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The GGAHC at Work

by Loren Parks

The GGAHC Board of Directors met on January 28 to discuss Club business, plan events for 2012, and begin planning for Rendezvous 2013 which we will host at South Lake Tahoe. All members were encouraged to attend any of the three meetings with good results; 24 members attended including the eight Board members. Some highlights of the meetings follow.

- ◆ Nick Klein reported that membership for 2012 is currently 140, but is expected to reach last year's high of 165 as people get around to paying their dues.
- ◆ Lee Bardellini has initiated the process of disincorporating the Club because the tax and liability advantages that were once perceived from incorporation are no longer valid.
- ◆ The web site is being revised by David Cross using software that is more user-friendly. It is envisioned that the web site will become increasingly important as a source of information and interaction among members. Eventually there will be sections open to the public and sections accessible only to members with a password.

Annual Tech Session

Saturday March 10

10:00am at
British Car
Specialists in
Stockton



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Events

Event planning for 2012 yielded a full tentative schedule. As a reminder, there are three categories of events: (1) GGAHC events organized and managed by Club members, (2) events we support by encouraging participation but do not organize or fund, and (3) other events of interest.

GGAHC events (Category 1)

March 10	Tech Session at British Car Specialists, Stockton (David Nock)
April 14	Visit to the Mozart Auto Museum, Mountain View (Don Reichel)
May 5	Lodi Winery Tour (David Nock)
July __	Day drive (Glenn Stephenson)
Aug 18-19	Tour to Lake Tahoe and Virginia City (David Nock)
August 26	Ice Cream Social in Vacaville (Len Hartnett)
Sept 8	Driving tour from San Mateo to Pescadero (Nancy McCroskey)
Oct 6	Napa/Sonoma Winery tour (Marty Allen)
Oct 27	Fall Colors Tour, Nevada City (Rich Buckley and Bob Altieri)
Dec __	Christmas party (date and venue undecided)



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 14

GGAHC SEASON OPENER

BRUNCH AT MIMI'S AND
VISIT THE JOHN MOZART
AUTO MUSEUM IN
MOUNTAIN VIEW

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Supported (Participation) Events (Category 2)

- May 12. Manteca ROTC Car Show (David Nock's gig)
- May 20. United British Sports Car Club show at Woodland Fairgrounds
- June 16. Lucas-Marelli Tour of the Filoli House in Redwood City, with the Santa Cruz British Motorcar Club (Don Reichel)
- June 25-29. Healey Rendezvous, Parksville, British Columbia
- Sept 15-16. Danville Concours (John Soderling)

Event Alerts (e-mail) sent by Jim Morton are limited to Categories 1 and 2. Other events of interest (Category 3) are listed on the calendar in Healey Happenings and the web site, but no special effort is made to encourage participation.

Rendezvous 2013

The GGAHC will host Healey Rendezvous 2013 at South Lake Tahoe in June, 2013. We have begun the planning process by identifying events and tasks and making preliminary assignments of responsibility for some of them. The Committee will meet in alternate months through this year, and meet monthly or as necessary in 2013. To give you an idea of the magnitude of the event, the last Rendezvous we hosted in Jackson, CA, attracted nearly 100 cars and twice that many people. We could conceivably double that number in 2013 because the location is attractive, and because the competing Healey Conclave will be held at such a remote location in eastern Canada that we expect to draw participants from mid-America who otherwise would have attended Conclave.

Marty Allen, GGAHC President, described our need for volunteers in the previous newsletter. Again we ask for your support. There are tasks large and small, and it is enough to simply notify someone on the Board that you are willing to help and we will find something for you to do (see the list of names and contact information on the last page of this newsletter). Examples include making name tags and table decorations; hustling donations for the auctions; organizing pre-ordered regalia (e.g., clothing); greeting people as they arrive at the hotel; setting up the car show; and many more tasks. You can help even if you do not expect to attend.

