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FALL HIGHWAY PICKUP, October 3, 2020



Once again we removed several bags of trash that had accumulated along FM 1623 west of Blanco. Participants this time were: foreground, Hanna, Denene, & Jeff Whitmore. Standing, from the left, Jim Richmond, Bob Chamberlain with his black and red 100M, Tina & Bob Adkins and their BT7, Eric & David Ayer, and Lera & Ron Borden. As many times before lunch was enjoyed at the Redbud Café in Blanco.

RUMBLIN'S "ROAD MAP":

- Jim Richmond needs your input for the Delegates' Zoom Meeting next weekend. See [page 2](#).
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- CONCLAVE 2021 registration response has been overwhelming. It has already exceeded the total attendance goal by 10% with six months left to go! For the very latest see the November issue of the *Big Bear Gazette*, and more, on [pages 4-9](#).
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AHCA DELEGATES MEETING - Jim Richmond, STAHC Delegate

Contrary to popular opinion, the fall AHCA Delegates meeting has not been cancelled. It will be in a different form from past meetings due to the pandemic that we all are suffering from. I will be representing our club in a Zoom meeting that is scheduled for all day Saturday, November 7 with a possible session on Sunday, if needed.

Officers of AHCA have been working very hard to put together a Zoom meeting for the 7th and I participated in a practice session last week. Our club has submitted all of the usual reports that we usually submit. These include a financial report prepared by Bob Adkins, a report of club membership and activities, and officers and other positions for next year prepared by me.

One of the most important benefits for our club being a part of AHCA is insurance for Directors and Officers and for driving events. National officers have discovered a major reason to change carriers of such insurance and this has led to an increase in premiums from a little over \$7,000 to almost \$18,000.

This cost is about \$6.20/member of AHCA. AHCA is charging \$5.00 for local members only. Local members are members of regional clubs but not members of AHCA. Most clubs, including STAHC, have only members of AHCA. STAHC has a By-Law restriction that all members must also be members of AHCA.

During the Zoom meeting on November 7 we will be discussing what to charge local members only for 2021 and how to handle clubs and/or local members not willing to pay. I will relay more information regarding the insurance situation after the meeting.

Please submit your questions and concerns to me (jkrich@gvtc.com) no later than November 4.

Austin-Healey Transport To CONCLAVE 2021:

Pam & I are planning to attend the Austin Healey Conclave at Big Bear Lake, CA, in May 2021. If other Club members in Texas are interested in round-trip shipping of their Healeys by enclosed transport carrier, we would be interested in consolidating our car together with others for a group price. I estimate that the round-trip cost from Texas will be about \$3,000 per car, if we can gather 6 Healeys for a full load in an 18 wheeler. This is merely my guess on the cost, based on shipping my Morgan from Wimberley to LA two years ago, for \$1,400 one-way. If you might have an interest in doing this, please contact me at rm.chamber@gmail.com.

Bob Chamberlain, STAHC

TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40

Patrick Yoas, President of the North Texas Austin-Healey Club, host club for Roundup 40, firmly states:

“We are going to reschedule for APRIL/MAY, 2021!”



Dear Healey Enthusiast:

We held out as long as we could but finally had to make the tough decision to postpone Texas Healey Roundup 40 until 2021. With the concurrence of the other two Texas Austin-Healey clubs it was decided we could not risk the health of our senior and immune compromised members by holding the event this September.

It is our intention to hold Texas Healey Roundup 40 next year in Granbury, Texas since all the planning has already been done and some funds have already been dispersed.

We will be having discussions about next year's meet in the next couple of weeks with the host hotel and the other venues to be utilized. Once things are firmed up we will send a letter with our plans and instructions on how to cancel your hotel reservations. You must cancel your own reservations - we cannot do it for you. If you feel you need to have your meet registration fees refunded please let us know, otherwise we will hold them for next year. To request a refund contact Barbie Bucy at stuckonbarbie@gmail.com.

Needless to say, this was a tough decision to make particularly since all the major Austin-Healey events in the country had to be cancelled this year. We look forward to a great 40th Texas Healey Roundup next year and we will keep you informed as we proceed with the arrangements.

Best regards and stay safe and healthy,

Patrick Yoas
President
North Texas Austin-Healey Club

Karen Gilleland
Chairwoman
Texas Healey Roundup 40

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CONCLAVE 2021 IS SELLING OUT FAST!

HEALEY OWNERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY SIGNING UP IN RECORD NUMBERS

Don't be Left Out, Register Now!

Healey owners have been signing up in droves for Conclave 2021 at Big Bear Lake which will run from May 16-21. Event Chairman Steve Kirby noted, "We have been overwhelmed by the response from across the country! We are well on our way to selling out the hotel's 148 rooms but are making arrangements for alternative lodging should that happen".

Registrations have already been received from more than a dozen states as well as Canada. There is even interest from Healey Owners in Australia and New Zealand, presuming those countries lift their travel bans. Kirby noted, "Frankly, we were a little concerned about the location, being so far West. We thought that might deter folks from the East, but that does not seem to be happening". Registration is open now, both online and by mail. Visit



Join the fun May 16-21, 2021 at Big Bear Lake, CA!

www.conclave2021.com for full event info and to register or print the registration form. Once your registration has been received and paid, you will receive an email with hotel booking info and the Group Code. The event hotel is currently sold out, however accommodations have been reserved at the nearby **Robin Hood Resort**. A waiting list is being kept for the Lodge at Big Bear and you will be notified if rooms become available. The organizers are also offering a COVID Guarantee... in case the event must be cancelled, you will receive a full refund for your

registration fees, minus a small handling charge. Registrants will then be mailed their Welcome Gifts and any Regalia ordered.

