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Rendezvous Review

This article was prepared by Loren Parks with input from Marty Allen, David Cross, Norman Nock, Len Hartnett, Jim Morton, John Soderling, Gary Anderson, Nancy McCroskey, Richard Kahn, and George Henke

The Austin Healey invasion of Jackson Rancheria began Saturday, June 13 when members of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club arrived to stuff registration

packets, set up the registration-arts/crafts display room, reconnoiter parking space, set up the car wash, and take care of many details associated with the arrival of about 70 more Healeys on Sunday. In total there were 78 registrations, which translated to over 150 people. Nick and Sandy Klein skillfully handled the details involved in registration and ticket sales.

Sunday Evening Reception

The welcoming reception was held in the Grand Oak Ballroom where old friends made new friends, and everyone enjoyed the excellent ambiance and snacks. In the absence of the GGAHC President, David Nock, Lee Bardellini welcomed everyone and handled announcements. Dave was unable to attend due to recent surgery. The Polynesian dance group **MAKAMAE** put on a superb one-hour performance complete



Lee at work



Tracy Drummond shakes booty while Udo Putzke and Loren Parks watch in awe

with audience participation. Five guys and one woman from the audience agreed to dance on stage with the lithe, scantily clad teenagers, making them look even more petite and us looking like clumsy giants. I think that was the point of the exercise. None of us was as prepared as Udo Putzke who wore a full-length hula skirt for the occasion. The success of this event was evident from the smiles and energized people.

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Funkhana

The Funkhana on Monday morning combined team and driving skills which were scored by means of skill-based points over time. The *spark plug grope* required the driver to wear oversized coveralls and gloves, then the blindfolded navigator groped the driver to find the spark plugs. The driver then had to screw the plugs into a cylinder head while wearing the gloves.



The *wrench search* involved finding two specific wrenches consistent with specifications drawn at random from a hat. The *radiator fill* required the driver to climb a ladder carrying a one-gallon jug of water, and pouring it into a funnel stuck into a radiator held by the navigator. Needless to say, these activities produced some hilarious moments. Marty and Charmaine Allen placed first, Brian Bliven and Debra Kadner placed second, and Bill and Joyce Sullivan placed third. Thanks to Jim and Ida Morton for organizing this event.

**Debra Kadner & Brian Bliven
Where's that spark plug?**

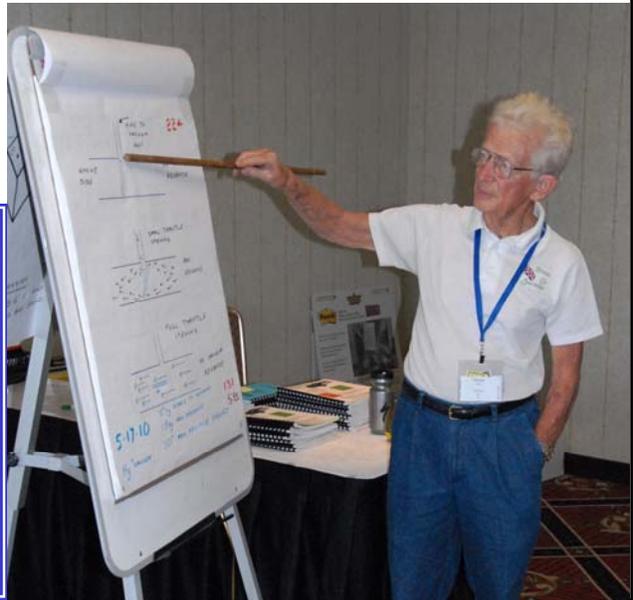
Technical Session



Norman Nock conducted a technical session Monday morning about the Lucas electrical system on the Austin Healey, which was attended by approximately 20 people. He used drawings of LUCAS items including the flasher relay DB10, coil ignition, vacuum unit, trafficator/horn switch, wire colors, trafficator canceling switch, battery switch, overdrive electrical, overdrive adjustments, and more. Early in life Norman spent eight years with Lucas, and his knowledge is truly impressive.

◀ **Debra Kadner & Brian Bliven**

Norman Nock ▶




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Women's Luncheon

A hotel cook demonstrated how to assemble a Shrimp Louie salad, which each participant imitated using the ingredients provided. Not a single shrimp survived the lunch that followed. Thanks to Donna and Roger Hawk for arranging this event.