Rendezvous headquarters will be at the MontBleu Resort Casino and Spa at South Lake Tahoe (used to be Caesar's), and the date is Monday, June 17 evening to Friday, June 21 morning (departure). You need not drive an Austin Healey to attend; there are always attendees who participate in the drives and events with their family cars or other sports cars. Sometimes the old Healey just won't make it, sometimes Club members want to take family or guests in one car, and sometimes the weather is not Healey friendly.



Tahoe Douglas Visitor's Authority

Attendees

Marty Allen
Cully Anderson
Gary Anderson
Lee Bardellini
David Cross
Dennis Gilroy
Len Hartnett
Nick & Sandy Klein
Sandy Merritt
David & Jerri Nock
Jim & Ida Morton
Loren Parks
Suzanne Patrick
Kevin Pribyl
Don Reichel
Brian Schumacher
Dan Sekella
John Soderling
Glenn Stephenson
Dennis Thorne
John Turney



*I tawt I taw
a Sprite!*

by Loren Parks

*There once was a guy from Helsinki
Whose vehicle design was just kinky.
He copied the Sprite
But power was slight,
And the result was a Chinese Twinkie*



Who would have believed that someone would copy the questionable styling of the Austin Healey Sprite in this era? Apparently a nostalgic Finnish designer thought it was a good idea, right down to the Healey wings on the logo. Nordan Commerce Ltd., a Finnish company, has contracted with Chery Automobile Co. Ltd Of China to use Chery components in this vehicle named the Norster 600R. Chery is no slouch—it is the seventh largest Chinese auto producer (700,000 units in 2010) and the largest Chinese vehicle exporter. Perhaps the best way to communicate facts and opinions about the Norster 600R is to reprint some reviews from the internet.

Zach Bowman, Autoblog, Sep 2, 2010

There were plenty of reasons to love the Austin Healey Sprite. Besides being super affordable when they debuted, the Sprite was light and capable of out-handling high-dollar sports cars of the era, not to mention the plucky British styling that was unlike anything else on the road. That combination has helped make the Sprite Mk 1 a sought after collectible, but it hasn't inspired anyone to come up with a recreation of the car. Until now. Feast your eyes on the Norster 600R.

This, um, unique creation isn't actually billed as an automobile, slipping instead into the heavy quad classification in the European Union to beat pesky hang ups like crash test and emissions standards. Penned by designers in Finland and built in China, the Norster 600R uses a 580cc two-cylinder [oil cooled] engine with a whopping 20 horsepower and 36.8 pound-feet of torque. You aren't going to be taking the checkers at Le Mans with the Chery-sourced power plant, especially considering the 1,150-pound unladen weight. Of course, the upswing of such a tiny engine is that the Norster can happily putt along at around 50 mpg US. At least there's that.



If you've suffered an aneurism recently and find yourself smitten with this multinational mid-engine creation, you can hop over to the Norster site for more information. Nordancommerce.com.

AutoEvolution.com, September 3, 2010.

Recently homologated for Europe, the Norster 600R is a quad bike, designed by a Finnish company, that actually performs like a small sports car. Built in China, the 2-seater can be driven by

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anybody with a standard driver's license.

Norster is homologated as a "quad" inside the European Union, but all the controls are like in a normal car. The body is made of hand laminated glass fiber, while the doors open vertically for easy access in and out. The motor cover opens with the help of an electric motor.

According to Autoblog, powering the Norster 600R is a 580cc from Chery Acteco, which features double overhead cams, electronic fuel injection and 4-valves per cylinder, and is capable of developing 34 hp at 5,500 rpm. The sports car comes fitted with a 5-speed gearbox as standard. Norster 600R meets EURO IV emission standards.

Norster is built on a strong race car-like steel tube frame and includes 4-point safety belts for the driver and the passenger.

"Norster is fun to drive on winding roads. It is small, it is nimble and agile. There are double A-arms and anti sway bars both front and rear. The engine is located in the middle of the car. Just like in those exotic sports cars," a company statement reads.

