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## Chico Tour and British Car Show

by Loren Parks

A dozen Austin Healeys were started up Saturday morning April 25 at disparate locations but with a common destination—Chico. Dave and Jerri Nock led eight cars from the Napa Valley area to a meeting point in Williams where they were joined by two Healeys from Nevada City, one from Sacramento, and me from Chico. From Williams I led the group north on the west side of the Sacramento Valley on a road that none of them had driven, and which some will not care to drive again. As advertised, the first 20 miles were rough. One person quipped that it would be easy to find our way back to Williams by following the trail of Healey parts on the road. On the positive side, the weather and scenery were fabulous. Before reaching Stonyford the road became good, dispositions improved, and hunger set in. We stopped for a brief



Photo by Tico

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### Aloha Healey Dude!

Let's luau in Jackson

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Napa Valley Wine Tour

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(If Singin' In The Rain were remade today)

"Before we continue, Gene, you simply must register for Healey Rendezvous 2009"

"Not to worry, Cyd. I completed the registration form and mailed it to John Trifari"

**Chico Tour (continued)**

picnic lunch at the Stonyford rodeo grounds, then proceeded at a good clip for about 10 minutes when Jerri Nock called me on the walkie talkie from the back of the caravan to report that they had a flat tire. Fortunately I knew that cell phones were inoperable in that area, and had the foresight to bring the Motorolas. Dave decided that his spare tire was unreliable and headed toward Willows to get it repaired. Meanwhile we proceeded as planned to Chico, arriving at 4:30pm.



As soon as the group arrived at my house for dinner the guys started washing their cars as if there would be a car show the next day. That's when many of us learned about drying a car with a leaf blower. My wife, Diana, had dinner set up except for assembling the shish kabobs, and a production crew promptly took over.



The weather remained perfect and we had an enjoyable evening of dining and socializing, which ended at about 9:30pm.



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Sunday morning I arrived early at the British Car show at Canyon Oaks Country Club in my van, carrying music supplies and chairs for my Chico Saxophone Quartet. The show was run by students from Chico State again this year, and I was met at the registration table by a bevy of pretty coeds. Now that's almost enough to inflate an old guy's tires. By the time three more of our Club cars arrived (did not join the caravan), the GGAHC accounted

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**Chico Tour (continued)**

for 15 of the 22 Austin Healeys present. Austin Healey was the featured marque this year, and our presence was greatly appreciated. Altogether there were about 120 cars shown.

If George Gershwin had lived to see an Austin Healey he probably would have written the lyrics for *I Got Rhythm* like this:

*I've got rhythm  
I've got a Healey  
I've got good weather  
Who could ask for anything more?*



**GGAHC Participants in Chico**

- Bob & Sharon Altieri
- Richard & Carol Buckley
- Tico & Ari Cortes
- Dave & Andrew Cross
- Len Hartnett
- Roger & Donna Hawk
- George Henke
- Rich & Lynn Kahn
- Nick & Sandy Klein
- Steve & Kim Korbay
- Don & Cathy Newman
- Dave & Jerri Nock
- Jim & Ida Morton
- Loren & Diana Parks
- Nigel & Linda Rhodes



Loren Parks (left) and the Chico Saxophone Quartet

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## Editor's Column

Loren Parks  
Chico, CA



As Rendezvous 2009 approaches the volunteer crew has become busier; decisions must be made, responsibilities assigned, and tasks completed. Our own Club members have been somewhat slow to register—only 22 had signed up as of about 10 days ago. We make decisions based on estimated attendance, and early registration helps a great deal. So if you plan to attend, please register soon.

We have a special feature for Rendezvous—a genuine Polynesian dance show with a live band and at least five dancers! So bring your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts to Jackson-on-the-beach!