▲ Nick & Sandy Klein search for the elusive shrimp



Donna Hawk mixes it up ►



Concours d'Elegance

Four cars entered the concours d'elegance with the following results.

Gold Awards:

Charlie Frazer, Eugene, OR - 1965 BJ8
Eric Hendrickson, Franktown, CO - 1966 BJ8

Silver Awards:

Ron Layton, Lynnwood, WA 1960 BN7
Denny K. Paul, Carmel CA - 1964 BJ8

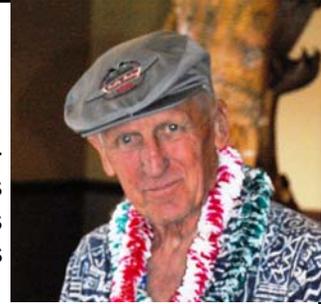


Judging personnel included Chief Judge Curt Arndt, Registrar Gary Anderson, Coordinator Tracy Drummond and Judges Don Bundrant, Kent Lambert, Don Fisher, Lynn Martin, Roger Moment, and John Wilson.

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**Chief Wine Taster,
George Henke ▶**



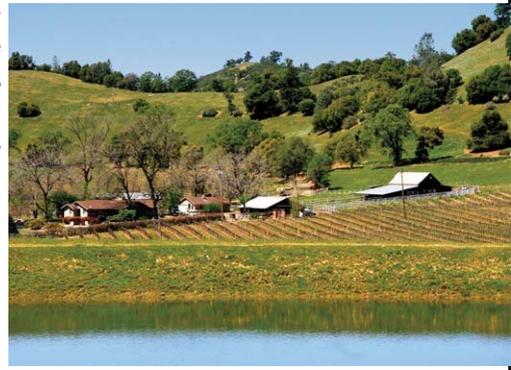
Wine tours

George Henke led a tour to Amador County wineries on Monday afternoon which included seven Healeys and 14 people. George had his first experience riding in a Bugeye Sprite with Nancy McCroskey; his own Healey was home and headless. The group visited the wineries Sobon, Shendandoah, and Monte/Terra.



Healeys at Sobon Vineyard ▲

Wednesday afternoon George led a tour to Calaveras County accompanied by four Healeys. They visited Chatham Vineyards where the winemaker himself treated them to "barrel tasting." From there they proceeded to sample wines in five tasting rooms on the main street of Murphys.



Chatham Vineyards ▶

Fun Rally

On Monday afternoon Len Hartnett dispatched 23 teams on an observation rally through the historic gold country sites of Amador City, Drytown, Fiddletown, Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, Jackson, the Kennedy Tailing Wheels, Sutter Creek, Sutter Gold Mine, and Volcano. Participants had to answer questions pertaining to what was written on signs and monuments, examine historical artifacts, and find the objects partially identified in photos. For example, we discovered that the name of the alley behind the main street of Amador City is Pig Turd Alley, and that Volcano is the site of the first lending library in California. These are facts which every Healey owner should know.



Len set up the tour so that half the entrants traveled the loop one way and half the other, so Healeys seemed to be scrambling every which way. On the morning of the event the Amador Dept. of Public Works chose to close one of the city roads for repairs that we were required to traverse. Upon hearing the news, Len suffered an anxiety attack and went to see for himself.

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Fun Rally (continued)

Fortunately the participants were able to park before reaching the destination and walk just one block to the designated site. It's all in a day's work for the Rally Master!

Winners of the first place trophies were Paul Denny, driver, and Earl Yarnell, navigator. A tie for second place was settled by the draw of high card; second place went to Loren Parks, driver, and Diana Parks, navigator. Third place went to Nick Klein, driver, and Sandy Klein, navigator. **Continued on page 6**



**Roger & Donna Hawk
enjoying the challenge**



**Loren & Diana Parks depart
Amador City for the next stop**

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The Car Show at Ironstone Winery

The popular car show was held at Ironstone Winery at Murphys on Tuesday. Three batches of cars (62 total) were dispatched 20 minutes apart for what turned out to be a 1.5 hour drive in slow traffic. The coordinators staged cars by type in the amphitheater, being careful to follow the two Ironstone Rules—stay off the grass and don't run into the stone walls. Fortunately the rules did not prohibit leaking oil, and there was plenty of it. In anticipation of oil leaks, large sheets of paper were handed out, but those were soon dispersed by the breeze unless weighted down.

