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# **PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S**

By DJ Stamp

Hope everyone had a very nice holiday season. It was uplifting to see some familiar faces at our gathering at Forke Store for the holiday. The group included Tina & Bob Adkins, David & Bonnie Ayer, Ron & Lera Borden, Bob & Pam Chamberlain, Brett & Julie Miller, Jaime & Doris Molina, Pat & DJ Stamp & Jeff & Denine Whitmore.



I thought the gift exchange was pretty boring until we finally got into the spirit & some real Christmas thievery took place. I love the light I went home with. That little sucker lights up the whole driveway.

I do need to apologize for my vegetarian chicken pot pie. I should have left it in the stock pot. It really dried out in the oven. Later I rehydrated it in a pot & it was very good - trust me!!

Next up is our planning meeting on January 14, hosted by Bob & Pam at 20290 Hilltop Drive in Wimberley from 11-2 p.m. We will lay our yearly schedule & do some serious preparation for Texas Healey Round Up which we host this year so please plan to attend. You not only get to enjoy all of our company but the view from the deck is spectacular & the shop full of Morgans is equally impressive.

Take care, DJ

# **EDITOR'S RAMBLIN'S**

By Ron Borden

In putting together the Year In Review article I need to acknowledge that the text is, for the most part, excerpts from articles written by Julie Miller, Bonnie Ayer, DJ Stamp, plus some editorial comments. Similarly the pictures are from ones submitted by the same people plus Jaime Molina and



Tina Adkins. If I have missed giving credit where credit is due for verbiage or imagery, please forgive my unintentional oversight.

Since this is my final issue as editor of the *Regional Rumblin's* I want to thank everyone for their support, input, and kind compliments. It has been an honor to make this contribution to our club. You all are the greatest!!

Best regards, Ron

# **STAHC ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING & LUNCH**

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

At the Home of Bob & Pam Chamberlain 20290 Hilltop Drive, Wimberley 78676 512/847-5607

#### Lunch menu:

Chili (no beans) - Chamberlain

**Cornbread - volunteer** 

Beans (vegetarian) - volunteer

Fresh veggies & dip - volunteer

**Desserts - volunteer** 

Bring your own drinks

**RSVP** to Pam at:

pp.chamber@gmail.com

Or text 713-705-8493

# **TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 42**

March 24 - 26th, 2023, Blanco, TX

Hotel reservation information, Roundup registration, and other details will be announced as soon as they are available.

**Volunteers needed! Contact Julie Miller at:** 

(512)-636-1885 or jmillerslp@gmail.com



# **2022, STAHC'S YEAR IN REVIEW**

## **January**

#### **ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

We had our yearly planning session on January 15, hosted by Bob & Pam Chamberlain at their beautiful hill top home in Wimberley. Members in attendance included: Bob & Tina Adkins, David & Bonnie Ayer, Ron & Lera Borden, Brett & Julie Miller, DJ & Pat Stamp & Jeff & Denene Whitmore. The Chamberlains had prepared chili which was the perfect dish for a cold day. And then there were the homemade chocolate chip cookies!









We always enjoy each other's company at our get togethers. It is easy to notice the gap in technologies present. Bob Adkins & DJ sat next to each other each with their tablets. Bob's was small, modern & probably stored all the info on a cloud someplace. DJ's, on the other hand, had a limited number of pages, involved a pencil & is hopelessly lost in a pile someplace.

#### SAN ANTONIO JAGUAR CLUB LUCKENBACH RALLYE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Rallye participants started showing up at the La Hacienda restaurant in far northwest San Antonio about 11 A.M. for event registration and lunch. STAHC participants were Julie & Brett Miller in their Healey 100, and Ron Borden in his '67 Sprite with long time close friend, Glen Bilyeu, as his navigator. Brett was asked if

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**January** (continued)

he would be hoping to win the Stray Cat Award again this year. He replied, "No. David (Ayer) isn't here!"



