey Clubs. After the first RoundUp, the attendees decided to make it an annual event that passes between the Gulf Coast Healey Club, South Texas AHC and North Texas AHC alternately giving each club the opportunity to host in a Texas town of their choosing. This year North Texas has the great honor to host the "40th Anniversary Celebration" in Granbury.

NOTE: * Registration forms will be available next month, but you can always call the **Best Western at (817)573-4239** to reserve your room for the "Texas Healey Round-Up" now to hold our spot! Room rate \$85.00 plus taxes.

We are kicking off the event on Friday night at the best Western with a "Fajita Fiesta", which will be free for all to attend. This will give everyone time to relax and catch up with "Old and New" friends.

Saturday will be a busy day, starting early in the town square at the steps of the Hood County Courthouse with the *Carshow*. We have also secured the beautifully restored "Celebration Hall" on the square for attendees to enjoy fellowship and of course coffee and donuts during the Carshow.

Saturday afternoon will be the scenic *Rally* through the surrounding countryside of North Texas, it is not to be missed! After the Rally feel free to stop by for "Afternoon Tea" hosted by Stella and The North Texas ladies. It's a great pick me for the afternoon dull drums.

Saturday night we will return to "Celebration Hall" for the Carshow Awards and a catered dinner and special private show following in the restored 1886 Opera House, now Granbury Live Theatre adjoining Celebration Hall.

Sunday starts early again with the fast and furious "Gymkhana" at the nearby school district complex. Our weekend concludes at Celebration Hall with Sunday Brunch. The Rally and Gymkhana Awards will be presented during this time.

For those who want to relax an extra day ask for a Monday checkout. We hope everyone can make the journey to Granbury and join in on the Celebration of this Texas Tradition!!

There will be some unique items up for auction too. The first is a custom tri logo blanket with the "Healey wings" embroidered. There will also be a handsome men's bomber jacket with the embroidered "Healey wings" across the back. The number of raffle tickets sold will be limited for both items. Tickets will be \$10 each. The winners will be announced during Sunday brunch.

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ROUNDUP 2020 - Granbury, Texas (cont)

As a special incentive the *first 15 registrants to the* 40th Texas Healey RoundUp will receive a limited edition locally bottled wine with a customized 40th Anniversary label, donated by my company Shield Awards & Promotions.

Finally, as with any event it is only as good as the people who are involved. If you haven't done so, please volunteer with planning or to help the weekend of the event....either way please *reserve your room now* and we all look forward to seeing in Granbury next April.

Adios,

Karen Gilleland RoundUp 40 Chairperson NTAHC



APRIL 3-5, 2020!

Forty years gone by and still going strong... Texas Healey RoundUp.





CONCLAVE 2020





Reserve the date and join your Healey friends in sunny Florida in 2020!



Crystal River, Florida May 17-21, 2020

Tampa Bay Austin-Healey Club • Austin-Healey Club of America



Austin-Healey Club
May 17-21, 2020

On-line credit card registrations are required. No mail-in registrations or checks accepted. Registration required to obtain password for special hotel group rates and reservation phone number.

Register today at http://tbahc.com

Registration \$145 through February 28, 2020. All registrations \$165 after February 28, 2020. All fees are U.S. Dollars. Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 15 and one free baseball cap. No refunds after March 1, 2020.

Each additional adult: \$45.00
Each additional child: \$30.00
Each additional vintage car: \$45.00
Ice Cream Social: \$12.00
Awards Dinner Tickets: \$48.00

Concours judging will be available for all "Big Healeys" with a required fee of \$130.00.



Florida Green cars (and combinations) will be celebrated at Conclave. Join us and share your car!

Regalia with pricing available on the website for your on-line orders!

