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## STAHC HEALEY OF THE MONTH!

**Kelly Baker's 1959  
AN5 Bugeye Sprite**

Kelly is thinking of selling this Bright-Blue-Bugeye! Also he has many spare parts are available. For all the details see page 6.



## RUMBLIN'S "ROAD MAP":

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Seen at previous  
Pate Swap Meets!



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**TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 41**

April 8-10, 2022, Brenham, Texas



Tally sez, "I love a road trip! But Mom & Dad will be traveling in Dad's Sprite to Roundup. They say Jenni and I won't fit with them and their luggage, so we have to stay behind. That's just **ARF-ful** that we gals can't go this year! Are *you* about ready? It is next week! If you still need a registration form you're free to use the one on p. 8 without giving us a doggie treat. Have a **frisky**-good time!!!"

**70th ANNIVERSARY ENCLAVE 2022**



September 18-23, 2022

Kalahari Resort Poconos

Pocono Manor, PA 18349



Austin-Healey 70th Anniversary Celebration  
of the 1952 Earls Court Motor Show

- <http://www.enclave2022.org/>
- [Host hotel information](#)
- [Registration Form](#)

**SPECIAL SAFETY TECH SESSION INFO**

We are finally in a position to conduct the **Fuel Pump Shutoff Switch** installation tech session we had planned before Covid struck. It will be held at **Ron Borden's shop, 10 A.M. on May 21**. These switches are an **extremely important SAFETY** addition that **all Healeys** should have. The cost of each switch is \$50 which is what was paid when purchased from Amazon. Ron will provide the necessary wire, tools, fasteners, connectors, wire loom, etc. The only thing you need to bring is your Healey. Ron only has five (5) of these switches so **RSVP as soon as you can** at:

[rborden@gvtc.com](mailto:rborden@gvtc.com) or 940-300-1179

If your Healey isn't ready for installation come anyway to help and learn! Lunch provided. **121 Hoskins Trail, Boerne 78006**

## PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

*By DJ Stamp*

The year is passing quickly with Round Up just around the corner from April 8 to 10 in Brenham. For all those who plan to attend prepare for a fantastic time. Over 40 years of Round Up & I believe some of you have attended all of them. Also coming up at the end of April is the Pate Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway North of Ft. Worth. This is one of the largest auto swap meets in the world with over 10,000 available spaces & you never know what you will find. Admission to the swap meet is free & the speedway charges a parking fee somewhere north of 5 bucks. There are around 16 rows approximately 1 mile long each - a few are quite a bit shorter. Walk the entire meet & you've done a 1/2 marathon!!

Just had our highway pickup on March 26 & a hearty bunch turned out for what turned out to be a rather heavy pick up. There was a fair amount of heavy metal pieces & a broken up whiskey barrel but we got er dun & then headed over to the Red Bud Cafe on the square in Blanco for eats. Find of the day for me was a vulture skull - so light & delicate & already on display in a cabinet. We were missing a few familiar faces but I was pleased to see & meet Joel Keefer from Fredericksburg. I believe Joel is also a member of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club who used to sponsor the fantastic

Fredericksburg Swap Meet every year. Pat & I had a booth at that swap meet for years. We sat up by the pool & once it opened we would take turns hitting the water to cool off.

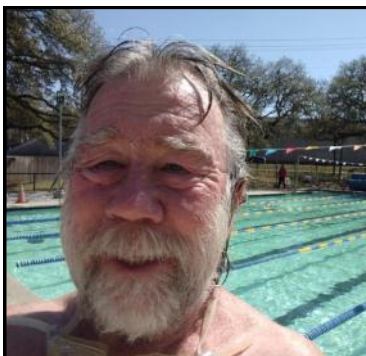


Pat & I hit the YMCA for the first time since this all began & she thinks the stationary bike helped her knee pain she has had. I hit the pool but packed it in after 500 yards. I should improve upon that over time. YMCA visits may take the place of some of my disc golf games that I've taken up during the pandemic.

Audra's second book is out. It's called "Dan, The Cat Who Can" & it is quite good. Dan's full name is Lieutenant Dan from the Forrest Gump movie. Dan can't use his hind legs but was adopted by a very patient lady who taught Dan to use a toilet among other things. Turns out Dan was not as "handicapped" as folks thought & when this kind lady adopted more cats with non functioning hind legs Dan helped them learn to become independent. Pat & I are very proud of Audra who has been involved with animal rescue since attending UNT.

Hope to see ya'll at an event soon.