After lunch the Driver's Meeting started at 12:15 conducted by Rallye Master, SAJC President, and STAHC member Brian Blackwell (far left).

Promptly at 12:31 the first car was out on a 4 leg tour of the hill country enroute to Luckenbach. The third leg was planned to finish at a rest stop on US 290 close to the LBJ Ranch. Cars began showing up there to find the Rallye team *AWOL!* They had gone to the wrong rest stop. So Brian threw out that leg, and the

last one since there was no official timer to log us in and out. The winners were therefore decided on times from the first two legs. Sadly no club members were winners this year.

## **February**

## MEET, GREET, EAT & REPEAT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, FREDERICKSBURG

The sun was out and we had a nice gathering for lunch at Hondo's in Fredericksburg. Healey folks filled a large outdoor table, chowed down on good food, listened to live music and of course, had a few beers. Joel and Jolene Keefer joined the group of Bob and Pam Chamberlain, Jeff and Denene Whitmore, Bob and Tina Adkins and Brett and Julie Miller. Conversations included brewing beer, drinking beer, British sports cars, raising kids, surviving the teenage years and how great Texas winters can be on any given day!









## March

#### SPRING HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP & LUNCH, SATURDAY MARCH 26, BLANCO

A group gathered on Saturday March 26 for highway pick up on the road to Luckenbach just outside of Blanco. It had been a while since we had a trash pickup so there was quite a bit including some pretty (Continued on the next page)

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## **March** (continued)

heavy items such as a solid steel bar, sheet metal, sheetrock & a whiskey barrel in pieces. Attendees included: Bob & Tina Adkins, Ron & Lera Borden, Joel Keefer, Julie Miller, DJ Stamp & sponsors Jeff & Denene Whitmore. We worked for a couple of hours & the day was warming quickly so we packed it in & headed for the Red Bud Cafe on the square in Blanco for lunch. After lunch some went in search of that special antique & others headed for the barn. The task shouldn't be as difficult next time.



## <u>April</u>

#### **TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 41, APRIL 8-10, BRENHAM**

The Gulf Coast Healey Club was the host club this year. STAHC members attending were:

- Tina & Bob Adkins
- Bonnie & David Ayer
- Ron & Lera Borden
- Julie & Brett Miller
- Ed Dingivan and Larry Hester dropped by Saturday morning to enjoy Popularity (below)





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# **April** (continued)



Saturday afternoon rally participants lined up behind the host hotel to be started on the rally course at one minute intervals by Rally Master Extraordinaire Mike Johnson. Bob & Tina Adkins, left, await their turn. After departure the rally course wound through the backroads of Washington County. Drivers and navigators were treated to stunning vistas of Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush and other classic Texas wildflowers.

After about an hour and a half, some participants encountered a delay of over 2 minutes while a Union Pacific freight train blocked the road as it passed through Brenham. The tour ended back in town at Brazos Valley Brewing where many adults consumed varying quantities of adult beverages.

Saturday evening the banquet consisting of a choice of two entrees plus all the "fixin's" and several dessert choices, was held in a dining

hall at the Barnhill Center in downtown Brenham. When everyone was pleasantly stuffed, numerous door

prizes were handed out, plus kudos for the multitude of people that worked tirelessly to make THR41 such a tremendous success. The Ayers and Bordens received trophies for placing in the rally. The Ayers (left) came in 4th and Lera & Ron were 2nd!

The Gymhkana, followed by brunch were held Sunday morning before everyone departed for home.





#### May

#### WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN, OLD KINGSBURY AERODROME, SATURDAY, MAY 7

It was a sunny, warm day upon arrival mid-morning. But, none the less, a great day for flying and driving. A very respectable number of show cars and airplanes were in attendance.







