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# The GGAHC at work

#### by Loren Parks

In January of every year the Board of Directors and interested Club members meet to plan events for the year. This year we added a session to continue planning for Rendezvous 2013, all of which added up to meetings from 10am to 2pm on January 5. That was followed by a shorter meeting on February 2.

#### Rendezvous



Perplexing car problem?

Get advice at the annual tech session on March 9

See page 8

Blackhawk April 6 See page 8



Rendezvous planning continues, with all of the technical sessions defined and time slots assigned. Driving tours have also been specified including guided tours to Virginia City and Truckee, plus various self-guided tours. A detailed schedule will be published soon. Approximately 60 vendors have been contacted and some sponsorships have been sold. You will see some new ads in Healey Happenings from this issue through June because they are part of the vendor package.

All of the other west coast Healey Clubs (San Diego, Southern California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia) have distributed the same six-page Rendezvous e-brochure to their members that our Club members received along with the January issue of Healey Happenings. Other clubs around the country have agreed to distribute brochures or insert a one-page flyer into their newsletters. Incidentally, Lake Tahoe is closer for Texans than the Conclave site in Quebec.

The remote-control car races present quite a challenge. We have a source for the 6 Healey car bodies, each of which must be painted and attached to a chassis (acquired separately). This is a big project. Brian Bliven is helping to coordinate this project, but more help is needed. Please contact Marty Allen if you are willing to help.

#### Club events for 2013

We usually plan one Club event per month from March through October, plus a Christmas party in December, but there is concern about event overload this year because of the work associated with hosting Rendezvous. Consequently, our event schedule other than Rendezvous is a bit lighter than usual.

In the process of scheduling events we try to avoid conflict with other automotive events that are popular with our Club members. This task was

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#### The GGAHC at work (continued)

complicated by the fact that some of the dates were unknown in January. Other factors influence our selection of events including the willingness of someone to organize the tour, weather expectations, and a desire for variety. In spite of all the variables, we have a GGAHC schedule for the year.

- March 2. Rendezvous planning meeting.
- March 9. Technical Session at British Car Specialists in Stockton
- April 6. Rendezvous planning meeting, followed by lunch at Max's Diner and Tour of Blackhawk Museum.
- May 4. Rendezvous Planning Meeting
- May 25. Lodi winery tour
- June 24-28. Rendezvous 2013 at Lake Tahoe
- July. No GGAHC events
- August 4. Marin Headlands tour
- August 25. Ice Cream Social in Vacaville
- September 28. Third Annual Marin/Sonoma Wine & Cheese Tour
- October 26-27. Fall Colors Tour (Nevada City area)
- **December 7**. Christmas party and annual meeting

These dates are subject to change, so be sure to check the newsletter Calendar.

#### Attendees: one or both meetings

Marty Allen Le
Gary Anderson Ly
Brian Bliven Bri
David & Cindy Cross Nic
Morgan Curtis Ric
Phil & Sue Foster Jim

Len Hartnett Tim Murphy
Lynn & Rich Kahn Loren Parks
Brian Schumacher John Trifari
Nick & Sandy Klein Kevin Pribyl
Richard & Arita Magno Dan Sekella
Jim & Ida Morton John Soderlin



The planning committee was a bit edgy after the four-hour meeting

# Classic Car Owners Get a Chance at Vintage California Plates

California Legacy License Plates Available for Pre-Order January 1, 2013

The California Department of Motor Vehicles announced on December 28, 2012 that it will be taking pre-orders for a new License Plate Program offering vehicle owners the opportunity to purchase replicas of California license plate designs issued in the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's.







The new program will bring a retro look to modern license plates by offering three classic license plate designs. Legacy License plates can be ordered for any year model automobile, commercial vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer. The styles include black lettering over a yellow background seen in the 1950's, yellow lettering over a black background seen in the 1960's and yellow lettering over a blue background that was available originally in the 1970's. The plates cost \$50 for non-personalized or personalized.

A pre-order form *California Legacy License Plate Pre-Order Form (REG 17L)* is available at <a href="www.dmv.ca.gov/legacyplates/index.htm">www.dmv.ca.gov/legacyplates/index.htm</a>. The completed form and a \$50 payment must be mailed to the address provided on the form. Payment can only be made by check, money order, or cashier's check. Pre-orders cannot be processed at DMV Field offices or Auto Club offices.