Take care, DJ



## PATE SWAP MEET 2022

**April 28-30, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas**

*By DJ Stamp*

Please come join the FUN with your friends at the 50th annual Pate Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway just north of Ft. Worth on I-35. Jointly sponsored by 14 car clubs, this is one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world with over 10,000 available spaces. If you walk up & down each aisle once you've done over a half marathon so you shouldn't feel guilty about missing your exercise class – not one bit!!!!

There will be no sliding in the mud like we had to do on occasion at the Old Pate when we had to park motorhomes on the hillside. The most common request was "I need a nice flat spot"..... right!!



The meet will be back over on the West side of the speedway & mostly on the asphalt. I say mostly because we have expanded into the grass just outside of gate 3. Long term forecast is for sunny skies & temps in the mid to upper 70's to low 80's. Let's hope that holds up.

When shopping at Pate you never know what you will find. We have some fantastic metal sculptures we purchased from a Native American artist who sets up sometimes. There's a guy who always sells out of the chairs he makes from water skis & wakeboards. I've seen engines from military tanks & jet engines to animals from a carousel ride, antique furniture to sporting goods such as water skis & fishing gear, vintage toys, stop lights, cool cloth-

ing & yes even some car, truck & motorcycle parts. No item's too big or small – even a Model T delivery body has been sold!! There's so much it's hard to categorize. Sometimes there are also a few cars & parts!!

Got a car you want to sell? Rent a swap meet space or take it up to the car corral where it's viewed by folks from all over the world. Yes we get visitors from Europe, Canada, Mexico, Australia & more. Everyone from private collectors to museum representatives with cash in hand will be there.

Want to show off your car or just see some cool machines. Make plans to attend the Wheels for Wellness Car Show on Saturday morning. It will happen next to the car corral which is a good show by itself!! The car show is free to attend. The entry fee to show a car benefits cancer research. There are free PSA cancer screenings on site!!

Bored with the big cars? There's a new go kart race track at the South end of the swap meet that should be open for PATE – so bring the kids & grand kids!!!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT PATE *DJ*



Is your homebuilt aircraft project one T-28 Trojan fuselage short of completion? Here ya go!

Or do you need that special seat in your home theater for watching reruns of "Tora, Tora, Tora," "Victory at Sea," or seeing "Maverick," and "Goose," tell the "Iceman" in "Top Gun" to **"CHECK SIX!"**? Here ya go!



## SPRING HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP & LUNCH

*By DJ Stamp*

A group of us 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 heavy items such as a solid steel bar, sheet metal, sheetrock & a whiskey barrel in pieces. I did find a wonderful buzzard skull which is so light & delicate & is already on display in a cabinet. Attendees included: Bob & Tina Adkins, Ron & Lera

Borden, Joel Keefer, Julie Miller, DJ Stamp & sponsors Jeff & Denene Whitmore. I think 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. See ya'll out on the road. *DJ*



L-R: DJ Stamp, Denene Whitmore, helping Julie Miller model some of the roadside treasures, Joel Keefer, Lera & Ron Borden, and Jeff Whitmore. The Borden's '67 AN9 Sprite, far right. Before this group photo was taken Bob & Tina Adkins, below center, had already departed to secure a table for us at the Red Bud Café. Good thing - it was packed! Bob Chamberlain, below right, joined us for lunch, a day after his 80th birthday. Happy Birthday, Bob!

This cute little critter offered a critique to Joel Keefer and Ron Borden about how they were doing their part of the cleanup.



## BUGEYE SPRITE FOR SALE

*By Kelly Baker*

My son Ben and I have a 1959 Bugeye which was a father/son project but, alas, he is grown up and lives in New York. As a result, I'm thinking I want to sell it. Here are a few details:

- 1959 Bugeye Sprite with stock 948cc engine, registered as an antique.
- Engine runs well, although it could use some tuning of the carburetor (it has the Weber DG-V down draft)
- We did the Rivergate conversion with a 1980 Datsun 210 5-speed, and the transmission/clutch run well
- Previous owner did the front disc conversion. The brakes work but are soft, and need some tuning to get the most out of the front discs
- Recent paint job, Ford metallic blue
- Interior is still in 'project' condition, though the seats are usable and we installed a black carpet kit.
- Other work we've done: replaced ignition system with electronic distributor, electronic starter motor, new fuel tank, solid state aux fuel pump, installed new wiring loom, replaced brake discs/calipers/drums/shoes, replaced most exterior trim such as tail lights.
- Comes with numerous spare parts, such as a 1275cc engine (needs overhaul), full set of mini-maglights with tires, front windscreen, roll bar, old Healey transmission.

