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******* LATE BREAKING NEWS *******

HEALEY HILL COUNTRY CRUISE AND STAHC PLANNING SESSION!!, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021
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SPRING HIGHWAY PICKUP AND LUNCH, March 6, 2021



Participants above from left: Bob Chamberlain, Jim Richmond, Lera Borden, Bonnie Ayer, Bob Adkins, Jeff Whitmore (kneeling front), Lynn McKinnie (behind Jeff), Denene Whitmore, Brett & Julie Miller, Tina Adkins, Hannah Whitmore, Ron Borden (kneeling), DJ Stamp, David Ayer, and Pat Stamp

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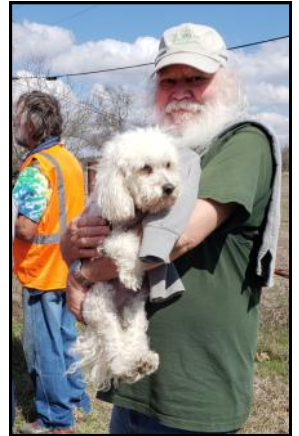
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TRASH TIMES IN TEXAS

By Jeff Whitmore

It may have been the weather, which was great, or the COVID-19 quarantine, which as we all know has been very long, but whatever it was led to a record-setting trash-collecting crowd. On 6 March 2021, no less than fifteen Healey enthusiasts gathered to beautify two miles of Texas highway along the Blanco river. Plus Jovi Miller, Julie's and Brett's pup seen here with club president David. (Do they use the same "groomer??!)



Despite prolonged pre-event chattering the group managed to collect all the trash in time to head into Blanco to Redbud Cafe from some nosh and a swig.



Tina, Bob, & Jeff



Julie, David, DJ, Denene,
Pat, Brett, & Bonnie

The cafe sits on a small town square graced by a beautiful courthouse and that day a Ford and Chevy car club event was happening. There were many beautiful and interesting beasts on display. A highlight was an old Chevy pickup with exhaust pipes rising 4 feet or so from the engine, each capped by a hinged disc that beat to it's own pistons percussion accompanied by a wood bed with whiskey barrels as sideboards. 2 other beauties are pictured below.



With lunch complete folks went on to the rest of their day except for a thirsty few (OK most of the group) who drifted over to Texas Cannon Brewing Company for an occasional libation and further yammerin'.



MID-FEBRUARY IN SIBERIA SASKATCHEWAN SWITZERLAND SOUTH TEXAS!

STAHC club members in Texas were subjected to, hopefully, a once-in-a-lifetime winter storm. All of us were affected in one way or a dozen other ways. Several members have submitted stories and photos of their experiences.

The freezing nightmare

By Jaime "Getting' Old Ain't for Sissies" Molina

My unforgettable friend Harley Clarke, the man who first used and made famous the "Hook'em Longhorn Sign," used to tell me, "Jaime, Gettin' old ain't for sissies. Just enjoy life while you are still younger than me".



bladder's pain due to obstruction. I needed an emergency transurethral catheterization in the ER. I am still with an indwelling catheter. Hopefully not for too long. I do not want to develop a bladder infection on top of all the pain. Anyway, I am under treatment and trying to keep my spirit up, as always.

Facing the recent weather crisis, the aftermath disaster, no electricity, still no drinkable water, and the simultaneous development of unexpected health issues (Facial shingles and Urinary retention secondary to Gabapentin prescribed for the pain caused by the terrible shingles) have taken a toll on this old geezer. Old age *sure* ain't for sissies. A temporary plumbing bypass allows us to have running water inside the house. However, we have to boil it to drink it because we are still waiting for replacements of the busted rainwater filter housings and the plumber's completion of many other pending tasks. The repair of walls and other issues are also still pending. We are still struggling with the insurance company adjustors.



Concerning the face shingles, I want to remind you to get vaccinated for Shingles as soon as you can. We dilly-dallied because of the flu-vaccine, the pandemic, and other excuses. The pain it causes is one of the worst, aside from body shingles and labor pains. The dermatologist prescribed a higher dosage of Gabapentin for the Shingles trigeminal neuralgia. Unfortunately, it caused a secondary problem. As a result, I experienced another painful experience almost as bad as the shingles—a blow-up



White Beard the Pirate was heard yelling, Aaaarrggghh!!! Blow me down, Matey!!

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MID-FEBRUARY SNOW STORM STORIES (continued)

Texas vs. New York

By Jack Hawkins

96 hours without power, but no damage except among the plants on the property. However, I am the son and grandson of plumbing and heating contractors. Beautiful snow. And not half as bad as Sandy was back when we were in New York, and the power was out for 13 days. I am sorry that I did to get out skis and boots and lay some tracks down our street that first morning tho'!