### *Arts/Crafts & Photography At Rendezvous 2009*

Attendees are invited to display their Healey arts, crafts and photography at Rendezvous. This is a “people’s choice” competition with awards for each category; it is not a sales event. Please contact John & Bev Soderling and let them know what you will bring. E-mail at [BigHealey@astound.net](mailto:BigHealey@astound.net), or call (925) 934-0925. Judging categories include

Arts & crafts:

- (1) Healey quilting/needlework
- (2) Healey crafts & memorabilia

Photography

- (1) Pride & joy
- (2) Action
- (3) Humor

## Mt. Hamilton Tour

by Jerri Nock

We had a glorious day for our Mt. Hamilton Healey tour. Eight cars 15 members attended on this warm Spring day. 1 Nash Healey, 2 Sprite's, 5 Healey's and a BJ9. We saw beautiful wild flowers and many bicyclists along the way. Serious time trial teams and then another group that appeared not so serious in tu-tus and other silly attire. They were riding for breast cancer awareness. We wound our way up a slow rising country road toward the Mt. Hamilton observatory and had a pit stop at a little store/deli. Many bicyclists again taking a lunch break along with some motorcycle groups that had stopped. We admired their motorcycles and they admired our Healeys.



We picnicked at Mt. Hamilton and walked around this wonderful observatory with so much history. It really is an amazing place and, if you missed this tour you missed something wonderful.

Then we all departed—everybody except David and me toward the much steeper decline toward San Jose. David and I wound our way along country roads all the way back to Manteca. Thank-you to all who attended and especially George Henke who brought up the rear in his pickup truck because his Healey was under the weather.

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Scenes from the Mt Hamilton Tour



"Hey! Is that pickup truck with us?"



Susie Bardellini, Linda & Terry Parsons



Jim Walton, Dennis McAllister



Terri Nock, Nancy McCroskey, Rod Hill



"Alright, let's try again to understand the concept. A hamburger contains beef but no ham, and a cheeseburger contains both cheese and beef."

# Calendar of Events

Contact Loren Parks to list an event  
[LorParks@gmail.com](mailto:LorParks@gmail.com). For a more complete list see: [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com)

**Sat/Sun May 2/3.** Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance "Autobahn 2009" in Hillsborough, CA. Tour & lunch on Saturday, Concours on Sunday. [www.hillsboroughconcours.org](http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org). Club members who enter a car (Healey or "other") are asked to contact Rob Fisher, who will cover the event for this newsletter: [bonanza55@yahoo.com](mailto:bonanza55@yahoo.com), or (650) 619-6186.

**Saturday May 9, 10:00am. GGAHC**  
Rendezvous 2009 planning session at the office of Lee Bardellini, 2000 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon CA, 94583.

**Saturday May 16. GGAHC** Napa Valley wine tour. RSVP George Henke (707) 226-5445. Departs from Copia at 10:00am, which is located at 500 First St., Napa, CA 94559.

**Sunday May 17.** United British Sports Car Club's car show, Woodland Fairgrounds. [www.ubscc.org](http://www.ubscc.org).

**Sunday May 17.** Friendship Day Car Show, Canada College, Redwood City, sponsored by Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club. Contact Bob Moll (650) 851-4944 or <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/mpotac/friendship.html>

**Sat/Sun May 16/17.** *Rolling Thunder* historic car races at Thunderhill Raceway, Willows. [www.csrgracing.org/](http://www.csrgracing.org/)

**Saturday May 23:** Old Route 99 British Car Show, Dunsmuir, CA. Cancelled this year.

**May 27-31.** California Healey Week, Paso Robles, CA. Sponsored by the Austin Healey Association of So. California. Accommodations

at the **Paso Robles Inn** beginning Wednesday May 27 with activities planned Thursday through Saturday, departure on Sunday May 31. A variety of events is planned including drives, tours, guest speakers, tech sessions, car show on Saturday, and awards banquet on Saturday evening. Contact George McHarris [gmcharris@hotmail.com](mailto:gmcharris@hotmail.com) or see [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org).

**May 30-June 7.** British Car Week. Drive that Healey. See [www.BritishCarWeek.org](http://www.BritishCarWeek.org).

**Saturday June 6:** Hayward field meet and car show at Cal State East Bay in Hayward. Contact Nick Becker (925) 932-7886 or [becker2226@astound.net](mailto:becker2226@astound.net).