Registration questions? email: linwoodrose@mac.com

STAHC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR					
<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>		
Lone Star Le Mans	Circuit of the Americas track, Austin	February 22 & 23	Julie Miller Website Link		
Highway Pickup & Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco	Sat., March 7, 9:30 A.M.	Whitmores		
Texas Healey Roundup 40	Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites, 1517 N. Plaza Dr. Granbury, 76048	April 3-5	No. Texas AHC		
Hill Country Drive & Lunch	Beginning @ Stripes, Hwy 281, south of Blanco	May 2 or 9 (TBD)	Ron Borden		
CONCLAVE 2020	Crystal River, Florida	May 17-21	Tampa Bay AHC		
Highway Pickup & Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco	Sat., June 13, 9:00 A.M.	Whitmores		
Fuel Pump Cutout Switch Installation Tech Session	950 Stagecoach Ranch Road, Dripping Springs 78620	July 18, 9:30 A.M.	Bob Adkins		
Fuel Pump Cutout Switch Installation Tech Session	331 Wild Turkey Blvd., Boerne, 78006	July 25, 9:30 A.M.	Jim Richmond		
Ice Cream Social New Braunfels, TX , Zenzero Artisan Gelato		Sat., Aug. 22, 2:30 P.M.	ТВА		
Texas All British Car Days	Round Rock	September 25-27			
Highway Pickup & Lunch FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco		Sat., October 3, 9:30 A.M.	Whitmores		
South Texas All British Car Day (STABCD)	British Car Main Plaza, Boerne Sa		Alamo MG Association		
Club Elections Meeting	Random Beer Garden, Boerne Lake	October 24, following STABCD			
AHCA Delegates' Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana	November 6-8	AHCA		
STAHC Camp Out	Leakey	Sat Sun., Nov. 16 - 17	ТВА		
Christmas/Holiday Party at the Forke Store	Conservation Plaza, 1300 Church Hill Dr., New Braunfels, 78130	Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 P.M 4 P.M.	Stamps		

FEBRUARY AREA EVENTS CALENDAR					
<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	WHEN	<u>WHO</u>		
American Legion Veterans Support Show	American Legion Hall in Murphy Park, Taylor, Texas	Saturday, June 1, 10 A.M 2 P.M.	Benefit Open to the Public		
Lake Area Rods and Classics Saturday Night Cruise	608 Hwy 281, Marble Falls	Sat., February 1, 5 P.M. to 7-ish	Open to the Public Website Link		
Parked.up	12625 N35 Service Road, Austin 78753	Sat., February 1, 6 - 10 P.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		
Pistons at the Park (monthly, first Sunday)	16231 IH-35, Pflugerville, 78660	Sun., February 2, 8 - 11 A.M.	Benefit Open to the Public <u>Website Link</u>		
Wimberley Coffee & Cars (monthly, first Sunday)	Blanco Brew, 14200 R.R. 12, Wimberley	Sun., February 2, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		
Canyon Lake Hot Rod and Classic Car cruise-in (2nd Fri.)	Brookshire Brothers grocery, 18209 FM 306, Canyon Lake	Fri., February 14, 5 - 8 P.M.	Open to the Public		
Pistons on the Square (monthly, third Saturday)	Town Square, Georgetown	Sat., February 15, 8 - 10 A.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		
Leander Car Show - (monthly, third Saturday)	Bledsoe Park, Leander	Saturday, June 15, 6 - 9 P.M.	Open to the Public		
Cars & Coffee - Austin	Lot A, Circuit of the Americas (COTA), Austin	Sun., February 16, 8 A.M Noon	Open to the Public Website Link Facebook Link		
Round Rock Car Show	Centennial Plaza, 301 W. Bag- dad, Round Rock	Sun., February 16, 10 A.M 1 P.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		
Coffee with Cars (monthly, last Sunday)	Greater Goods Coffee, 160 McGregor Ln., Dripping Springs	Sun., February 23, 8 - 10 A.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		
Trucks & Tacos (monthly, fourth Sunday)	MasFajitas parking lot, 3010 Williams Dr, Georgetown 78628	Sun., February 23, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public		
G21 Takes Over Taylor (monthly)	3100 N Main St., Suite 101, Taylor, 76574	Sun., February 23, 10 A.M 1 P.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		
Stephanie Nichols 9th Annual Car & Vintage Plane Show	Georgetown Municipal Airport, 500 Terminal Drive, Georgetown	Sat., February 29, 9 A.M 2:30 P.M.	Benefit Open to the Public <u>Website Link</u>		
2nd Annual Hotrod Show- down	333 Wayside Dr, Wimberley, 78676	Sat., February 29, 10 A.M 5 P.M.	Open to the Public Website Link		

JUST DISCOVERED: Check out the S. Tx. Car Club for extensive listings of car events at: 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.

Membership information is also available at:

stahcmembeship@icloud.com

You can join online at:

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

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 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 Manuel for Sprite MK 2, 3 & 4.

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

dbayer@swbell.net or 210-775-8168.

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