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Renew now to support our Healey organizations, and so you won't miss any issues of the national Healey club's *Healey Marque Magazine*.

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

By David Ayer

Already time for a new month?

Happy New Year!! A little late but what the hey.

We are planning the first of our ever so popular Highway Cleanups, March 6 beginning at 9:30 with socially appropriate gathering afterwards at the Red Bud Cafe.

Not much going on in my Healey world . Still planning to attend Conclave? We are. And of course our more local Roundup.

Bonnie and I are searching for available Covid vaccination! It's frustrating!!

Please welcome new member Larry Hester. Look for his bio!! And pictures!!



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and Appointed Positions**

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S (continued)

I've been watching old ESPN and Speedweek shows about the Daytona 24 hour and Sebring 12 hour races from the late 50's -mid 60's. What really caught my eye was the lack of lighting of the track at night. The pits were lit but not much else. So these driver were barreling down the banking to the first turn into a tunnel of darkness illuminated by mid 20th century automobile headlights!!! I'd say they were pretty determined.

This looks like fun: https://youtu.be/7WN1_i8cKXw

And these races are either against the clock or wheel to wheel. I did a bit of Google searching but couldn't find any details about the races and regulations.

https://youtu.be/y45olg6tj_s

See you soon, *David*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

(This month the Healey Headlights High-Beams shine on our newest members, Larry & Melinda Hester!)

We are both recently retired, I from investment banking preceded by mechanical engineering and corporate work, and Melinda is a career public health nurse, consultant and professor. We have a grown son who lives in Austin and works in the film industry.



I found a BN7 with the transmission in the truck parked near the U Texas bookstore (Co-op for locals) in 1975. After repairing and re-installing the gearbox, I drove it almost as found for a few years, then stored it until 2020. It was originally exported to Los Angeles, so spent at least some time in CA.



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU! (Continued)

Not being on the road for more than 14 years it is sound with a few dings and little concerning rust. I have decided to take it apart and put it back together (did I mention I was once a practicing engineer?). I was very pleasantly surprised the engine was not seized after sitting for over 40 yrs. (Was it the Marvel Mystery oil put in a couple of months beforehand?)



So, at this point, the engine is out and I am shopping for a rotisserie and am open to recommendations for a body and paint shops that knows A-H's.

We enjoy travelling and made a few trips after retiring and before restrictions, but look forward to many more, as I am sure everyone else does.

Regards, Larry

(Editor's note: The Hesters live in Round Rock. If anyone has a recommendation for a body and paint shop and/or a rotisserie please email me at: rborden@gvtc.com and I will forward your information to them.)

**Bugeye Sprite for Sale?**

Brian Blackwell reports this Sprite was spotted mid-January on the north side of TX 46, 13+/- miles east of Boerne. Current availability is unknown.

The phone number shown is:

830-237-0087, with no price posted.



2020 - STAHC's YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks to "the Virus" most of our scheduled activities were canceled. We did have the annual planning meeting in January, before anyone even knew how to spell *COVID*. Plus several, shall we say, open-air type events were held that we could social distance while enjoying our Healey association. And our first ever Zoom event - the annual Ice Cream Social! Below are the highlights of our year. Enjoy!

January

STAHC Planning Meeting

Shortly after noon on January 11, 2020, club members arrived at the beautiful home of Pam and Bob Chamberlain. It is situated on a hill south of Wimberley overlooking the Blanco river valley. The meal provided by the Chamberlains was as enjoyable as the view on this beautiful afternoon.

Joining the feast and planning this year were: Tina & Bob Adkins, Bonnie & David Ayer, Lera & Ron Borden, the Chamberlains, Joy & Michael Escriva, Lynn McKinnie, Doris & Jaime Molina, Karen & Jim Richmond, and Denene & Jeff Whitmore.