The company also says it is currently working on developing a roof for Norster. It will be a simple removable canvas top, which gives protection against sunshine and some light rain. The roof will be available as an accessory and can be retrofitted afterwards

What does the future hold?

There have been numerous cases of success and failure among fledgling car designs and, in spite of negative observations by the press about this vehicle, it is too soon to declare it dead. Most people are unaware that the first Subaru imported into the USA was a tiny vehicle with a two-cylinder motorcycle engine in the back. I know because I had one. It was severely underpowered, and so light that I put bags of sand in the front to hold it down on the freeway. Regarding it as a deathtrap, I got rid of it. But look at Subaru now!

So here we have a cute Sprite look-alike that accelerates from zero to 50 mph by Friday, costs about \$13,000 in Finland before taxes (5-speed model), and cannot meet automobile safety standards in Europe or the USA in its current configuration. Remember that this is technically a quad—not a car. They could improve this vehicle and find niche markets throughout the world.



1953 Austin Healey 100 Test Car sells for World Record Price

<http://www.bonhams.com/mbw>

An unrestored works racing team 1953 Austin-Healey '100' Special Test Car, which was campaigned in period by racing drivers Lance Macklin, Gordon Wilkins and Marcel Becquart, sold for a world record £843,000 (\$1,323,915) on 1 December at Bonhams' December Sale. The car, which was offered in 'barn find' condition for the first time in 42 years, was bought by a private buyer within the room at Mercedes Benz World, Weybridge, Surrey.



While much interest has been shown in the car's Le Mans history (it is a veteran of both the 1953 and 1955 Le Mans 24-Hour races), for enthusiasts its appeal is much broader. It is the car that finished third in the Sebring 12-hour race, one of the most prestigious achievements of the entire Austin-Healey marque, which put the 'S' in its 100S model name. In addition, it took part in not only the amazing week-long Carrera Pan-Americana road race through Mexico, but also the exotic Bahamas Speed Week.

When driven by Lance Macklin at Le Mans '55, this was the Austin-Healey involved in the catastrophic Le Mans Disaster, when it was rammed from behind by 'Levegh's works Mercedes-Benz 300SLR. It was subsequently impounded by the French authorities for some 18 months, before being released blame-free back to the Donald Healey Motor Company. It was then repaired and restored at their Warwick factory and returned

to competition in private hands through the late 1950s and into the 1960s. It was acquired by the current vendor in 1969, since when - for 42 years - it has been stored, untouched.

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The vendor said he was "delighted" with the result while James Knight, Group Head of Bonhams Motoring Department, who took the sale, said "As an unashamed Austin-Healey fan – and owner of a '100' myself – I'm thrilled with today's result. The '100S' is, to me, the most desirable Healey of all and to have sold an ex-works example with Special Test Car lineage and such significant racing history for such a magnificent price is a dream come true."

Other highlights of Bonhams' December Sale were a 1964 Aston Martin DB5 Sports Saloon (\$425,600); a 1937 Bentley 4¼-Litre All Weather Tourer (\$213,114); the property of a titled gentleman, a 1965 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III Drop-head Coupé (\$178,564); and a 1912 Lanchester 38hp State Limousine, which was made for the Maharajah of Rewa in May 1912 (\$131,920).

[Thanks to Michael DuFort for finding this article and submitting it to the Editor.]



The Moldova Used Car Market

by Loren Parks

I know what you're thinking. Where in the hoot is Moldova? I regret that I am not allowed to tell you, but you can easily look it up. I just returned from my second assignment there (January); the previous one was in August/September of 2009. Having experienced summer, I would like to state unequivocally that summer is better. Like Northern California the winter weather was too good while I was there in mid-January. Normally there would be heaps of snow and the Moldovans were perplexed by its absence. I wasn't complaining. Shortly after I left the temperature plummeted to sub-zero lows.