**June 14-18.** Healey Rendezvous 2009 at Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA. Organized and hosted by **GGAHC**. Contact Dave Nock [Healeydoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Healeydoc@sbcglobal.net) or (209) 824-1562. See [www.goldengatehealeys.com](http://www.goldengatehealeys.com)

**Sunday June 28.** Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance at Stanford University.



## **Napa Valley Wine Tour** **Saturday, May 16**



*Our host,*  
**George Henke**

Depart the Copia Center at 10:00am, located at 500 1st St. in Napa, CA 94559. (NOTE: The 1st Street bridge east of Copia is closed for repairs.)

Visits include Nichelini Winery and Cain Cellars, with lunch at Silverado Brewery in-between. **RSVP George Henke (707)-226-5445. He does not have email.** The tour will end around 4:00pm. No "tasting fees."



# *Racy Roadsters Rendezvous with Racecars*

by Vrooom Vrooom Soderling

It started out like many other sunny Saturday mornings as I sat in front of Peet's Coffee and Tea sipping on a latte near my racy Healey roadster, Erika the Red. In addition to the java, I was also enjoying the usual complimentary and envy-laden comments about my beautiful Erika from passing Peet's customers.

However, this was not to remain like many other Saturday mornings at Peet's. Raucous exhaust sounds soon announced the arrival of Cully and Julie Anderson, Bill Putnam and son Matt, and Nigel and Linda Rhodes in their three racy Healey roadsters. This was our prearranged rendezvous location before heading out to Sears Point (that's *vintage* for Infineon Raceway) to whiff a little Castrol Oil and cheer on the Golden Gate AHC contingent of Classic Sports Racing Group vintage racers...yes, both cars and drivers qualify as *vintage*!

The four "ham-fisted" drivers, reveling in their roadsters' 100 decibel tailpipe symphonics, made short work of the 40 mile drive to Sears Point. The first order upon arrival was to slowly circle the paddock to locate Gary Black and Gary Anderson's pit-area. We had barely parked our racy roadsters before several photographers spotted us and started shooting pictures ...no, not of the "ham-fisted" drivers and their passengers, but of the four sensuous Healeys! Maybe they were alerted to the presence of our Healeys by the large yellow neon billboard sign welcoming the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club.



**Racy roadsters rendezvous with racer**

For those of you who are the type of racing enthusiasts who enjoy getting strapped into the cockpit of a race car and getting out on the track with lots of wonderful vintage race cars and drivers, CSGR racing with its practice of offering fans track rides in member's cars during lunch time is your "cup of Castrol Oil." Both of the brave ladies with our group managed to secure very fast race car rides—Julie in Gary Black's **230 HP BN7**—and Linda in **No. 666**, a "beastly" black 1966 Chevy Corvette, owned by one Damian Friary. It didn't go unnoticed by the ladies that only one of their "ham-fisted" men volunteered for a white-knuckle track ride.

Austin Healeys were well represented with three big Healeys and three Sprites contesting in the two Production & GT Race Groups. These Groups also included GGAHC members Gary Anderson and Robert Greer in their vintage MGA and MGB, respectively. All of these vintage cars ran very competitively and were a credit to their British marque.

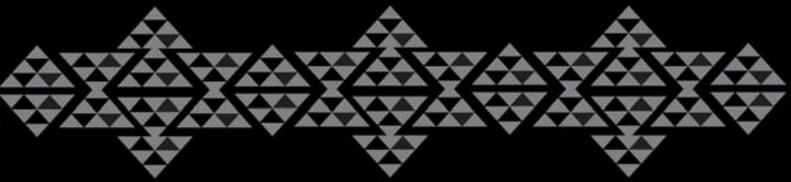


**230HP—This is not your father's Healey!**



# MAKAMAE

MELIA O' POLYNESIA



Perhaps "Jackson luau" seems like an oxymoron, but a Polynesian *luau* theme is planned for the Awards Banquet on Wednesday, June 17. In addition, the dance group Makamae will perform at the reception on Sunday, June 14. Plan to wear your Hawaiian garb to get into the spirit!



