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STAHC.ORG & [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/stahc)

• HIGHWAY PICKUP (& lunch T.B.D. at completion of the Pickup)

Saturday, October 3, 9:30 A.M.

FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco



• STAHC NOVEMBER CAMPOUT AND DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY ARE CANCELLED



• CONCLAVE 2021 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN (page 7)



• ROUNDUP 40 SCHEDULED FOR APRIL/MAY 2021



• MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES REDUCED NOW TO THE END OF THE YEAR

AHCA dues for the rest of 2020 reduced to \$35, plus STAHC dues of \$10 for a total of \$45. To renew contact Tina Adkins:

stahcmembership@icloud.com Or renew online at:

<https://healeyclub.org/renew-membership>

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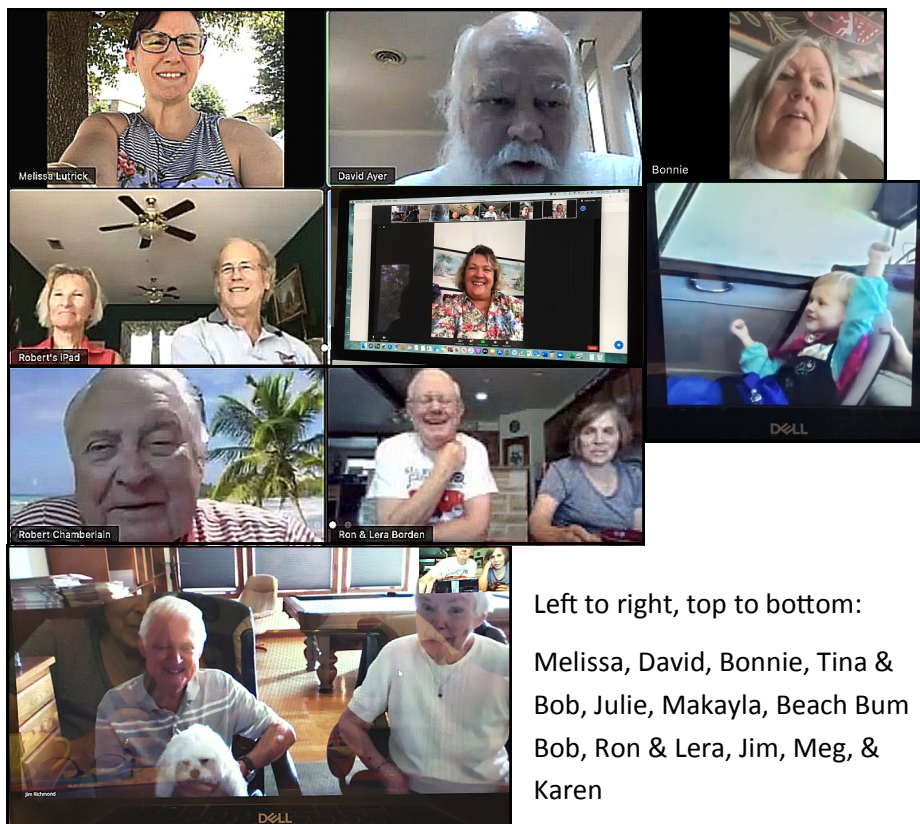
“VIRTUAL” ICE CREAM SOCIAL

At 2:30 P.M. sharp 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
- Jim & Karen Richmond
- 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.

While the Zoom venue definitely did not replace the real thing it sufficed under the pandemic circumstance - a lot of yakking and yucking occurred for the hour long session. We are all keeping fingers crossed that we can get back to a real live social next year.



Left to right, top to bottom:
Melissa, David, Bonnie, Tina & Bob, Julie, Makayla, Beach Bum Bob, Ron & Lera, Jim, Meg, & Karen

(Screen shots by Melissa, Jim and Ron)

ELECTIONS OF 2021 CLUB OFFICERS

October is the month we elect club officers for the upcoming year. Appointed positions are filled at this time too. All opportunities to serve the club are listed in the left hand column of the previous page. If you are interested in any of these positions let us know by [clicking here](#). **Current officers and position holders, if you would like to continue to serve in these capacities let us know by also clicking the link.**

Please note: the position of South Texas All British Car Day Representative is vacant and needs to be filled. To learn more about this opportunity contact Lynn McKinnie at: lmckinnie@satx.rr.com



Getting our beloved Healeys on the road and keeping them there is a seemingly never ending saga, not unlike several shows seen on afternoon weekday TV. The objective of this column is to be a forum for members to ask questions, update car statuses with progress reports, etc.

Makayla Lutrick reports:

My Grandpa, Bob Brown, Mommy Melissa's dad, was trying to install an amalgamator reduction solenoid in the dynamic feedback loop of the galactic regenerative system on Mommy's Healey. But he couldn't figure out how to do it so **I** had to help him. Maybe someday he'll just let *me* do this kind of stuff so it will get done properly the first time! Come on, Grandpa, this isn't rocket science for goodness sake!



