

# Regional Rumblins

Vol. 2024 Newsletter of the South Texas Austin Healey Club

## January Planning Meeting

Visit our [STAHC Website](#) for details of events.

### CHILI AT THE CHAMBERLAIN'S

- Saturday, January 20 at 11 AM
- 20290 Hilltop Drive Wimberley Texas 78676
- Please bring your own beverage (water will be provided) and a side dish: appetizer, chips and dip, cornbread, beans (To put in the chili if you like), dessert.
- Call or text Pam at 713-705-8493 To RSVP and please let her know what you are bringing.



This is always a well attended gathering. Please bring ideas for activities that you are willing to organize/ host/co-host. State parks, casual tours and car museums are some of the possibilities. See you at the Chamberlains on the 20th!

## Healey Holiday Party

by DJ Stamp



A merry band of Healey souls gathered on Sunday December 3rd from 2-5 at Forke Store in New Braunfels. The weather was ideal for some chatting outside before the festivities & the annual Gruene Christmas Market was in full swing. Attending members included **Bob & Tina Adkins, David & Bonnie Ayer, Ron Borden, Bob & Pam Chamberlain, Larry & Melinda Hester, Lynn McKinnie, Pat & DJ Stamp & Jeff**

**& Denene Whitmore.** We missed y'all who couldn't attend but never fear - all the gossip about you was really juicy!! We had some of the best grub I can remember & I filled my tank to overfull. Unfortunately, I was too full to try Lynn's delicious looking sweet potato casserole. Lynn arrived around 3pm, but we started eating around 2:30. Bob & Tina arrived an hour early & helped us finish setting up. We had a short meeting & to everyone's surprise the officers will remain the same for 2024. Bonnie & David reported on national news & Bob showed we were in good shape financially. Pat & I had purchased some humorous mini gift table decorations we had purchased at a church fair that folks seemed to enjoy & were encouraged to take with them to pass on. My favorite was the small bag of 2 batteries labeled Gift Not Included. The gummy old age pills & cow seeds were also well received. We always have containers for you to take home

**Jeff and Denene Whitmore**



**Larry and Melinda Hester**



food you just couldn't get enough of. The caretaker's daughter paid the family in Bastrop a surprise visit so we locked up the store & closed the gate behind us for a relaxing drive home.

**Ron, Lynn, DJ, and Bob**



**Bonnie and David Ayer**



Also from DJ:

Hope to see Y'all at our **YEARLY PLANNING MEETING SATURDAY JANUARY 20th** at Bob & Pam Chamberlain's Hilltop home at 20290 Hilltop Drive in Wimberley from 11-2. Please come enjoy the camaraderie, food, Morgans in the garage & incredible view.

Our VP Julie Miller is currently filling in as Newsletter Editor & doing a great job, but we would appreciate it if there is a member who enjoys that type of duty to please step up. If you can't make it to as many events as you'd like being the newsletter editor is a great way to keep up with the membership & contribute to the club. I requested during the meeting that members send the editor stories of their travels & events they attend. We love reading about each other's adventures, new grandkids, etc. & that small contribution on your part makes the editors job soooo much easier. Also, when someone is not feeling well or is incapacitated, please let us know so we can send our love. Thanks, DJ

### And now for car stuff:

The purpose of the article is to shed light on a car I discovered in a Facebook article. The Daimler SP252.

First we will examine it's predecessor - the SP250

The Daimler SP250 was produced from 1959-1964 in Coventry, England. This 2.5 liter 140hp V8 powered sports car was also known as the Daimler Dart. BSA (British Small Arms) was the parent company of Daimler during this period until it was sold to Jaguar in 1964. While unique the SP250 is not considered a particularly handsome design & handling was said to be less than exemplary. This was perhaps due to the doors opening unexpectedly upon hard cornering. Around 25-30 SP250s were used by the London Police Dept. to catch speeders. 2,654 cars were produced from 1959-64. The fiberglass body was labor intensive & took 2 1/2 times as long to build as the E type. During that same period Jaguar sold over 15,000 E types so production of the Dart was ceased. Most examples on Bring a Trailer are currently selling between \$20,000 - \$40,000. There was an SP250 for sale in the grass area at the last Pate Swap Meet. I believe he was asking around \$6,500 for a car requiring restoration.



1960 SP250

Sir William Lyons conceived & designed the SP252 from 1962-63 as a replacement for the Dart. Daimler allocated 6 chassis for development. The only remaining body was mounted to an SP250 chassis & is the subject of this article. I find this design to be quite attractive but unfortunately was too expensive to produce. The pictured car is the one & only Daimler

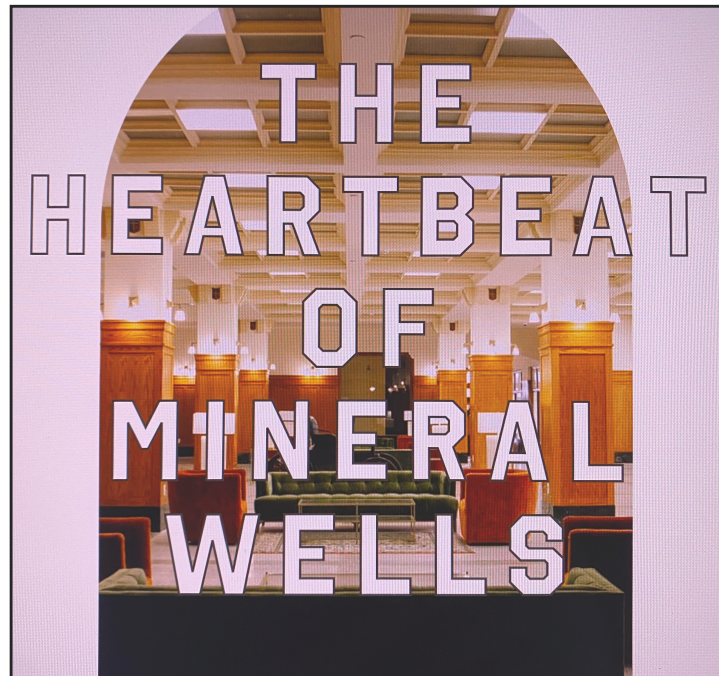
SP252. It was originally stored at the Jaguar factory & sold by Sir William Lyons to a friend. I changed hands several times over the years & was eventually restored & now resides in the Collection Centre at Gaydon. Numerous parts are shared with the E type & the interior is almost totally E type. From a side view the head lights remind me of MGB. I even see some MGB in the front 3/4 view. Overall I find it to be a pleasing nicely balanced design. I

hope you  
 enjoy the  
 pictures. DJ



Daimler SP252

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 APRIL 4 - 7, 2024 ~ **ANNOUNCEMENT** ~

The Crazy Water Hotel  
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 Mineral Wells, TX 76067  
 (940)325-4605

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