The motor vehicle fleet in Moldova is boring. I looked for something with a car theme to write about the first time I was there and was discouraged by what I saw. Instead, I generated a road test about a horse cart called a *carutsa* (Healey Happenings October 2009). But on this trip I had a moment of discovery while at café *Kaffeessahn!* (Coffee's On!) with my young friend Andrei, who worked as my interpreter the first time I was there. I asked Andrei about the used car market and discovered that there is one enormous market on the outskirts of Chisinau—the capital. Moldovans come here from all over this tiny country to buy and sell cars. I was hooked; I had to look into this. On Saturday morning Andrei and I took a bus to the *Auto Platz*.



As we entered the grounds my first questions were (1) where is the end of it? (2) how can anybody function in this disorder? and (3) why is all the extraneous stuff being sold in a car market? Some areas resemble a flea market. The only organization I could detect was separation of trucks and vans from cars; other than that it's a free-for-all. We wandered down the aisles, often taking baby steps because of ice, looking at cars and talking to a few sellers. Every car has a seller on duty (some with multiple cars), so with over 2,000 cars on 24 acres there are plenty of people to talk to. My first interview was a Moldovan who makes a business of bringing used cars from Western Europe. He has Portuguese and therefore European Union citizenship, which facilitates movement of both himself and his cars. I tried speaking Spanish to him and he got it. Andrei was promptly superfluous as an interpreter (Moldovans speak Romanian). We talked to more people and they were all car traders by profession, and all of them brought used cars from Western Europe.

I had questions that could not be answered by car sellers, so we found the administration office and asked to speak to someone about the operation. We moved up the ranks of administrators rapidly, and within 15 minutes we were greeted by the Manager. My pretext was that I was writing an article for an

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The Moldova Used Car Market (continued)

American car magazine. I was surprised that he had never heard of **Healey Happenings**, but pressed on with my questions. Here are some answers.

The *Auto Platz* rents space. That's it. The market is open Saturday and Sunday, and the fee to place a car is \$4.50 each day. The market is closed weekdays, and if you leave a car there you pay a dollar per day. Security is provided. I know this sounds cheap, but you have to remember that Moldova is the poorest country in Europe and prices and incomes are low. For example, Andrei now works for the government and earns only \$220/month. Average wage in the country is \$270/month. This is why Moldova has lost 20% of its population since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991—people left for a better life elsewhere. But I have digressed; let's get on with the car market.

The Manager guessed that half of the car sellers are in the trading business and half are just individuals trying to sell their cars, but he didn't know. Neither did he know how many cars are actually sold. In fact, he didn't seem to know much. Andrei was cynical about this interview even before we met the Manager; he said we probably would not get the truth. He knows his culture, so I'll leave it at that.

Cars are very expensive in Moldova, and a very small proportion of those who can afford a car buy them new. All cars are imported, and the government levies a hefty import tax on both new and used cars. It is illegal to import a car more than seven years old. To digress, the Government of Moldova gets about 70% of its revenue from all import duties. Anyway, the tax rate increases with the age of the vehicle and engine size. The worst you can do on taxes is to import a car between 5 and 7 years of age with an engine size greater than 3000cc; for a 3500cc gasoline engine car built in 2006 you pay \$17,864. A car less than three years old with an 1800cc engine is assessed \$1,775. Do importers really pay it? Questionable. There is reportedly significant customs corruption at the border.

The *Auto Platz* serves a valuable function, but it has its shortcomings. First, it's *buyer beware*. There is no accountability of the people who sell cars. Second, the time cost of shopping is high. If you know what you want you have to wander the aisles looking for it because parking spaces are neither marked nor numbered, and there is no guide for buyers of what is where. But this is Moldova, where the hot water is always on the left except when it's on the right.



This classy shopper is probably looking for a Mercedes.



Andrei looks over a Mini



We've got tires, seats, hats, a chain saw, and... you get the idea.