Winter Wonderland in (Frozen?) Dripping Springs

Tina & Bob Adkins' Storm Version

Winter Wonderland, Snow/Ice-pocalypse, or perhaps a double whammy quarantine epitomized our unique February storm. Of course it all depends on your perspective and how you handle events that only happen once every 31 years.



First it was the ice storm that curved our tree branches to the ground and totally eliminated any driving, especially on icy hills. Then the 6" snow layered on top of the ice surprised us in all its sparkling glory.



That was followed by an uncanny do-over with more ice and snow in the next several days. Since Bob and I have already gotten so used to seclusion with not being able to toodle around much it was somewhat normal. So with plenty of food stored up for the duration it was no real problem until....the pipes all froze and water was scarce. We had prepped by dripping all our faucets at night into buckets & pitchers (to prevent freezing pipes) so water for drinking and cooking was plentiful. Forget showering, And flushing? Simply solved; we dipped buckets of water from the still unfrozen pool to toilets. We even attempted to melt unblemished snow for cleaning but discovered that even though it looks white and clean it had bits of silt in it.

Each morning and evening, after a cup of tea, I piled on the clothes (triple layers) knit hat and gloves along with my new rain boots to venture out and care for all the critters (including the birds) bring him into our downstairs hallway/bathroom for the duration. My lone goat spent the days lay-

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MID-FEBRUARY SNOW STORM STORIES (continued)

ing in her stall with no snow/ice but attempting to stay warm in the frigid cold. I red her up at night with my canvas/wool horse blanket which kept her very cozy.

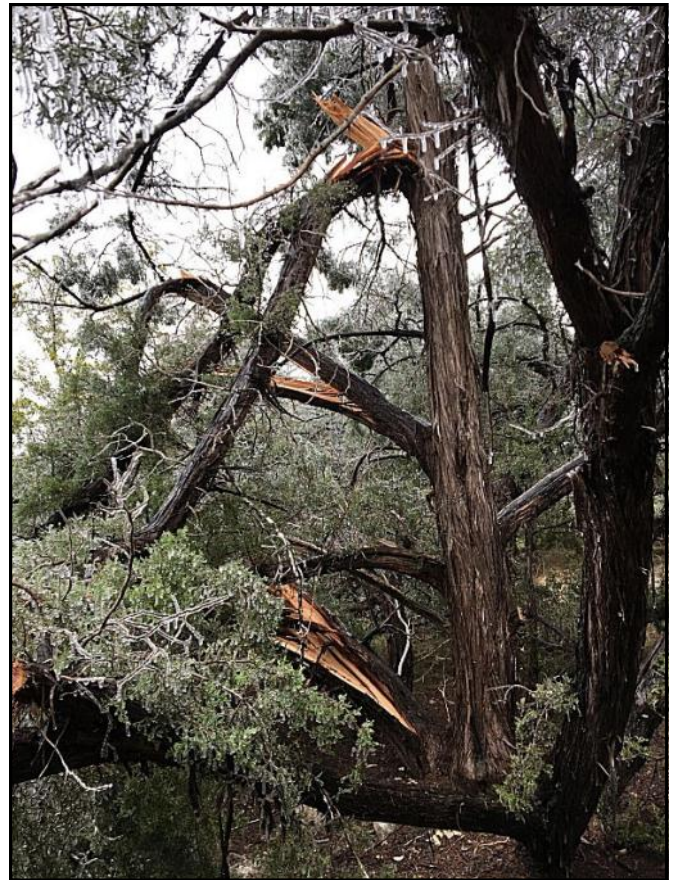


We typically sent E-mails, listened to weather forecasts, music, and watched shows on all our devices until the rolling blackouts began; 3 hours on 3 hours off for 4 days. Then we had to resort to traditional entertainment such as reading, puzzles, playing games and of course eating and drinking Bob's brew and homemade bread. Temps in the house ranged from 47-57 degrees so blankets came in handy even during the day.



When the power finally came on we plugged in our cell phones and whipped up the next meal before it shut off again. Relaying our trials & tribulations

to family and friends also kept us quite entertained. Luckily after the water in our garage apt. thawed 4 days later, showers were much appreciated. The slow receding of the icy remnants kept us homebound for 10 whole days. Fortunately we had a full fridge and freezer. Unfortunately, as it thawed we kept hearing loud cracks and crashes in our yard from all the tree branches that succumbed to the weight of layers of ice and snow for way too many days. Lots of chain sawing and shredding or burning will keep us occupied in the next few months.



Well, we managed to survive and discovered that no pipes actually burst like they did during Christmas in 1989. I'm sure most of us were thinking a drive in our Healeys couldn't come too soon! Thank goodness it's spring!

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MID-FEBRUARY SNOW STORM STORIES (continued)

5" of snow at Ed Dingivan's home in Alamo Heights

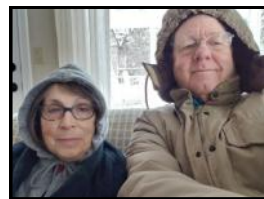


The Borden's experience in Boerne

We awoke with a beautiful snowfall covered yard.



