



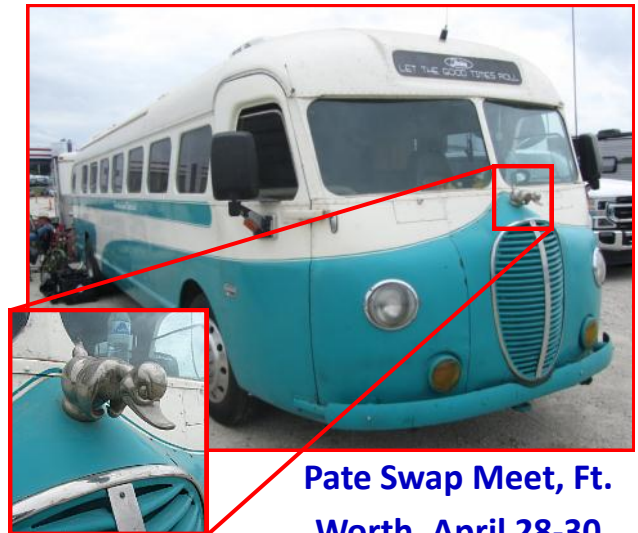
# REGIONAL RUMBLIN'S



Vol. 2022, Issue 7, NEWSLETTER OF THE SO. TX. AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB July, 2022  
"INTERIM" STAHC WEBSITE & FACEBOOK



STAHC Highway Pickup, June 18



Pate Swap Meet, Ft. Worth, April 28-30



Wings & Wheels Fly-In, Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, May 7

Happy

RUMBLIN'S "ROAD MAP":

4<sup>th</sup> of July

- ROUNDUP 2023 ANNOUNCED, page 2
- JULY CLUB EVENT: STTA'S "AIN'T FOR THE FAINT" DRIVE, SATURDAY, JULY 23, page 2
- 70th ANNIVERSARY ENCLAVE 2022, Sept. 18-23, 2022, Pocono Mtn's, PA, page 2
- PRES.'S RAMBLIN'S & MISCELLANY, page 3
- APR. - JUNE EVENTS REVIEWS, pages 4 - 7
- MY HEALEY STORY/3000 RESTORATION, pages 7-9
- HEALEY BUY/SELL, page 9
- STAHC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR, page 10
- JULY AREA CAR EVENTS CALENDAR, page 10

**Club Officers, Board Members,  
and Appointed Positions**

President: DJ Stamp  
(512)-288-5121 (h)  
(512)-520-7026 (c)  
[designstamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:designstamp@sbcglobal.net)

Vice Presidents: Julie & Brett  
Miller (512)-636-1885  
[jmillerslp@gmail.com](mailto:jmillerslp@gmail.com)

Membership: Tina Adkins  
(512) 264-2042  
[stahcmembership@icloud.com](mailto:stahcmembership@icloud.com)

Treasurer: Bob Adkins  
(512) 264-2042  
[radkins@ieee.org](mailto:radkins@ieee.org)

AHCA Delegate: Jim Richmond  
(830) 537-5075  
[jkrich@gvtc.com](mailto:jkrich@gvtc.com)

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster:  
Ron Borden (940) 300-1179  
[rborden@gvtc.com](mailto:rborden@gvtc.com)

Highway Cleanup: Jeff & Denene  
Whitmore (210) 403-3783  
[defwhit@satx.rr.com](mailto:defwhit@satx.rr.com)

South Texas All British Car Day  
Representative: Julie Miller  
(512)-636-1885  
[jmillerslp@gmail.com](mailto:jmillerslp@gmail.com)

Facebook Administrator:  
Jaime Molina 512-858-9235  
[tjmolina@gmail.com](mailto:tjmolina@gmail.com)

**TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 42**  
**DATE AND LOCATION ANNOUNCED**

This just in.....

- **WHERE:** Blanco, TX
- **WHEN:** March 24 - 26th, 2023

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

**STTA'S 5th ANNUAL "AIN'T FOR THE FAINT" DRIVE**

**Saturday, July 23**, gather at **Mary's Tacos** in Boerne (518 E Blanco Rd, Boerne, TX 78006) at **8:30 A.M.** Depart at 9:15 am for **Street Dreams** (7914 S. State Hwy 16, Fredericksburg, TX 78624).

We'll tour their classic car showroom/museum and restoration shop. [streetdreamstexas.com](http://streetdreamstexas.com) Afterwards, for those choosing to do so, we'll drive into Fredericksburg and enjoy lunch at **Catfish Haven**. Return on your own.