Members of the Mutual Admiration Society wandered the rows of Healeys examining everything from bar badges to oil caps, marking their ballots for the specified judging categories.

Some members of the group toured the Winery, and others visited the museum on the premises. At about 1:00pm lunch was served for those



Dave Nock making announcements during lunch

who purchased tickets; 122 of the group participated. GGAHC President Dave Nock was on hand to make announcements and thank those who worked to set up the show. The principal organizers were David Cross and David's father Loren Cross. Assistance was provided by Cindy Cross, Nick & Sandy Klein, Len Hartnett, Marty & Charmaine Allen, Jim & Ida Morton, Udo & Gisela Putzke, George Henke, and Sheila Huggins.

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The Car Show at Ironstone Winery (continued)

Car show winners:

Sprite - 1st: Jahn & Doris Johnson,
2nd: Nancy McCrosky,
3rd: Bruce Marrs

100's - 1st: Doug & Karen Miller,
2nd: Roger Hawk,
3rd: Steven Kingsbury

100-6 - 1st: Lynn & Mary Martin,
2nd: Tom & Cecilia Magnuson,
3rd: John & Bev Soderling

3000 (BN7/BT7) - 1st: Richard &
Carol Buckley, 2nd: Gary & Jan
Jackson, 3rd: Udo & Gisela Putzke

3000 (BJ7/BJ8) - 1st: Ed & Abbe
Neumayer, 2nd: Denis & Jan Saxon,
3rd: Michael DeWilde

Best of Show: BJ8 Ed & Abbe
Neumayer



Sierra Passes Tour

Tracy Drummond and Brian Bliven led 10 cars on an all-day Wednesday tour to Markleeville. They drove east on Hwy 88, then turned off and drove through Volcano, stopping at Indian Grinding Rock State Park. They continued a leisurely drive on 88, stopping for several photo ops near Kit Carson Pass. Following lunch in Markleeville they headed west on Hwy 26, with



several cars charging ahead on the challenging course. They regrouped at Lake Alpine and continued on to Big Trees State Park where they stopped and checked out a Giant Sequoia stump which had been used as a dance floor at one point. To avoid

the congestion experienced on Tuesday at Angels Camp enroute to the car show, most of the group decided to take Sheep Ranch Road. Although the road is paved, it is extremely rough and many complaints were heard. After Sheep Ranch the road improved and both drivers and cars were much happier. They returned to Jackson Rancheria about 4:30 pm.

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Rendezvous Review (continued)

Wednesday Evening Awards Banquet

Rendezvous 2009 concluded with the awards banquet, which was attended by over 140 people. Ed & Abbe Neumayer's BJ8 was rolled onto the dance floor so that we wouldn't forget why we were there. Following a dinner of Hawaiian style salmon, beef and chicken plus excellent side dishes and dessert, award presentations got underway. In addition to the awards mentioned previously in this article, John Soderling presented awards for Arts & Crafts & Photography exhibits as follows:



Category	Title	Name
Quilting/needlework	Healey T-shirt/quilt	Mike & Kathy Scroggie
Crafts/memorabilia	Wine stoppers	Loren Parks
Photo: pride & joy	Woodland Healey	Lynn & Mary Martin
Photo: action	Tire Kaleidamosaic	Nick & Sandy Klein
Photo: humor	Grandkid's Healey Humor	John & Bev Soderling



Left to right: (unidentified) accepting for Mike & Kathy Scroggie, Loren Parks, Sandy Klein, Lynn & Mary Martin, John Soderling

Raffle tickets were drawn for a variety of prizes. The grand prize—a free hotel room for the duration of their stay—was won by Udo and Gisela Putzke. Serendipity kicked in and moderated the value of the prize since they were staying at the RV Park.

Dave Nock thanked the GGAHC members who helped with the event (see page 9), and the attendees for their participation. Charlie Frazer from the Austin Healey Club of Oregon described Rendezvous 2010 which will be held in Eugene, Oregon, from June 28 through July 1.

The evening concluded with a 20-minute audio-visual show by Marty Allen which captured the essence of the events and people at Rendezvous. Marty received a standing ovation for his work.