Denene, Doris and Jaime



Bob, Jeff, Denene, Joy, and Doris

Following lunch the group got down to the business of planning club events for 2020. Our three Highway Pickup dates were established in March, and June, as they have been in years past, and October this year. After the remainder of the schedule was set Pam Chamberlain gave a tour of her upstairs quilting studio to quilt enthusiasts. It overlooks the Blanco River and the surrounding hills and valleys. With this stunning atmosphere it is no wonder that Pam has created many dazzling works of art!



Lera, Tina, and Bonnie being introduced to Pam's retreat and its inspiring view.



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2020 - STAHC's YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)

February (no event)

March

Spring Highway Pickup

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, it was the perfect storm of trash pick-up, or perhaps the perfect eye-of-the-storm... There was trash, but not too much; there were pickers, a large group in fact and; there was weather, nearly perfect cool and a bit overcast. The result? Rapid trash sequestration leading quickly to good food and conversation in Blanco at the Redbud Cafe. We had guest appearances from a Morgan and a Stamp-kin (cousin) to round things out for an enjoyable few hours.



From left: DJ Stamp, DJ's cousin Mike Van Horn, Bob Chamberlain with his navigator Flat Stanley, Jeff & Denene Whitmore, Lera Borden, Hannah Whitmore (kneeling), Tina Adkins, Pat Stamp, Bob Adkins, David Ayer, Jim Richmond, and Ron Borden

April (Texas Healey Roundup 40 postponed)

May

Hill Country Lunch & Drive

On Saturday, May 30, we began gathering around 10 A.M. at the Stripes south of Blanco. After spending time chatting, and gassing up we went to the court House square for a picnic lunch. Lunch was scheduled *before* the drive so we could use the few of the picnic tables on the Blanco County Courthouse square before they filled up.

With full gas tanks, and now with full tummies, we launched of on a drive through the hill country on the west and east sides of US Hwy 281, crossing the Blanco River several times. Six cars, three of them Healeys, settled into our touring pace. The trees, grass fields, hills, cows, goats, and newly shorn sheep had a soothing effect with the troubles and stresses of our current world kinda' fluttering out the window in to the cool air!! At the end of the tour three cars with six people ended up at the Rough Diamond Brewery for much needed libations.

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2020 - STAHC's YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)

Hill Country Lunch & Drive (continued)



“Drivers & Navigators, START YOUR ENGINES!” From the left: Karen & Jim Richmond, David Ayer, Lera & Ron Borden, Tina & Bob Adkins, Simina & Jack Hawkins (Doris, Pepper, & Jaime Molina joined us at the Blanco Courthouse)



June

Highway Trash Pickup & (no) Lunch

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Eight club members met at or close to 9 A.M. to rid FM 1623 west of Blanco of the trash items that had accumulated since our last visit to the roadway back in early March. After rounding up the usual debris we realized that the Red Bud Café in Blanco wouldn't open for another hour, so we decided to just head on home. (A picture and names of this session's participants appear on the following page.)

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2020 - STAHC's YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)

Highway Trash Pickup & (no) Lunch (continued)



This month's Trash-Picker-Uppers practicing "social distancing" are from left: DJ Stamp, Denene & Hanna Whitmore, Tina & Bob Adkins, Jeff Whitmore, and Jim Richmond. (Ron Borden also participated and took the picture.)