Please familiarize yourself with our club's **Drive Protocols and Liability Waiver**. (A master liability waiver form can be signed before departure.) [sotxtriumphassn.org](http://sotxtriumphassn.org)

Happy Motoring...Larry McDonald  
South Texas Triumph Association  
210-912-5545 (Text or Leave Message)



**70th ANNIVERSARY ENCLAVE 2022**



September 18-23, 2022

Kalahari Resorts 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](#)

## PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

By DJ Stamp

Well July is here with a vengeance. It would appear our purchase of a lake home came at the right time. Before I get into this message, in light of the recent killings in Uvalde I would encourage you to express your views to your congress person, senators & governor. I have contacted all of them which I do fairly often on various issues.



The last couple of months have been extremely busy for Pat & me. After selling our home on South First St. in downtown Austin we tried to do a 1031 exchange. We got it partially completed with our purchase of a water front home in Granbury. The second property we tried to purchase on highway 95 in Bastrop, within sight of Bucky's did not work. The property had been on the market for over 150 days & hadn't had a bid in 30 days - perfect - not. They got 2 full price bids & accepted the other one - then we ran out of time - oh well.

The good news is we got a great place on the water in Granbury which is large enough to host an overnight stay if we ever want to make a road trip. This is on a secluded cove & we have plenty of floaties & 5 kayaks so far.



Pat & DJ enjoying a well deserved dip in the water

It's been a lot of work furnishing but it's turning out pretty neat. The art will have an Austin music theme. I've also had a lot of work trimming trees since a wind storm hit us right after we made the purchase. I even had a trailer come unhitched on I 20 in Arlington. Something knocked the clevis pin out of the hitch pin. I got it stopped with no damage & have ordered a locking hitch pin. The town is fun & we are discovering a lot of good places to eat. The drive up is nice via 71 - 281 - 220 - 67 & 144. A stop at Dutchman's Hidden Valley is quite a treat to stop at on the trip up or back.

We missed y'all at the last trash pickup as there was a conflict with the AACA Chili cook off where I made my vegetarian chili. All I can say is hope you got it done quickly & headed for a cool spot. See y'all soon. DJ



## HEALEY MISCELLANY

If you've just won the lottery, have a few bucks left over and want another Healey, check out this 1949 Healey Silverstone from Hyman Ltd., that Bob Chamberlain came across on the internet:

- Numbers-matching 2.4-litre Riley inline-four
- Fascinating, well-documented history from new
- Raced in period by Jim Kimberly, Jim Simpson, and Fred Wacker
- A regular in VSCCA events through the 1990s
- Authentically restored to its original splendor
- One of only 104 produced

[READ MORE](#)

Offered for \$259,500



## PATE SWAP MEET, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, APRIL 28-30

*Text and photos by DJ Stamp*

The 50th anniversary Pate Swap Meet is history. Opening up new spaces in the grass area adjacent to the main swap meet grounds was quite successful & we sold over 9,700 total spaces which is the most ever. We have already sold over 7,200 spaces for 2023 so we should set another record next year. It may be an automotive swap meet but you can find most anything there. For those not familiar with Pate it is one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world. It officially runs from Thurs - Sat on the last weekend in April at the Texas Motor Speedway North of Fort Worth. There are 13 sponsoring car clubs & the Central Texas Antique Automobile Club of America (AACAA) is 1 of 2 clubs that performs free parts hauling. Pat & I usually arrive on Monday but we held off a day this year due to rain. Delays kept us from arriving early & we finally showed up around noon on Tuesday. Some vendors were already set up on Tuesday & by Wednesday the grounds appeared to be over half full.

We were pretty full by Thursday & very busy, keeping our AACAA parts haulers moving all day. Friday was also quite busy - Saturday a little less - perhaps because we had some parts hauling help from the escorts. Weather during the meet was near ideal with no rain. I wasn't able to get over there much but it looked like a couple hundred cars in the car corral. I hauled the largest item I had ever hauled at Pate - a full size metal longhorn steer.

DJ

(Our club Prez. hard at work! Ed.)



# WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN, OLD KINGSBURY AERODROME, MAY 7, 2022

*Text and photos by Ron Borden*

It was a sunny, warm day when as I arrived mid-morning. Probably the start of the unusual hot weather we've experienced so far this summer. (Ironically, as I type this I am looking out my window at the beautiful rain shower that has finally arrived.) But, none the less, a great day for flying and driving. Bob Chamberlain arrived in his Morgan (seen on the cover page of this issue) and I in our Toyota. My Sprite has a brake issue that is unresolved, mostly because of other things that keep getting in the way. Sound familiar???