And don't forget the furniture.



I'm standing next to what looks like a dumpster for car parts; it's a business.

You Can Be An SCCA Concours Judge

by Loren Parks

The San Francisco Region of the Sports Car Club of America has the only SCCA-sponsored training course for *concours d'elegance* judges in the country. Training is conducted once or twice a year in Northern California, the latest being in Sacramento on January 7, 2012. I was invited to attend because of my experience with the Chico Concours d'Elegance (not SCCA sanctioned), but experience is not a prerequisite. The Chico Concours conducts its own training, which is mandatory for first-time judges and optional for returnees.

There are currently four SCCA-sanctioned *concours* events in Northern California: Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Niello Concours at Serrano (held at Eldorado Hills near Sacramento), and the Capitol Concours in Sacramento to which benefits the Shriners. To become sanctioned by the SCCA a *concours* must (1) be held on grass, (2)



benefit a nonprofit 501-c-3 organization, and (3) exclude cars newer than 25 years of age from judging. In addition, no custom cars or hot rods will be judged. The SCCA collects a fee of \$700 in exchange for which it recruits judges, conducts judging, tallies the points, and participates in car placement and other tasks if requested. All judges need not be SCCA judges, and in fact some marque groups (e.g., Ferrari) supply their own judges.

The training session was conducted by a team of experienced SCCA judges, all of whom were volunteers. There was no fee except \$5 for the buffet lunch. The duration was about four hours including lunch. Training included a tutorial using a Ferrari and a Mercedes Benz. Unfortunately the cold wind forced us to retreat indoors sooner than we would have liked. And finally, don't worry—there is no test.



Once you have completed training you are placed on the call list for the four sanctioned *concours* in Northern California, and will receive an SCCA name tag at the first one you judge. There are currently about 150 SCCA-qualified judges.

I asked if the expenses incurred in judging at an SCCA *concours*—such as mileage (charity rate) and hotel—are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Some judges claim the deduction and some don't. The SCCA concours unit works only with charitable organizations, so it would seem to be legitimate. If you take the deduction, keep good records.

If you are interested in becoming qualified as an SCCA judge, contact Butch Wright: (559) 935-3327, or xk150siag@gmail.com. The next training session will be March 17 at AutoVino in Menlo Park.



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Editor's Column

Loren Parks
Chico, CA



A variety of clothing is now available with the Club logo patch. See the following web site for the entire selection.

www.yachtclubclothes.com/ggahc.htm

Here is a sample of the 12 clothing items.

Unisex Crewneck Sweatshirt \$35

- 9.5-ounce, 80/20 cotton/poly
- Double-needle stitching
- *Set-in sleeves
- *2x1 rib knit with spandex in neck, cuffs and waistband
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- *Available in Navy or Black



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- *Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL
- *Available in Black or Navy



Unisex cap \$25 navy or black



Pique Knit Sport Shirt \$35

- Navy, yellow, red, white
- The soft pique knit is shrink resistant and easy to care for.
- *7-ounce, 100% ring spun combed cotton heavyweight pique (preshrunk)
- *Garment washed for softness
- *Double-needle stitching
- *Flat knit collar and cuffs



Calendar of Events

Contact Jim Morton to list an event:
Themortons@starstream.net. For a more complete list www.GoldenGateHealeys.com

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 am. GGAHC Tech Session at British Car Specialists in Stockton. See page 10.

Sunday, March 18. Third Sunday Brunch. See page 12.

March 30-April 1. Classic Sports Racing Group's vintage races at Infineon. www.csrg racing.org.

April 14. GGAHC Season Opener. Tour of the John Mozart Auto Museum in Mountain View. See page 10.

April 15. Third Sunday Brunch, Los Gatos. See page 12.

May 5. GGAHC Lodi Winery Tour. See page 11.

May 12. Manteca ROTC Car Show. This is a **GGAHC** supported event. See page 11.