I live in central Austin, just north of Camp Mabry along the west side of Mopac. If interested in my Sprite and have any questions you can contact me, **Kelly Baker**, at:

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512-944-4560



**STAHC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b><u>WHAT</u></b>	<b><u>WHERE</u></b>	<b><u>WHEN</u></b>	<b><u>HOSTS/INFO</u></b>
<b>Texas Healey Roundup 41</b>	Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Brenham, TX	Friday - Sunday, April 8 - 10	Gulf Coast Healey Club
<b>Fuel Pump Cutout Switch Tech Session</b>	121 Hoskins Trail, Boerne 78006	Saturday, May 21, 10 A.M.	Bordens
<b>Highway Pickup &amp; Lunch</b>	FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 miles west of Blanco	Saturday, June 4, 9:00 A.M.	Whitmores
<b>Ain't for the Faint" Drive</b>	T. B. D.	July T. B. D.	So. Tex. Triumph Assn.
<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	T. B. D.	August T. B. D.	STAHC
<b>AHCA ENCLAVE</b>	Kalahari Resort Poconos Pocono Manor, PA 18349	September 18-23	AHCA/Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club
<b>Texas All British Car Days</b>	Round Rock, TX	September 23-25	<a href="#">2021 Website</a>
<b>Highway Pickup &amp; Lunch</b>	FM1623 at McKinney Loop	Oct. 15, 9:30 A.M.	Whitmores
<b>South Texas All British Car Day (STABCD)</b>	Main Plaza, Boerne	Oct. 29, 10 A.M.	STAHC
<b>SVRA 2022 Austin SpeedTour</b>	Circuit of The Americas, Austin	November 3 - 6	SVRA
<b>FALL WINGS &amp; WHEELS FLY- IN AND CAR SHOW</b>	Pioneer Flight Museum, Kings- bury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, TX	November T. B. D.	
<b>AHCA Delegates' Meeting</b>	Indianapolis, Indiana	November T. B. D.	AHCA
<b>Christmas/Holiday Party</b>	T. B. D.	December T. B. D.	

**APRIL AREA EVENTS CALENDAR**

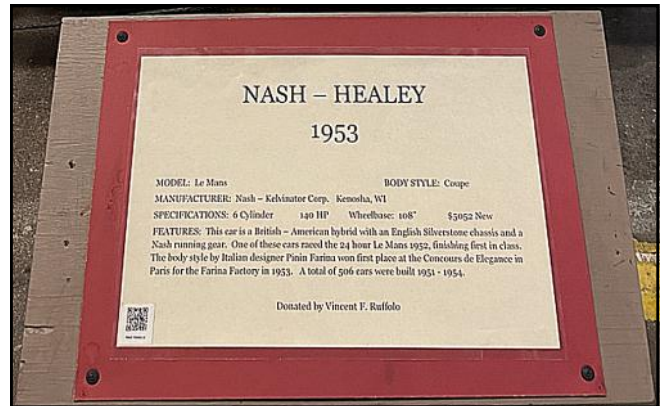
<b><u>WHAT</u></b>	<b><u>WHERE</u></b>	<b><u>WHEN</u></b>	<b><u>WHO</u></b>
<b>Wimberley Coffee &amp; Cars</b> (monthly, first Sunday)	Blanco Brew, 14200 R.R. 12 , 78676	Sun., Apr. 3, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public
<b>Canyon Lake Hot Rod and Classic Car cruise-in (2nd Fri.)</b>	Brookshire Brothers grocery, 18209 FM 306, Canyon Lake	Fri., April 8, 5 - 8 P.M.	Open to the Public
<b>Corpus Christi Car Show</b>	American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd, CC TX 78401	April 9, 12 noon - 5 P.M.	Benefit Open to the Public
<b>Annual CarFest San Antonio</b>	Expo Hall Freeman Coliseum 3201 E. Houston Street San Antonio 78219	Friday - Sunday, April 8 - 10	Open to the Public
<b>Pistons on the Square -</b> (monthly, 3rd Saturday)	Town Square, Georgetown	Sat., April 16, 8 - 10 A.M.	Open to the Public

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## APRIL AREA EVENTS CALENDAR (continued)

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
<b>Round Rock Car Show</b> (monthly, 3rd Sunday)	Old Settlers Park , 2002 Harrell Parkway, Round Rock	Sunday, April 17, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	Open to the Public
<b>Lonestar Rod and Kustom Round Up</b>	Travis Co. Expo Ctr. 7311 Decker Ln., Austin 78724	April 22-23, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.	Gen. Admission \$15 <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>New Braunfels Area Car Club Swap Meet and Car Show</b>	Comal County Fairgrounds New Braunfels	Friday - Sunday, Apr. 22-24, 8 A.M.	Car show 8am to 2pm Sunday, April 24
<b>Coffee with Cars</b> (Monthly)	Dreamland, 2770 W Hwy 290 Dripping Springs, 78620	Sunday, April 24, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public
<b>Trucks &amp; Tacos</b> (Monthly, 4th Sunday)	Hardtails Bar and Grill 1515 No. I.H.35, Georgetown	Sunday, April 24, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public
<b>1st Annual Wimberley Arts Fest Charity Car Show</b>	13401 RR 12, Wimberley 78676	Saturday, Apr. 30, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.	Benefit Open to the Public

Brian Blackwell recently visited the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, WI., and saw this Nash-Healey.