A very respectable number of show cars and airplanes were in attendance. I'll let the pictures below and on the next page tell the story from here. *Ron*

## Aeroplanes & Airplanes



## 1930's and Earlier



(Continued on the next page)

**WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN, OLD KINGSBURY AERODROME** (continued)**1940's and Newer****FUEL PUMP SHUTOFF SWITCH INSTALLION TECH SESSION, MAY 21, BOERNE**

*By Ron Borden*

Due to several factors the tech session was canceled. Lynn McKinnie did stop by my shop. We chatted for a while discussing several items and issues. Some even involved Healeys!

Bonnie and David Ayer met me in downtown Boerne at the Tusculum Brewing Company for lunch and some of the brewery's finest suds.

I have the cutout switches available. Contact me at: [rborden@gvtc.com](mailto:rborden@gvtc.com) or 940-300-1179



("Events" coverage continues on the next page)

## STAHC HIGHWAY PICKUP, JUNE 18, 2022

*Text and photos by Julie Miller*

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.

The End. *Julie*

Redbud Cafe brunch drink -  
Over the Top Bloody Mary



The seven Healey-hard-cores (L-R): David Ayer, Jeff Whitmore, Tina & Bob Adkins, Bonnie Ayer, Brett Miller (Julie Miller behind the camera!)

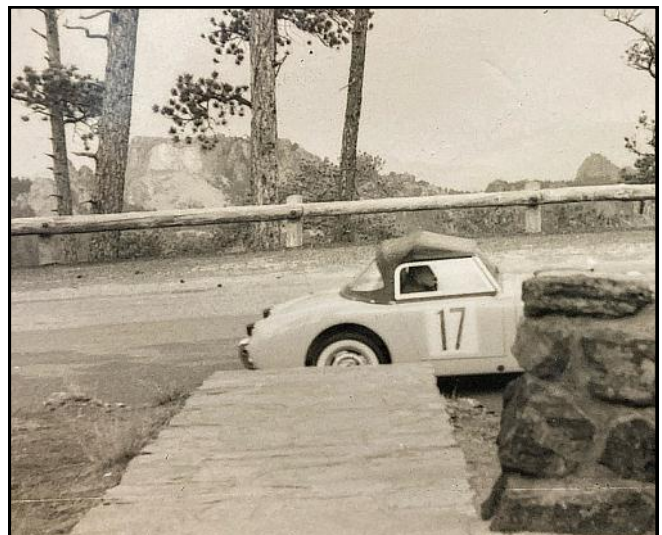


### MY HEALEY STORY

*By Patrick Christensen*

My Healey story begins with my father, Donald J. Christensen, who in 1960 was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force serving as a Navigator/Bombardier in B-52s at Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City, South Dakota. His first Healey (pictured here with Mt. Rushmore in the background) was a 1959 Bugeye Sprite he raced in local rallies.

He soon needed more space and purchased a red 1960 Austin Healey 3000. He also raced the 3000 and took long trips cross country in it. He loved to take the Healey driving where the interstate highway system was under construction but not complete.



(Continued on page 8)

## MY HEALEY STORY (continued)

There would be long stretches with virtually no traffic because the connection points had not yet been connected. It was not uncommon for him to take the car up to 120 miles per hour. A growing family soon required he sell the Healey. However, the car lived on in family lore. My brother purchased a TR-4 in college. I had a TR-6. But even then we knew it was not the same as a big Healey. Although my father later had a Jaguar E-Type, he still longed for another Healey.



Patrick's mother beside his parents' new (notice the paper license plate) Healey 3000

In March of 2021 I received a phone call from an Estate planning attorney friend. He was working on an estate which included four cars. He said one of the cars was an old English convertible but he didn't know what make or model. My wife and I went to take a look and to my surprise it was a one owner 1967 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III Vin 41009 purchased new in San Antonio at Motor Imports, Inc. in December of 1967. The original owner, Edward Gonzalez, was a professor who taught at numerous Universities including Georgetown and The University of Incarnate Word. The Healey had low milage because he would leave it parked in his garage while he took assignments across the country.

When I purchased the car, the color was all Healey Blue with a blue interior. The odometer was show-



ing 26,000 miles. The car was last registered in 1979. The motor would not turn over but the tires did hold air. My wife agreed to buy it, but she included the condition that we send it out to get restored. My rolling restoration of a 1965 Land Rover is taking a lot longer than I thought, long with previous restorations of a 1926 Ford Model T, a 1987 Volkswagen Vanagon and 1953 GMC Truck.

After much research, we decided on FourinTune in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. The car was delivered to them in June 2021 and should be finished later this July. Upon taking the motor apart it was indeed a 26,000 mile car but the motor still needed to be rebuilt. I ordered the Heritage Certificate and all the numbers do match but the original color was Healey Blue with White coves. FourinTune discovered that the car had been in an accident affecting the left rear fender and the original white coves had been painted over.