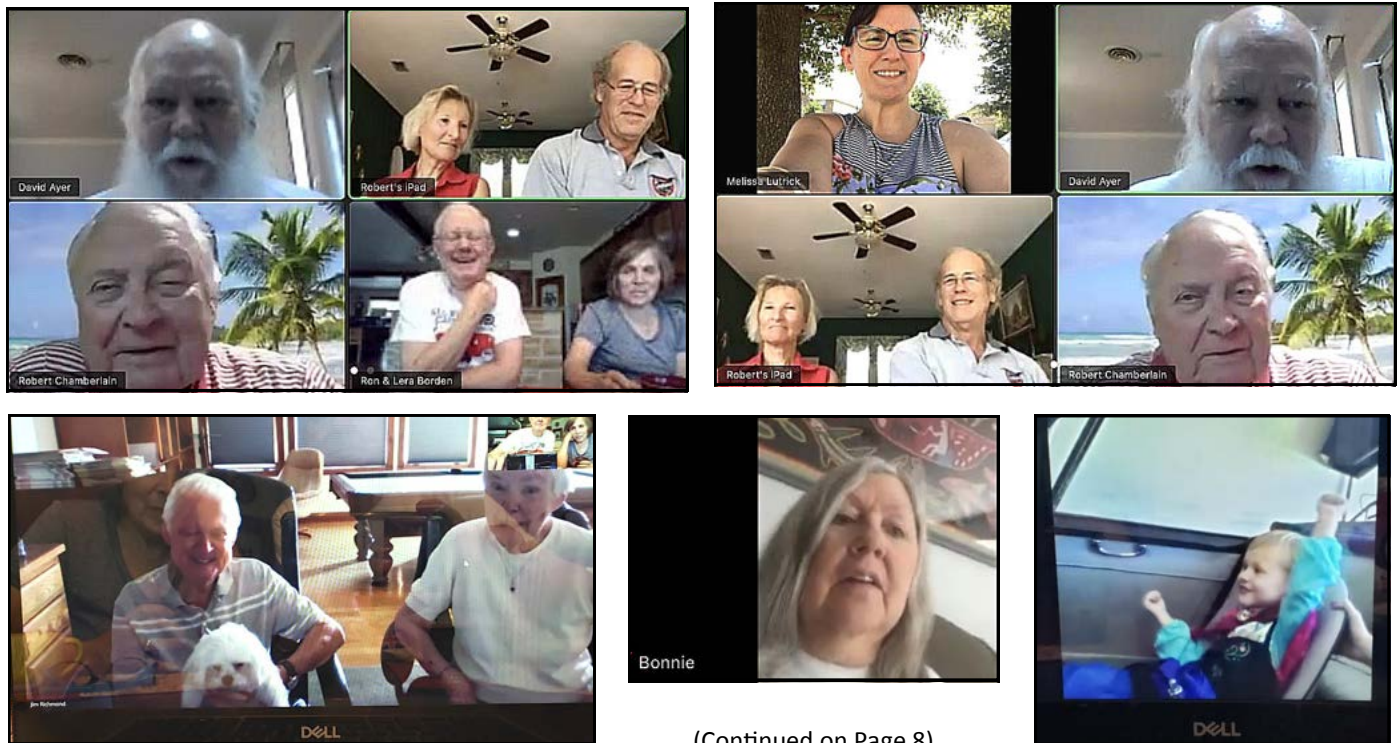
July (events canceled)

August

Virtual Ice Cream Social

At 2:30 P.M. sharp, August 22, we met online via Zoom for our annual Ice Cream Social. Those logging on were: Tina & Bob Adkins, Bonnie & David Ayer, Lera & Ron Borden, Bob Chamberlain, Melissa & Makayla Lutrick, Julie Miller, Karen & Jim Richmond, plus 3 "FFFFM's"

Three "FFFFM's," or **Four-Footed Furry Family Members**, Benjamin Ayer, Jenni Borden, and Meg Richmond made cameo appearances! All STAHC members participating joined from the comfort of their homes except Bob Chamberlain who was basking on the beach at Estes Park, Colorado. That's right - basking and beach in Colorado if we are to believe the background behind Bob (below). Global Warming must be extreme there.



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2020 - STAHC's YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)

September (no event)

October

Fall Highway Pickup & Lunch, October 3, 2020



Once again we removed several bags of trash that had accumulated along FM 1623 west of Blanco. Participants this time were: foreground, Hanna, Denene, & Jeff Whitmore. Standing, from the left, Jim Richmond, Bob Chamberlain with his black and red 100M, Tina & Bob Adkins and their BT7, Eric & David Ayer, and Lera & Ron Borden. As always lunch was enjoyed at the Redbud Café in Blanco.