Bob Chamberlain reports:

Obscure Tech Cure for Seized Overdrive

Problem: My 1956 Austin Healey 100-M, BN2, would not back up. Parked overnight in my garage, it started, ran, but wouldn't back up. It moved forward okay, but after several re-starts and gear changing, I moved it forward until the front bumper was against the back wall of my garage. So, I used my trolley jack under the diff and dragged it backwards by hand. While on the jack, I rotated the rear wheels and they were not seized. The previous day, we took a 120+ mile tour in the hot Texas weather and the Healey performed flawlessly; overdrive too. Except for the early morning departure for our tour, the reverse gear was not engaged all day.

My Diagnosis: Something inside the 4-speed transmission was faulty. I hated the idea of removing the tranny for repair.

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AS THE SPANNER TURNS (continued)

My first step: Seek help. This was in the 1980's (pre-internet). Many of my local Austin Healey club members were interested, but puzzled about the problem. Some of them suggested dragging it backwards out of my garage with the trolley jack and parking it in a location where I could always go forward.

My final solution: I phoned Bruce Phillips at Healey Surgeons and told him my story. This was before the internet. His solution was simple and low-tech. He explained that there was a cone clutch inside of my overdrive and it had probably not released after our highway tour the previous day. Bruce's advice was precise, as follows:

1. Raise the Healey and put jack stands under the rear.
2. Select the largest hammer you own.
3. Observe the lower edge of the thick steel plate located between the transmission and overdrive (it should protrude about 1/8th of an inch below the aluminum cases of the tranny & overdrive units).
4. Strike the lower edge of this steel plate with a 3 lb hammer and listen for a responding "clunk" sound within the overdrive caused by the release of the cone clutch within. Warning – don't strike the fragile case of the tranny or overdrive.

Conclusion: I followed Bruce's instructions exactly and was rewarded by the "clunk" sound I was hoping for. The Healey reversed out of my garage as usual ... one of my most wonderful drives. As I expect, most readers understand my satisfaction of solving a seemingly complicated and potentially expensive problem with so little effort.

Lesson Learned: Expert advice is priceless. Experience and mechanical smarts are the roots of expert advice. Bruce now has many useful tech tips for Austin Healeys on his website: www.Healeysurgeons.com.



AUSTIN-HEALEY TRANSPORT TO CONCLAVE 2021

Pam & I are planning to attend the Austin Healey Conclave at Big Bear Lake, CA, in May 2021. If other Club members in Texas are interested in round-trip shipping of their Healeys by enclosed transport carrier, we would be interested in consolidating our car together with others for a group price. I estimate that the round-trip cost from Texas will be about \$3,000 per car, if we can gather 6 Healeys for a full load in an 18 wheeler. This is merely my guess on the cost, based on shipping my Morgan from Wimberley to LA two years ago, for \$1,400 one-way. If you might have an interest in doing this, please contact me at rm.chamber@gmail.com.

Bob Chamberlain, STAHC

TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40

Patrick Yoas, President of the North Texas Austin-Healey Club, host club for Roundup 40, firmly states:

“We are going to reschedule for APRIL/MAY, 2021!”



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Dear Healey Enthusiast:

We held out as long as we could but finally had to make the tough decision to postpone Texas Healey Roundup 40 until 2021. With the concurrence of the other two Texas Austin-Healey clubs it was decided we could not risk the health of our senior and immune compromised members by holding the event this September.

It is our intention to hold Texas Healey Roundup 40 next year in Granbury, Texas since all the planning has already been done and some funds have already been dispersed.

We will be having discussions about next year's meet in the next couple of weeks with the host hotel and the other venues to be utilized. Once things are firmed up we will send a letter with our plans and instructions on how to cancel your hotel reservations. You must cancel your own reservations - we cannot do it for you. If you feel you need to have your meet registration fees refunded please let us know, otherwise we will hold them for next year. To request a refund contact Barbie Bucy at stuckonbarbie@gmail.com.

Needless to say, this was a tough decision to make particularly since all the major Austin-Healey events in the country had to be cancelled this year. We look forward to a great 40th Texas Healey Roundup next year and we will keep you informed as we proceed with the arrangements.

Best regards and stay safe and healthy,

Patrick Yoas
President
North Texas Austin-Healey Club

Karen Gilleland
Chairwoman
Texas Healey Roundup 40

AHCA Conclave, 2021

THE LODGE AT BIG BEAR LAKE

BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, May 16 - Friday, May 21, 2021

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

*** * * DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE * * ***





REGISTRATION FOR CONCLAVE 2021 NOW OPEN

BOOK NOW FOR THE BEST ROOMS

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

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AUSTIN HEALEY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AHCA CONCLAVE, 2021

THE LODGE AT BIG BEAR LAKE

BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIFORNIA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Revised 2/20/20)

Saturday, May 15:

-Early arrivals, \$130 group room rate to be in effect, no events or guarantees

Sunday, May 16:

-Designated secure parking area for all five days. The Event will have use of the entire parking lot. Trailer parking to be in designated area at the back and on the north side of the hotel.

-Car wash area open, Sunday through Thursday. Location in back parking lot.