I am happy with FourinTune thus far. They did a very thorough inspection and provided a very detailed list of work to be performed. I have yet to see the car in person but they are constantly sending photos of their progress and checking in with questions and suggestions.

(Continued on page 9)



**MY HEALEY STORY** (continued)

Primed



Painted



Top Installed

When I told my father about the new Healey he was very excited. I would regularly show him all of the photos and give updates on the progress. Unfortunately, his health had been declining over the past few years and he passed away in March. I was so looking forward to the day I got to take him for a drive. Now, I will think of him every time I drive it.

*Patrick*

**HEALEY BUY/SELL**

**FOR SALE: Call Mike Manser at 612-237-8078 for more information or photos.**

- Toyota W58 5 speed transmission. This is the transmission that mates with the conversion kit offered by "Healey 5 Speed" (formerly Smitty's) and totally transforms your Healey ride. Needs a little cleaning on the outside but turns great and has been dry stored since being pulled from a Toyota Supra several years ago. Located in Austin. Call Mike Manser at 612.237.8078 for more information or photos. \$1,500.
- Front Seat Kit, Late BN4-BJ7. New in box red vinyl seat kit with black piping (Moss # 246-785). Also including new in box left and right hand seat foam kits (Moss # 856-198, 856-218). This is the way to brighten up your Healey without breaking the bank. They came with a car I purchased but I don't have a need for them. Located in Austin. \$250.

**FOR SALE: 1960 AUSTIN-HEALEY 3000 MK-I BT7**

Contact Charlie O'Connors at:

[charliebt7@gmail.com](mailto:charliebt7@gmail.com)

210-284-0095



Scan the code at the right for additional information and a link to photos.



**STAHC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>HOSTS/INFO</b>
<b>5th Annual Ain't for the Faint" Drive</b>	Mary's Tacos, 518 E Blanco Rd, Boerne 78006	Saturday, July 23 8:30 A.M.	So. Tex. Triumph Assn.
<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	T. B. D.	August T. B. D.	Ayers
<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	Sat., 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, Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury, TX	November 12	Pioneer Flight Museum
<b>AHCA Delegates' Meeting</b>	Indianapolis, Indiana	November 12-13	AHCA
<b>Christmas/Holiday Party</b>	Forke Store, 1300 Church Hill Dr., New Braunfels, 78130	Sun. Dec. 4 1 - 5 P.M.	STAHC

**JULY AREA EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHO</b>
<b>Wimberley Coffee &amp; Cars</b> (monthly, first Sunday)	Blanco Brew, 14200 R.R. 12 , Wimberley 78676	Sunday, July 3, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Pistons at the Park</b>	16231 IH-35 Pflugerville, 78660	Sunday, July 3, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public Benefit/ <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Canyon Lake Hot Rod and Classic Car cruise-in</b> (2nd Fri.)	Brookshire Brothers Grocery, 18209 FM 306, Canyon Lake	Friday, July 8, 5 - 8 P.M.	Open to the Public
<b>McDade Watermelon Festival Car Show</b>	143 Bastrop St McDade, 78650	Saturday, July 9, 8 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Open to the Public <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Corvette Invasion, July 15&amp;16</b>	Bastrop Convention Center 1408 Chestnut St, Bastrop 78602	Fri., 1 - 6 P.M. Sat., 9 A,M-1 P.M.	Open to the Public <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Corvette Invasion, July 17</b>	Circuit of The Americas, Austin	Sun., 8 - 10 A.M.	
<b>Pistons on the Square</b>	Town Square, Georgetown	Saturday, July 16, 8 - 10 A.M.	Open to the Public <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Round Rock Car Show</b> (monthly, 3rd Sunday)	Old Settlers Park , 2002 Harrell Park- way, Round Rock	Sunday, July 17, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	Open to the Public <a href="#">Website</a>
<b>2nd Annual Siena Classic Car Show</b>	Buck's Backyard, 1750 FM 1626, Buda,	Sunday, July 24, 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.	Benefit - Open to the Public
<b>Trucks &amp; Tacos</b> (Monthly, 4th Sunday)	Hardtails Bar and Grill 1515 No. I.H.35, Georgetown	Sunday, July 24, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public
<b>Coffee with Cars</b> (Monthly)	31430 Ranch Rd 12, Dripping Springs	Sunday, July 31, 8 - 11 A.M.	Open to the Public <a href="#">Website</a>

**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](mailto:stahcmembeship@icloud.com)

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.

All articles appearing in *Rumblin's* represent the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily represent the opinions of *Rumblin's*, South Texas Austin-Healey Club, or the Austin-Healey Club of America. Neither *Rumblin's*, STAHC, nor AHCA is responsible for the accuracy or safety of technical information presented herein. If you choose to use such technical information, you do so at your own risk.