November

AHCA Fall Delegates Zoom Meeting

Jim Richmond, STAHC's delegate, attended the 2020 AHCA Delegates Meeting via Zoom on November 7 & 8. His report can be found in the December 2020 and January 2021 issues of *Regional Rumblin's* by visiting the Newsletter page of our interim website at:

<https://rborden6.wixsite.com/south-texas-ahc/newsletters>

December (event canceled)



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CONCLAVE 2021: MORE DETAILS REVEALED!

CAR SHOW, THEME NIGHTS, MUCH MORE!

Rest Up, It's Day and Night Fun at Conclave

This Just In! The Big Bear Village Council has given their final approval for the Conclave 2021 Car Show to be held right in the center of town, on Pine Knot Avenue and Village Drive. Both roads will be closed to all traffic during the show and our cars will line both sides of the quaint village streets.

While it will be a feast for the eyes for Big Bear visitors, it will be shopping and food feast for the exhibitors. The Village center features dozens of fine shops, art galleries, pubs, and restaurants....so while your car is on display, there will be plenty to see and do.

Also just announced are the themes for each evening's events:

- **MONDAY** Night Cocktails and BBQ will be **California Cowboy**. The original California cowboy was a mix of traditional Old West cowboy and Spanish Vaquero. Any of your



Big Bear Village

favorite western wear will fit right in, but maybe your want to try a little "south of the border" embellishment.

- **TUESDAY'S** cocktail party will be all **50's and 60's**. James Dean? British Boy Band? Flower Child? Let your imagination run wild!

- **WEDNESDAY** evening will feature **Wearable Art**. Our event chairperson defines it as "referring to individual pieces of clothing and jewelry assembled to create a wearable expressive art". Hmmm...that should be fun.

- **THURSDAY'S** Farewell Banquet will have a **California**

Beach Party theme. That's easy... Hawaiian shirt, shorts, and flip flops....or maybe something a little more "resort casual".

No matter what the theme, these events are sure to be great fun and provide plenty of time to socialize with friends old and new.

Don't wait any longer, register now!

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More Nighttime Fun at Conclave

The Conclave host hotel, The Lodge at Big Bear, is well known locally as a music venue on weekends. In addition to a large outdoor deck, complete with band stand, there is a substantial amphitheater overlooking a pond and facing the stage. For Conclave, plans are for music every evening after dinner. Several local artists will be featured and while there will certainly be a country vibe, there should be something for everyone.

Of special note will be the **Pub Night with Austin Healey Spares**. This premier event sponsor, coming all the way from the UK, will be bringing some of their local fun with them. We will

have some English pub snacks, pub games and maybe even a round of Team Trivia. Worst British Accent competition? Beatles cover band? Who knows? Come along and find out. No matter which day during Conclave, the fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down!



Stilwell's amphitheatre



Check out this YouTube video of California Healey Week in Big Bear in 2012. This episode of Car Crazy, hosted by Barry Meguiar, originally aired on the Velocity Channel. youtu.be/44NZEDu9rwk

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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.



California Cowboys

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**.



Wearable Art

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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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

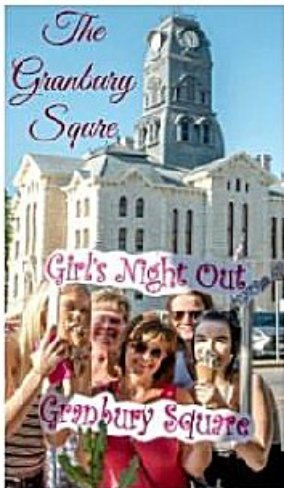
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SOUTH TEXAS AUSTIN-HEALEY

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:

(512) 264-2042.

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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:

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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:

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