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# Healey Rendezvous 2009

## June 14 - 18

### Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA



The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club will host Rendezvous 2009 with the support of the Austin Healey Club of America and Austin Healey Club USA. Jackson is located approximately 50 miles southeast of Sacramento on historic Highway 49.

The four-day event, will feature a car show at the renowned Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys CA, rallies and tours through California's historic Gold Country, *concours* judging, technical sessions, Healey arts/crafts and photography competition, and a Funkhana. An Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 17.

#### **Sunday June 14**

10am – 5pm Registration & welcome  
 11am – 5pm Regalia open  
 1pm – 10pm Car wash available  
 5pm Welcoming reception & Polynesian dance show

#### **Monday June 15**

9am – 11am Registration open  
 8am – 7pm Car wash available  
 9am – 6pm Concours judging  
 9am – 11am Regalia sales  
 9am – 11am Arts and crafts display  
 9am – 12pm Funkhana  
 9am – 12pm Tech sessions  
 11am–12:30pm Women's luncheon  
 1pm – 5pm Amador wine tour  
 Jackson gold mine tour  
 Fun Rally  
 5pm – 7pm Social time  
 Dinner on your own

#### **Tuesday June 16**

10am – 2pm Car show at Ironstone Vineyard  
 Departures start at 8am  
 Lunch available at restaurant 12—1pm  
 2pm – 5pm Return from Ironstone via Columbia State Park  
 2pm—4pm Return from Ironstone via Railroad Flat  
 5pm – 7pm Regalia sales open  
 5pm – 7pm Arts/crafts & photography competition  
 5pm – 7pm Social time  
 6pm – 7pm Auction  
 Dinner on your own

#### **Wednesday June 17**

9am – 4pm Gold Country cave tour  
 Wine tour  
 Sierra passes tour (lunch in Markleeville)  
 6pm – 10pm Awards Banquet (Hawaiian luau theme)

#### **Thursday June 18**

9am Departure

The registration fee is \$95, which covers two people and one car. Additional adults are \$50 each; additional cars are \$25 each. Fees will apply for participation in selected events (see the registration form). Rooms are available at the Jackson Rancheria for \$89 per night (tax included). You must have a registration number to access the rooms reserved for the Healey meet.

A registration form is available in the club newsletter, **Golden Gate Healey Happenings**, or can be downloaded from the club web site: [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). Send payment and registration form to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089. Payment by check only.

For more information about the Jackson Rancheria see [www.jacksoncasino.com](http://www.jacksoncasino.com).

## Healey Rendezvous: June 14-18, 2009

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

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Children attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(name/age) (name /age) (name/age)

Local Club \_\_\_\_\_ National Club \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees must be registered. Fee covers one car and up to two adults, hospitality functions, registration packet, tours and car show (excluding Concours entry fee). There will be additional charges for other events as specified below. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge.

Accommodations at the Jackson Rancheria Resort for Rendezvous 2009 can be obtained only through the Jackson Rancheria after a registration number has been issued. All charges and taxes relating to accommodations and other Resort services are the sole responsibility of the attendee. A registration number will be provided upon receipt of this form. All payments are in US dollars.

### I would like to participate in

Car Show  Touring  
 Funkhana  Rally  
 Arts/crafts & photography exhibit

### Vehicles to register

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_



### Registration fees:

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Additional cars \_\_\_\_\_/@\$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional adults \_\_\_\_\_/@\$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch at car show \_\_\_\_\_/@\$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Women's luncheon \_\_\_\_\_/@\$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Concours car entry \_\_\_\_\_/@\$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Awards dinner \_\_\_\_\_/@\$40 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Rendezvous 2009** and send along with this form to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089. [jtrifari@comcast.net](mailto:jtrifari@comcast.net)

### Release and Waiver (signature required)

By signature below I/we release the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, the Austin Healey Club of America and any and all other participating organizations, their officers and members, and any and all event sponsors from any and all liability for any loss, damage or other claim resulting from any injury to any person(s) or property resulting from my/our participation in Rendezvous 2009, including travel to and from this event. The car(s) I have registered for this event are covered by liability insurance.

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