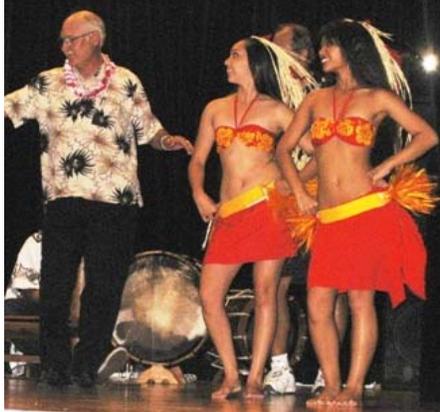
On behalf of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, we thank you for attending Rendezvous 2009!



Editor's Column

Loren Parks

Chico, CA



▲ I did my best to teach these young women how to hula.

Now that Rendezvous is over we who worked on it can get a bit of rest. This was my first experience organizing an automotive event, and I learned so much that I could repeat my tasks with half the time and effort. Fortunately some of our long-time members had plenty of experience, which helped immensely. The process revealed how important it is to have a management structure and to delegate responsibilities; time and again something came up for which there was no plan, and someone had to step in and handle the issue. On the silly side, responsibilities were sometimes so dispersed that we frequently surrounded our Jackson Rancheria coordinators and bombarded them with issues. Judy Judkins

and Roberta Brazil handled us with aplomb.

Some of us had doubts about the appropriateness of the Hawaiian theme we adopted for the Welcoming Reception and Awards Banquet, but the alternative of a 49er Gold Rush theme whereby everybody wears dirty clothes and eats pork & beans was unappealing. In spite of our management issues, attendees seemed pleased with the result; we received numerous compliments. And finally, we're relieved to report that we didn't lose money on the event.

Thanks to the following GGAHC members who made this event a success:

Marty & Charmaine Allen
Lee & Susie Bardellini
David & Cindy Cross
Loren Cross
Tracy Drummond
Roger & Donna Hawk
Len & Marge Hartnett
George Henke
Nick & Sandy Klein
Jim & Ida Morton
Gordon & Shona Nock
David & Jerri Nock
Loren & Diana Parks
Dan & Linda Sekella
John Trifari



That was fun!

Dave Nock deserves recognition for attending the car show and banquet less than a week after surgery, and thanks to Jerri for not letting him go earlier.

I'll see you in Eugene, Oregon for Rendezvous 2010!

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July 9—12. Hot San Jose Nights. Four days of car craziness including car shows, auction, live bands, swap meet. www.hotsanjosenights.com.

Saturday, July 18. Bethel Island 22nd Annual 50's Bash Car Show (Sacramento Delta). www.oldfortyfives.com/CarsWeDrove.htm

MONTEREY

Thursday, August 13. Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance (featuring Concours cars) along the 17-Mile Drive, ending in Carmel where cars can be viewed on Ocean Blvd. from 12:00 - 2:00pm. www.pebblebeachconcours.net

Friday, August 14. Pacific Grove Auto Rally. www.pgautorally.org

Friday, August 14. Concorso Italiano, held at the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch (new location). New features include an award presentation for Jay Leno, and Keith Martin from Sports Car Market is back as emcee. www.concorso.com.



Friday, August 14. La Dolce Vita-Automobili at Black Horse Golf Course. This is the first year, and it is in direct competition with Concorso Italiano. www.ladolcevitalomontereybay.com.

August 14-16. Laguna Seca Historic Automotive Races. www.mazdaraceway.com.

Sunday, August 16. Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. www.pebblebeachconcours.net

Sunday, August 23: **GGAHC** National Healey Ice Cream Social, held locally at Foster's Freeze, Vacaville, CA. Contact Len Hartnett 707-448-3027 or thehartnetts@earthlink.net.

Sunday, August 23. Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts' British and European Car Show at the Fred Stoke Ranch in Sonoma County, near Windsor. Live jazz music, vendors, BBQ food and wine tasting. Tel: (415) 897-9651
Web site: <http://redwoodempiremini.com>.
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September 4—7. All British Field Meet celebrating the accomplishments of Donald Healey! Portland International Raceway. Concours, swap meet, vintage racing. www.abfm-pdx.com.

Sunday, September 6. Chico Concours d'Elegance featuring what seems to be an epitaph: "100 Years of General Motors."
www.chicoconcours.com.

September 13. British Car Meet, Sierra Point Marina, Brisbane, CA. Saturday tour, Sunday show. Information: 310-392-6605; e-mail: britishcarnetwork@gmail.com
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Scenes from the Jackson Rancheria RV Park



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