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RENEW YOUR AHCA & STAHC MEMBERSHIP BY **MARCH 7, 2021**,
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2021 DIRECTORY!!

Go to: <https://healeyclub.org> and look for the **Renew Now** button halfway down the AHCA Home Page.
Dues are the same as last year - \$60.00 for both AHCA and STAHC membership.

HIGHWAY PICKUP AND LUNCH

March 6, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

2.6 miles west of Blanco on FM1623
Lunch at the RedBud Cafe in Blanco afterwards

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

By David Ayer

Time to Clean the Highway!!

This Saturday, March 6, will be our first event for 2021. The weather forecast is cool , partly cloudy with a north wind!! Should be perfect.

I hope you all survived the "Snow-vid" 2021 event. Our 6 days of winter. We got 4 inches of snow on Monday and 3 on Wednesday. The cool thing about Wednesday is that it snowed all day until about 6!! Awesome!! The power was off and on Monday and Tuesday. Not on long enough to warm the 45° house. We got out all the blankets!!

Our stove is gas and we had matches.

How ingrained are our habits!! When power ceased the first time I went to turn on the TV to check things out, then I went to toast bread for lunch and put soup in the microwave!!

We had to charge our phones in the car. Luckily we had no water shortage.

Bonnie lucked into a Covid vaccine shot. I'm still prowling the internet to get mine.

Our club board has approved my request to donate \$500 in the memory of Gerry Coker to the Donald Healey Memorial Fund.

Conclave will be here soon. We received regalia style face masks from the organizers. Hint-hint.

Let's talk about travel plans on Saturday.

See you then!!

David



Barrel 33

BIG BEAR LAKE, CA



JOIN US FOR PAINT AND SIP

Thursday May 20th 2pm-4pm

Sign Up Today! \$65

Join us and Nancy with
Let's Paint Your Party at the
Elks Lodge in beautiful
Big Bear Lake!
2pm-4pm

Join us for an afternoon of
drinking wine, painting,
and fun with new friends!
Tickets are \$65 and
includes all supplies,
instruction, 2 glasses of
wine (to go style) and an
assortment of charcuterie

snacks! We look forward to
seeing everyone soon.
Please arrive 15 minutes
early so that we may start
on time!

Pre-sign up is needed for
this event. Email Lisa
Mandell at
Lisa.mandell14@gmail.com
to reserve your seat.
Payment will be collected
during Conclave
Registration Age 21+

Let's Paint Your Party!

The event of the
year! Austin Healey
Conclave 2021.

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Cruising with your top
down sunny.

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CONCLAVE 2021: THE CARS ARE THE STARS

It's All About the Healeys at Conclave

Of course, YOUR Healey is the Star! But there will be plenty of other stars in the sky, and on the streets as well. We expect upwards of 150 cars to line both sides of Pine Knot and beyond for the Conclave Car Show on Wednesday. Cars will be arranged by Class and will have color coded window placards to match the People's Choice ballots. Competition will be fierce for Best in Class and Best in Show Awards.

Big Turnout for Concours Judging

As of mid-January, we had ten cars registered for Concours Judging, a very strong turnout. For those of you who may not be familiar with this aspect of Conclave, Concours Judging allows an owner to have his car (usually a fresh



Clarke Kniesal 100M Racer Healey

restoration) minutely inspected by a team of expert judges. Using the 300+ page Austin Healey Authenticity Guide as the definitive reference, four judges go over each car with a fine toothed comb. The typical inspection can take up to four hours!

The end result is a numerical score that could entitle the owner to a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award. This year should be particularly interesting, as we have no fewer than SIX 100-4s to be evaluated. Getting those great cars together for a photo op should be a treat.

Great Cars on the Track Too

Some of the more special cars to be seen around Conclave will be enjoyed at the Gymkhana as well.

Terry Cowan will be



bringing his very rare Sebring Sprite racer originally owned by Bob Snow and the Octagon Race Team in England. It ran at Oulton Park, Nürburgring, Silverstone, LeMans and Sebring. Later owned by John Sprinzel and rebadged PMO 200. Terry campaigns the car in vintage races every year.

We also expect to see Clarke

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PMO 200 on track

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It's All About the Healeys at Conclave continued...

Kniesal in his 100M racer. This 1956 factory 100M was originally purchased by Clarke's dad, John. He drove it back-and-forth to work and both he and his wife Genevieve raced it on weekends in the good old days of racing. Clarke bought the car from his dad when he was 13 and spent three years restoring it. He drove it during his senior year in high school and during his time in the army. When Clarke came home from Vietnam he and his dad made it a full-time race car and started to campaign it in 1971. It is currently still being raced and always makes a good showing and is well received at every event.

And Even a Healey that Floats!

Sure, you knew that Donald Healey was a big boat fan and even built some commercially in the 50's. But have you ever seen one? Well expect to see a meticulously restored 1957 Healey marine Sport Boat 55 at Conclave. This is one of the earlier teak top boats, the prettiest of the series. Seating five, this little runabout was made specifically to tow water skiers, which was a passion of Donald's.

We are currently in talks with the owner about the possibility of putting the Healey boat in the lake. Maybe a ride in a Healey boat is in your future. By

the way, the boat is for sale if you need something to tow home!



Healey Boat

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WWW.BIGBEAR.COM/TRAVEL-TOOLS/VISITOR-GUIDE/ (available by mail or for download).

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**.



Healeys on tour

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.

(Please note that the hotel room rate is \$100 plus tax for Sunday through Thursday nights. Early arrival on Saturday or stayover on Friday night will also enjoy a discounted rate).



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 lot 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.



REGISTRATION FOR CONCLAVE 2021 NOW OPEN

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COVID-19 MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Please go to www.conclave2021.com for online registration or to print a mail-in registration form as well as getting all the info on the scheduled and optional events.

Some things to keep in mind:

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



TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40

September 17-19, 2021



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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

You can join online at:

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

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: dbayer@swbell.net or 210-775-8168.

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