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#### <u>June</u>

#### MID-YEAR HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP & LUNCH, SATURDAY JUNE 18, BLANCO

Once upon a time, seven Healey-hard-cores showed up on the 18th of June to cleanse the sides of a beautiful hill country road outside of Blanco. The heat was the only challenge. They divided and conquered in an hour and a half. Joyful and jubilant, they smiled for the camera while displaying their bags o'trash. They quickly scampered to Blanco for cold beers and a delicious lunch at the Redbud Cafe. Satisfied with their morning's accomplishments, they said their goodbyes and scattered towards the familiar territory of home.



## **July**

#### SOUTH TEXAS TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION'S "AIN'T FOR THE FAINT" DRIVE, JULY 23, BOERNE TO FREDERICKSBURG

The Millers and Ayers joined the Triumph club's "Ain't for the Faint" event. A TR8, TR6, 3 newer Porsches, Honda, Austin Healey 100-6, Alpha Romeo, Mustang, and a Mustang convertible caravanned to the Street Dreams classic car showroom/museum and restoration shop.

Despite the impressive lineup of participating cars, it felt like a casual ramble back in time. Bonnie Ayer gravitated to Carroll Shelby's creation and remembered meeting him at Conclave 88 and at Donald Healey's installation into the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.



David and I also liked the VW bus/truck.

Gas pumps and other memorabilia punctuated the displays. Many of the autos were FOR SALE.

It was a hot afternoon but the Alstadt Brewery provided a respite with entertainment for the STAHC quartet.



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## <u>August</u>

#### STAHC ICE CREAM SOCIAL, MOM'S FRONT PORCH, LULING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

There's nothing like yummy, cold, fresh ice cream on a hot August day! And we enjoyed every single bite, lick and nibble! Not afraid of the heat, a group of Healey enthusiasts met at City Market BBQ in Luling at high noon. Lera and Ron Borden, Melinda and Larry Hester, Bonnie and David Ayer, Jim Richmond, and Julie and Brett Miller all made the trip. Everyone agreed that the BBQ was tasty and filling but we were careful to leave enough room for......ICE CREAM! We always make time for ICE CREAM in August!





# **September**

#### 70TH ANNIVERSARY ENCLAVE 2022, SEPTEMBER 18-23, POCONO MANOR, PA

The Ayers and Millers attended this year's event. Registration began on Sunday the 18th. Monday the 19th was the rally. Brett and Julie won an honorable mention in this competition. Two versions of the rally were run so cars were going in all different directions! Beautiful roads and trees.

Tuesday, September 20, David served as a scribe to the Concours judging of Sprite #501, the first production Sprite which won Gold.

Wednesday, September 21 featured the stock car track at Pocono Tri-oval Raceway. Julie and Brett did a ride along in a NASCAR for three very fast laps! Smiles were ear to ear! Then the Healeys got to take a few parade laps on the Pocono track! So cool!!







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**September** (continued)

The final banquet and awards presentations was on Thursday the 22nd.

Enclave celebrated the 70th anniversary on the Healey Hundred. Six co-chairs from AHCA and STC worked multiple years to produce this event. Thanks to all volunteers who worked to make the event a success.

## October

#### FALL HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP & LUNCH, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, BLANCO

A quick-footed group of Healeyites showed up to enjoy the beautiful morning. Tina and Bob Adkins, Pat and DJ Stamp, David Ayer, Denene and Jeff Whitmore as well as Julie and Brett Miller combed the sides of the road for treasures and trash. It was slim pickin's for sure!



More animal bones than trash as it should be! Less than 6 full bags of trash and one recycling bag. After photos and hand sanitizer, the group headed to Redbud Cafe for a delicious lunch and cold beers. Always

#### SOUTH TEXAS ALL BRITISH CAR DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, BOERNE

STAHC was the host club for this year's event, and organized by Julie Miller. The sun broke through the clouds and the cars looked so happy to be out! Pam and Bob Chamberlain brought their stylish blue 2005 Morgan Aero8. Bob and Tina Adkins, Brett Miller, Charlie and Ressie O'Conners, Brian Blackwell, and Patrick Christensen drove their Healeys.