May 19-20. Marin-Sonoma Concours. See Page 12.

May 20. Woodland British Show. See page 11. This is a **GGAHC** supported event.

May 25-27. Classic Sports Racing Group's "Rolling Thunder" at Thunderhill Raceway www.csrg racing.org/

May 30-June 3. California Healey Week at Big Bear, CA. www.austin-healey.org/

June 1-3. Sonoma Historic Car Races at Infineon Raceway. See page 12.

June 2. Hayward Field Meet—British Car Show. Information forthcoming.

June 10. Capitol Concours d'Elegance on the Sacramento Mall. www.sactime.com/2012concoursevents.htm

June 16. Lucas-Marelli Tour to the Filoli House in Woodside with Santa Cruz British Car Club & Alfa Club. **GGAHC** supported event. See page 12.

June 16. First Annual Father's Day Weekend Car Show, 601 Brannan Island Road, Isleton Ca. Call Yvonne @ [209-610-4084](tel:209-610-4084) to register. Entry Fee is \$25

June 25-29. Rendezvous 2012 at Parksville, B.C. See page 12. This is a **GGAHC** supported event.



Annual Tech Session

March 10, 10:00am

All of the problems that you heard about on the trip to Colorado last summer could have been avoided by making a few checks before the trip, or they could have been fixed very quickly if you would have known where to look.

At this years tech session we will be giving you the places to look to make sure your car is ready for this years touring season. You do not want to ruin your trip due some minor thing. We will look at the common items that will give you problems while on the road.

If you are planning on making the trek to Rendezvous in Vancouver this summer this session could be just what you need to make sure that your vacation isn't ruined by a simple breakdown that could have been avoided.

British Car Specialists, 2060 North Wilson Way, Stockton CA, 95205. Let David Nock know if you will attend. (209) 948-8767

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GAHC Season Opener



Saturday, April 14

Brunch at Mimi's Café followed by a tour of the John Mozart Automobile Museum

- ◆ Meet at 10:30am , Mimi's Café, 1200 El Paseo de Saratoga Drive, San Jose, CA 95130.
- ◆ Caravan to the John Mozart Museum afterward, located at 1325 Pear Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043.

At Mimi's we order from the menu. You must RSVP to assure space.

There is no admission cost for the Museum. The visit will include the Santa Cruz British Car Club, and attendance is limited to 70, so RSVP promptly. You cannot visit this museum on your own; it is by invitation only. Photography is not permitted.

This private collection has something for everyone, from the grand Packard and Duesenberg touring cars of the 1930s to rare and exotic cars such as a 1957 Jaguar XKSS and a Ferarri GTO.

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Cinco de Mayo Winery Tour

Lodi Area May 5, 2012

Our meeting point in Oakley will be **9:30 am** at **McDonalds** on Hwy 4/ Main St and Hwy160.

914 Main Street
Oakley, CA 94561



We will take a leisurely drive along some of the Delta levees thru Isleton, Ryde and Walnut Grove. There will be stops at several of the local wineries in the Lodi area that have been producing wine since the mid-1800s. For a taste of local flavor, we will include a small Portuguese winery.

In celebration of Cinco De Mayo, our lunch stop will be at one of

the Wineries. They have a great BBQ area and Bocci Ball courts. A special wine tasting will include a pairing of various food groups that will change the taste of your wine, along with a Carne Asada Lunch.

Those who would like to make a weekend out of this trip can plan a stay at the local Hampton Inn and continue the adventure the next day. There are over 60 wineries within a 10-mile range of Lodi, so you would have plenty of places to visit.

The cost of lunch is not finalized, but will probably be about \$15.00 each (for Club members). we must have your reservation to make lunch plans.