Don't wait any longer, register now!

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Big Bear Lake, CA

May 16-21, 2021

Conclave Optional Events Announced

In addition to all the regular events offered at Conclave, there will be two optional events on offer.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, you may opt to take a tour of the lake on the Big Bear Queen, a sixty passenger Paddlewheel boat. Enjoy a 90 minute excursion narrated by Captain Chris, a lifelong **BIG BEAR QUEEN** captain, who conveys Big Bear Valley's history, including the solar observatory, Garstin Island, celebrity homes, the story of the Four Dams, some of the best fishing spots and other fun stuff in Big Bear. Within walking distance from the Lodge, a tour on the QUEEN completes your mountain visit (and you can BYOB and snacks).

Due to the high demand for this option, there will be two sailings each evening, 5:00pm and 6:30pm. You can pick your sailing time when you check in at the event but do sign up in advance when you register.

On Monday evening, following a no host cocktail party, guests are invited to experience an authentic Santa Maria BBQ Dinner, the original California BBQ. **Santa Maria-style*barbecue** is a regional



The Big Bear Queen, a paddlewheel boat, giving tours of Big Bear Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

culinary tradition rooted in the Santa Maria valley near Santa Barbara. This method of barbecuing dates back to the mid-19th century and is today regarded as a "mainstay of California's culinary heritage".

Santa Maria-style barbecue centers around beef tri-tip seasoned with black pepper, salt, and garlic before grilling over coals of native coast live oak. The grill is made of iron and usually has a hand crank that lifts or lowers the grill over the coals to the desired distance from the heat. Chicken and sausage are also offered

The traditional accompaniments are pinto beans, fresh salsa, tossed green salad, and grilled French bread dipped in sweet, melted butter.

Don't miss out on this unique culinary experience!



An authentic Santa Maria BBQ Dinner will be offered on Monday evening.

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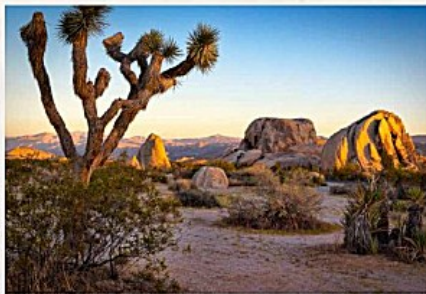
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Scenic Tour and TSD Rally to Visit Joshua Tree National Park

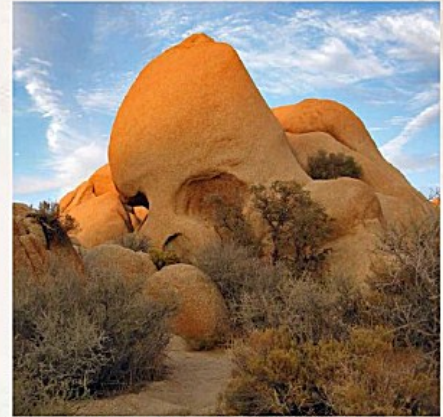
On Tuesday, May 18th Conclave guests will have a choice of a dramatic Scenic Drive at their own pace, or participation in the Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) Rally. Both events will cover the same route with Joshua Tree National Park being the destination.



Joshua Tree National Park, Cali.

Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave, and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. A fascinating variety of plants and animals make their homes in a land sculpted by strong winds and occasional torrents of rain. Dark night

skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the wonder of this vast wilderness in southern California. The higher and cooler Mohave Desert is the special habitat of Yucca brevifolia, the Joshua tree for which the park is named. It occurs in patterns from dense forests to distantly spaced specimens. In addition to Joshua tree forests, the western part of the park includes some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California's deserts. The dominant geologic features of this landscape are hills of bare rock, usually broken up into loose boulders. Together with the boulder piles and Skull Rock, the trees make the landscape otherworldly. Temperatures in May are moderate with the average high in the mid-80's.



The famous Skull Rock in Joshua Tree Park.

Most of the distance to the Park is on the very scenic Highway 38 which crosses Onyx Summit at 8,443 feet, the highest state highway in Southern California. From the summit you will descend to 1,358 feet in Redlands, before proceeding to the Park, where elevations range from 2,000 to 5,000 feet.

After a lunch in nearby Twenty-Nine Palms, your drive back to Big Bear will be via another scenic route through the Lucerne Valley. All in all, it should be a great day to drive a Healey!

Check out this YouTube video of California Healey Week in Big Bear in 2012. This episode of Car Crazy, hosted by Barry Meguiar, originally aired on the Velocity Channel.
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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.

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**.

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 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 log 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

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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 or 949-261-8208

STAHC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>
AHCA Delegates' Meeting	Via Zoom	November 7-8	AHCA
STAHC Camp Out	CANCELLED	Sat. - Sun., Nov. 7-8	
Christmas/Holiday Party at the Forke Store	CANCELLED	Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.	
Texas Healey Roundup 40	Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites, 1517 N. Plaza Dr. Granbury, 76048	April/May, 2021	North Texas AHC
CONCLAVE 2021	Big Bear Lake, California	May 16-21, 2021	A-H Association of Southern California

AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Due the uncertainty of schedules for non-club events In our area please refer to the following websites for the latest information:

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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:

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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 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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