*In all the world* you'll find no other sports car like the Nash-Healey. For here is the best of three nations in one brilliant masterpiece.

*In no other American car*—only in a Nash-Healey—can you have true sports car styling with the flair and grace, the magnificent continental coachwork of "Body by Pinin Farina", hand-crafted in Italy.

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*Above all, in no other sports car* can you enjoy the blazing performance of the Nash "Le Mans" Dual Jetfire Engine, proved America's finest in the world's greatest sports car race. For no other American engine—regardless of rated horsepower—can match its consistent winning record in the 24-hour "Grand Prix d'Endurance" at Le Mans, France.

*And, unlike others you read about,* the Nash-Healey is *here now*, awaiting your personal inspection—in two distinctive models—the exquisitely beautiful Convertible—and the new Nash-Healey Le Mans Hardtop pictured above—first place trophy winner in the 1953 Italian International Concours d'Elegance.

*Your Nash dealer will be happy* to arrange a private showing at your convenience so that you may personally see and drive these fabulous new American sports cars. We suggest you phone him at your earliest convenience.

For a handsomely illustrated brochure on the Nash-Healey please write Sales Dept., Nash Motors, 14250 Plymouth Road, Detroit 32, Michigan.



**Nash-Healey**  
A Custom Original by Pinin Farina





**Texas Healey Roundup 41**  
 will be held at the  
**Holiday Inn Express and Suites,**  
**Brenham TX April 8-10, 2022**

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

I/We will Enter: Popularity =  Rally =  Auto-X =  Ladies =   
 Auto-X =

REGISTRATION & MEALS	Cost		Qty	=	Total
Registration (Prior to 03/07/22) = Driver + Spouse/Guest (Includes patch, and magnetic car number)	\$100	X		=	
Late Registration (After 03/07/22)	\$120	X		=	
Additional Vehicle Registration (Includes patch, and magnetic car number)	\$30	X		=	
Adult Saturday Dinner per Person	\$35	X		=	
Child Saturday Dinner per Child 12 and under	\$15	X		=	
Adult Sunday Brunch per Person	\$20	X		=	
Child Sunday Brunch per Child 12 and under	\$11	X		=	
<b>REGALIA</b>					
Shirt with logo Check Size <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	\$28	X		=	
Logo Ball Cap	\$26	X		=	
Additional Logo Patch	\$7	X		=	

Year & Model of <b>Big Healey</b>
Year & Model of <b>Sprite</b>
Year & Model of <b>Additional Healey</b>

**TOTAL =**

With questions or comments, please contact: Rick & Terry Doig, THR41 Coordinators 281-793-3002 <a href="mailto:doigterry@yahoo.com">doigterry@yahoo.com</a>	Make check payable to <b>Roundup 2022</b> and send this COMPLETED form and your payment to: <b>Mike Vecellio, Registrar THR41</b> <b>11747 Skene Way</b> <b>Houston, TX 77024</b>
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<p><b>Y'ALL COME. BRENHAM IS EXCITED TO WELCOME US!!</b></p>	<p><b>HOST HOTEL</b>                  Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites                  2685 Shulte Blvd.                  Brenham, TX 77833                  979-830-5331  <b>Per Night Rates:</b>                  All rooms = \$116.99 +plus tax. <b>CODE: AHG</b></p>	<p><b>ATTENTION !</b></p> <p>← There are 40 rooms reserved with this SPECIAL rate until 03/07/22, after which they will return to the regular rates...<b>BOOK YOURS NOW USING BLOCK NAME: TEXAS/GULF COAST AUSTIN HEALEY GROUP*</b></p>	<p><b>Overflow Hotel next door:</b>  <b>Hampton Inn and Suites</b>                  2605 Shulte Blvd.                  Brenham, TX 77833                  979-337-9898  <b>Per Night Rates:</b>                  All rooms = \$109.00 +plus tax.</p>
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**\* BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE HEALEY ROUNDUP TO GET THESE RATES !**

**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.

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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: [dbayer@swbell.net](mailto:dbayer@swbell.net) or 210-775-8168.

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