We had relatively minor inconveniences due to the cold and snow. It started with no power for 6 hours on Monday morning February 15 and intermittent outages over the next few days. Outside the low temperature the first 2 mornings was 7 degrees. Inside, not too bad but we did bundle up with parkas for a while Monday. Our power losses



were minor compared to many of you. And our son in the Dallas/Fort Worth area was without power and water for 5+ days.

We also lost water pressure. Good news - nothing burst so when it thawed late in the week there was no water damage or pump repairs needed. In the interim we melted snow in the tub for commode flushing water. We were able to get drinking water at Lera's sister who lives around the corner from us. And a shower. Their thermostat decided to not work so they and their 2 Labs stayed with us and our 2 big dogs for 4 days. Cozy!

Our neighbor across the street had a fire in their detached garage. No injuries and their home was unharmed. The garage and cars were a total loss.

This was the view Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, from our front porch with emergency vehicles blocking our street for several hours.



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MID-FEBRUARY SNOW STORM STORIES (concluded)

From David & Bonnie Ayer:



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.

From Brett Miller:

This is how much snow we got at our house (right) and I feel real guilty - we lost no power.



PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

By David Ayer

Spring time! We had our winter and time change. Time to hit the bricks with a drive in the hill country. The Miller's have graciously invited our members and tagalongs to their house. Ron asked me earlier if we could add a planning meeting to the itinerary. We will, so bring your ideas. More info is on page one of this newsletter issue and on the [interim website](#)! Bonnie and I have received both our vaccinations. We feel more at ease going out, but continue to mask up. See you Saturday!!



BJ8 WINDSHIELD AVAILABLE

Stan Marcieski has a good BJ8 windshield (right) for give-away if anyone in the club cares to have it. If interested contact him at:

212-731-4156 (c) or dustoff9747@gmail.com



The event of the
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CONCLAVE 2021: MORE FUN ON TAP

Check Out These Great Events

With all the exciting drives planned, it's easy to overlook some of the other fun events that make Conclave such a special happening. Conclave 2021 will feature all your favorites:

Silent Auction Set to be a Big One

Thanks to the hard work of our Sponsorship Chairman, Mike Scroggie, the Silent Auction is shaping up to be a great one. The auction will feature items in all price ranges. Headliner offers so far include a \$2000 Gift Certificate towards the purchase of a 5-speed transmission upgrade (courtesy of the Driven Man), a set of brand new chrome wire wheels from British Wire Wheel (a \$1600 value), a free pass to the VARA University



Tool Box

Driving School (\$400) and an autographed copy of the coffee table book Healey-The Men and Machines (John Nikas).

Some of the more unusual items include a one-of-a-kind tool box with a Sprite rocker cover lid, a model of NOJ393 and a variety of NOS items including a 100 Grille, an Early AH Wings badge, 100 Brake Master Cylinder and much more (courtesy the Toy Shoppe). Moss Motors has donated a selection of attractive Healey items including a wood steering wheel, floor mats, shift knob and various "man cave" accessories. Lucas Oil has supplied three gift baskets, including a wide selection of their items.

We expect many more valuable additions to the Silent Auction soon. So, bring your credit card or checkbook! Silent Auction items will be on display in the Social Center.

Attention Creative Types!

Conclave will feature three events for Healey Hobbyists. The *Arts and Crafts Competition* will showcase Healey themed creations of all types....paintings, ceramics, textiles, you name it. *The Healey Photo Contest*



Lucas Oil Products

will feature a display of physical photographs that reflect the Healey spirit....could be racing, touring, or lifestyle oriented...bring you best shots. Finally, an *Online Event*

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Photo Contest will honor the very best photos taken at the event (or on the road to the event). Your pictures can be uploaded at any time prior to the closing date.

Arts and Crafts and Photo Contest entries will be on display throughout Conclave in the Social Center. Trophies will be awarded to the winners during the final night Banquet. Make plans to bring your very best!

Ladies Only Event Just Added!

Chairwoman Lisa Mandell has just announced a new Event for Ladies Only. On Thursday afternoon those who sign

up will enjoy a Paint and Sip Session at the nearby Elks Lodge. Participants will be provided with all the materials needed to create their own piece of Healey themed artwork, whilst enjoying a sampling of fine California wines and snacks. An art instructor will be on site to guide even the most inexperienced hand.

This is an optional event and the fee is \$65 per person which includes all materials, snacks, and beverages. Capacity is limited, so sign up now by emailing Lisa at lisa.mandell14@gmail.com.



Creative Contests

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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.



Ed's Car 105

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**.



Old Healey Ad

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.

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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
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Payment will be collected
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Let's Paint Your Party!



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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



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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:

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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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