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## **November**

#### STAHC DRIVE TO WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN OLD KINGSBURY AERODROME, SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 2022

Attended by Pat & DJ Stamp (below)







#### SOUTH TEXAS TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION COMBINED DRIVE TO SHINER

Members of British car clubs in the South Texas area, including STAHC, joined the South Texas Triumph Association in Gonzales from various starting points for a drive to Shiner, Texas. Upon arrival the main objective of going to Shiner was a tour of the Spoetzl Brewery. And to consume one or more flavors of the Shiner suds! STAHC members in attendance were the Ayers (right, obviously enjoying the day!), Millers, Blackwells, and Chamberlains.



## **December**

## "HOME FOR THE HEALEYDAYS" CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 4, FORKE STORE, NEW BRAUNFELS

Our annual Christmas/Holiday party was a lot of fun, as always. Before dinner the conversation topics ranged from kids to grandkids to pets to weather to . . . . you name it. Oh, and by the way, the word Healey was heard at least once! Thank you, Tina & Bob Adkins for providing the meat for us. And Pat & DJ Stamp for the vegan options.

Following our meal our infamous gift exchange took place. This year we were fortunate, like previous years, that gifts were selected, traded, and traded again with no blood-shed! Good, good times!



Pat & DJ Stamp



Jaime Molina, Bob Chamberlain, and Doris Molina



David & Bonnie Ayer, and Julie Miller

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**December** (continued)

Christmas/Holiday Party attendees starting top-left: Pat & DJ Stamp, Julie & Brett Miller, David & Bonnie Ayer, Jeff & Denene Whitmore, Lera & Ron Borden, Tina & Bob Adkins, Jaime & Doris Molina, and Pam & Bob Chamberlain. Jaime provided these terrific studio quality photos.



















STAHC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR				
<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	HOSTS/INFO	
STAHC Annual Planning Meeting	20290 Hilltop Drive, Wimberley 78676 512/847-5607	Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 A.M 2 P.M.	Chamberlains	
Texas Healey Roundup 42	Blanco, TX (Hotel information and registration available soon)	March 24-26	STAHC, Julie Miller, coordinator	
Conclave 2023	Crystal River, Florida	May 21-26	AHCA	

JANUARY AREA EVENTS CALENDAR				
<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHO</u>	
Canyon Lake Hot Rod and	Brookshire Brothers grocery,	Friday, Jan. 13,	Open to the Public	
Classic Car Cruise-In (2nd Fri.)	18209 FM 306, Canyon Lake	5 - 8 P.M.		
Pistons on the Square -	Town Square, Georgetown	Saturday, Jan. 21,	Open to the Public	
(monthly, 3rd Saturday)		8 - 10 A.M.	<u>Website</u>	
Round Rock Car Show	Old Settlers Park , 2002 Harrell	Sunday, Jan. 15,	Open to the Public  Website	
(monthly, 3rd Sunday)	Parkway, Round Rock 78665	10 A.M 1 P.M.		
Trucks & Tri Fives	501 So. Austin Avenue,	Sunday, Jan. 22,	Open to the Public	
(Monthly, 4th Sunday)	Georgetown 78626	8 - 10 A.M.		
Coffee with Cars Dripping Springs (Monthly, last Sun.)	Moxie Gymnastics, 31430 Ranch Rd 12, Dripping Springs 78620	Sunday, Jan. 22, 8 - ? A.M.	Open to the Public  Website	
Wimberley Coffee & Cars	Blanco Brew, 14200 R.R. 12,	Sunday, Feb. 5,	Open to the Public	
(monthly, first Sunday)	Wimberley 78676	8 - 11 A.M.	<u>Website</u>	
Pistons at the Park - Website	16231 IH-35	Sunday, Feb. 5,	Benefit	
	Pflugerville, 78660	8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public	



## **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

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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 <a href="mailto:rborden@gvtc.com">rborden@gvtc.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:Rumblin's">Rumblin's</a> 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.)
- Tenax 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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