RSVP David & Jerri Nock
209-824-1562
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Hampton Inn & Suites Lodi
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**Annual All
British Motorcar Show
& Swap Meet
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May 20, 2012**

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May 12
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East Union High School 1700 North Union Road Manteca, Ca



Rendezvous 2012, June 25–29

At the Tigh-Na-Mara Resort in Parksville, B.C.

www.healeys.ca

If you plan to attend you need a passport and a ferry reservation. **Contact Nick Klein about a caravan from the Bay Area.** (408) 264-2411; Klein.ahc@att.net. Nick reports that 4 cars are definite and 3 more are pending. They plan to drive no more than 300 miles a day, and plan to visit Butchart Gardens on the way there. Nick will provide you with details when you contact him.

Miscellaneous Events

Third Sunday Brunch Monthly Social



You're invited! This social is not a driving event, but just a get-together at the Los Gatos Brewing Company which is a wonderful restaurant and brewery. This event occurs every third Sunday at 9:30 am (restaurant opens at 10:00 am). This is a casual event for those who just want to chat and tell stories, or just want to have a great brunch. Order and pay on your own—reservations not required.

Los Gatos Brewing Co.
130 N. Santa Cruz Ave.
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NEXT MEETINGS
MARCH 18
APRIL 15

The restaurant is located between Royce and Grays Lane. Park behind Wells Fargo Bank on Santa Cruz Ave.

Don Reichel
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Lucas-Marelli Tour June 16



Celebrate the electrical geniuses behind British and Italian cars by participating in a tour that includes the fabulous Filoli House and gardens in Woodside. The 36,000 square-foot Georgian country house and 16-acre English renaissance garden are an historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Tour details forthcoming.

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Miscellaneous Events



Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance
Sunday, May 20, 2012
and the
MSC Tour d'Elegance
Saturday, May 19, 2012

marinsonomaconcours.org

SONOMA HISTORIC MOTORSPORTS FESTIVAL
Infineon Raceway
Sonoma, CA
June 1 – 3, 2012



generalracing.com

Austin Healey Takealong List

David Nock, British Car Specialists, Stockton

This is a list of the spare parts, tools and supplies that we recommend you carry in your car. Parts are of different qualities, so be sure that what you carry is the correct quality for the correct car; you don't want to end up on the side of the road with a faulty new rotor or the wrong rotor. To store some of your spare parts you can cut the bottom 5" off of a 5 gallon bucket and fit it inside the spare wheel.

Engine Parts

Oil flex line
Fan belt
Valve cover gasket
Clutch flex hose
2 quarts engine oil
Rubber expandable core plugs

Cooling System

Heater hoses
Hose clamps
Radiator Hoses
Fan belt
Thermostat
Water
Radiator cap
Water Wetter

Ignition System

Points & condenser
Ignition rotor
Spark plugs
Split washers & nuts
for plug wires
Distributor cap with carbon brush
Bulk steel core plug wire

Fuel System Parts

Fuel hose 5/16 with clamps
Carburetor rebuild kit
Fuel pump or new points
Fuel fitting fiber washers
Fuel filter

Suspension & Brake Parts

Flex brake hose
Brake fluid
Inner tube
Brake pads
Brake fluid

Electrical Parts

Bulk wire with assorted terminals
Electrical tape
Assorted fuses
Assorted bulbs
Generator and starter brushes

Tools

1/4 drive socket set
3/8 drive socket set
Crescent wrenches 2 sizes
Assorted screwdrivers
Pry bar or large screwdriver
Combination wrenches 1/4 - 7/8
Vice Grips
Hammer
Razor Knife
Flashlight with spare batteries
Electrical test light
Assorted jumper wires with clips
Wire cutters with ignition wire crimps
Feeler gauges
Spark plug socket
Channel lock pliers
Knock-off hammer
Jack that fits under car with flat tire

Miscellaneous Supplies

Flares
Rope or tow strap
First aid kit
Fire extinguisher
Gloves & hand cleaner
Large towel & shop rags
JB Weld
Emory cloth
Assorted nuts, bolts, washers 1/4, 5/16, 3/8
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