-Social Center Lounge Area (2nd floor) open, Sunday through Thursday, all day

-2:00pm – 6:00pm Registration open – Social Center (2nd floor conference area)

-5:00pm – 7:00pm, no host cocktail reception, appetizers provided, opening statements.

-Silent Auction open (Metcalf Room adjacent to Social Center)

-Photography and Arts and Crafts Contest display open (Boulder Room adjacent to Social Center)

-Dinner on your own at the hotel or in town (15% discount at Stillwell's Restaurant at the hotel)

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CONCLAVE 2021 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)

Monday, May 17th:

- Breakfast Buffet available at Stillwell's (\$12.75 including omelet bar) or Continental Breakfast items available for purchase in the Social Center.
- 9:45am - Poker Run Driver's Meeting, parking lot
- 10:00 – 1:00pm – Poker Run Drive Around Big Bear Lake (\$5 / car ante)
- Lunch on your own (local restaurant coupons to be offered)
- Explore Big Bear shops (coupon book to be offered)
- Concours Judging all day, organized by AHCA
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm - Outdoor Cocktail party with music (no host) – Pool Patio Area
 - Final Poker Card Draw and Cash Prizes
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Themed BBQ buffet dinner (optional) – Pool Patio Area

Tuesday, May 18th

- Breakfast Buffet available at Stillwell's (\$12.75 including omelet bar) or Continental Breakfast items available for purchase in the Social Center.
- 10:00am – 3:00pm - Scenic Driving Tour and TD Rally - to be organized by the AHASC - Joshua Tree National Park and CA Scenic Hwy 38, including lunch stop.
- 3:00 – 4:00pm – Tech Session. Timbers Room
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm – Rocker Cover Racing, Preliminaries. Stillwell's Patio
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm, no host cocktail reception. Social Center
 - Silent Auction open (Metcalf Room adjacent to Social Center)
 - Photography and Arts and Crafts Contest display open (Boulder Room adjacent to Social Center)
- Optional Big Bear Queen Paddlewheel Sunset Lake Tour
- Dinner on your own at the hotel or in town (15% discount at Stillwell's Restaurant at the hotel)

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CONCLAVE 2021 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)

Wednesday, May 19th

-Breakfast Buffet available at Stillwell's (\$12.75 including omelet bar) or Continental Breakfast items available for purchase in the Social Center.

10:00am – 11:00am Cars dispatched to Car Show and for Commemorative Photos

-11:00am – 2:00pm Car Show, Pine Knot Avenue (closed to traffic) with possible overflow onto Village Center Drive

-4:00pm – 5:00pm – Rocker Cover Racing, Finals. Stillwell's Patio

-5:30pm – 7:00pm, no host cocktail reception. Social Center

-Silent Auction open (Metcalf Room adjacent to Social Center)

-Photography and Arts and Crafts Contest display open (Boulder Room adjacent to Social Center)

-Optional Big Bear Queen Paddlewheel Sunset Lake Tour

-Dinner on your own at the hotel or in town (15% discount at Stillwell's Restaurant at the hotel)

Thursday, May 20th

-Breakfast Buffet available at Stillwell's (\$12.75 including omelet bar) or Continental Breakfast items available for purchase in the Social Center.

-10:00am – 2:00pm – Gymkhana – Big Bear Airport. To be organized by AHCSA

- 2:00pm – 4:00pm - Funkhana - Big Bear Airport. To be organized by GGAHC.

-Free Day: Optional Tours to be offered. Morongo Casino, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Idyllwild/Palms to Pines Highway, Lake Arrowhead Tour, Kimberly Crest House and Garden Tour, Big Bear Lake Tour, Hiking, Biking, Golf, Fishing, Discovery Center, Shopping, etc.

-Afternoon: Ladies Event TBD

-3:30pm – 5:00pm – AHCA Board and Delegates Meeting. Timbers Room

6:00pm – 7:00pm: No host cocktails with furnished appetizers. Social Center

-Photography and Arts and Crafts Winners on display. Boulder Room.

7:00pm – 10:00pm: Grand Banquet, Awards, Silent Auction. Plated three course dinner. Banquet Room. Note: Silent Auction Items will have been moved to the Banquet Room for final bids and awards.

Friday, May 21:

-8:00am - 10:00am: Farewell Breakfast Buffet (included). Banquet Room.

-Special Awards and Auction of Event Signage

-Late departures, group rate in effect through Sunday

STAHC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>
Highway Pickup & Lunch	FM1623 at McKinney Loop, 2.6 mi. west of Blanco	Sat., October 3, 9:30 A.M.	Whitmores
Club Elections Meeting		October	
AHCA Delegates' Meeting	CANCELLED	November 6-8	
STAHC Camp Out	CANCELLED	Sat. - Sun., Nov. 7-8	
Christmas/Holiday Party at the Forke Store	CANCELLED	Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.	
Texas Healey Roundup 40	Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites, 1517 N. Plaza Dr. Granbury, 76048	April/May, 2021	North Texas AHC

AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Due the uncertainty of schedules for non-club events In our area please refer to the following websites for the latest information:

- <http://www.motortexas.com/Events/>
- Southtexascc.com



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:

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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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