John Soderling

The Law specifies that 7,500 applications must be reached by January 1, 2015. If 7,500 applications are not received by that date, any fees paid for the California Legacy plates will be refunded to the applicant. (As of 2/21/13 orders have been received for 1,585 plates.)



"Millie, do you think we would attract too much attention with a vintage license plate?"

# THE MIELLO COMCOURS AT SERRAMO

#### by Loren Parks

The 9th Annual Niello Concours at Serrano was held October 7 in Eldorado Hills, CA, which is a community east of Sacramento. For those of you who need explanation, Niello is the name of a prominent foreign car dealer in the Sacramento area and Serrano is a public park in the city of Eldorado Hills. This was my first visit

to the Niello Concours, and I participated as a judge. Judging was handled by the Sports Car Club of America—one of the four annual concours events they judge in Northern California.

Serrano is a hilly setting, and it is indeed a beautiful place. The number of cars exhibited exceeded 150. Attendance by spectators seemed light, which I attribute in part to the general admission price of \$45.

The featured marque this year was Pierce Arrow, plus there was a celebration of 50 years of Cobra and its creator—the late Carroll Shelby. Enjoy.



Rolls Royce Shooting Brake with owner John Carey





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#### Niello Concours at Serrano (continued)







Brandy was served at the Hennessey booth





Greg Vitaich and his 100M



The fashion show



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#### anniversary bumps

#### How your car's anniversary can affect its value

Rob Sass, Hagerty Weekly News for Nov 26—Dec 2, 2012

The classic auto press and lately even the manufacturers have taken to playing up significant collector car anniversaries. The 2011 Jaguar E-Type anniversary was the most recent biggie. Jaguar and the motoring press pulled out all the stops and the net effect was boosting the beautiful E-Type to top-of-mind for a lot of collectors.



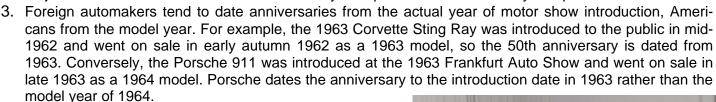
Numerous informative articles were written, some even dispelling the E-Type's vastly overstated reputation and notorious unreliability (the producers of AMC's hit show "Mad Men" clearly didn't get that memo—an E-type was involved in a darkly hilarious suicide attempt that was foiled when the car wouldn't start).

The net result of all the attention was a 10-20 percent bump in E-Type values. What goes up often comes down, and when the anniversary ended, E-Type prices did settle a bit, but not to the pre-2011 level.

Here are a few things to consider about automotive anniversaries:

- 1. In general, significant anniversaries are 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, etc. Half decade anniversaries with the exception of 25th are usually not a big deal. 25th anniversary recognition is an exception because it is often the cut-off date for antique and classic registrations. Major 25th anniversaries will still be rare because cars don't often acquire major milestone status in that short of a time period. In general, historic anniversaries with ties to living people in their ideal collecting range (35-65) resonate better than 75th or 100th anniversaries.
- Anniversaries can be broken down into three categories: 1.
   "Major Milestone";
   2. "Significant Anniversary";
   3. "Historical Footnote." The categories are a bit subjective, but most of us recognize them when we see them. The

Major Milestone cars will be the ones most likely to experience an anniversary bump in value.



2013 will see two Major Milestone anniversaries in the C2 Corvette and the Porsche 911. But not all models and sub-models of the above are created equally, and some will likely appreciate more than others. C2 Corvettes to watch in 2013 will be the iconic split window coupe with desirable options like fuel injection and a big tank. Porsche 911s like early 1964 cars, short wheelbase 911S and soft window Targa models will be extremely desirable, but any long hood (1964-73) 911 will be worth hanging on to for the duration of the year.





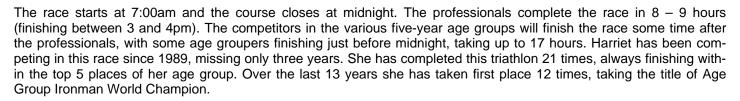
#### Club Member Profile

This is the first of a series of articles profiling members of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club. Harriet and Gary Anderson drive a BN6 which they purchased new in 1959. Gary prepared this article.

#### **Harriet Anderson**

The Ironman World Championship Triathlon is held in Kailua Kona on the big island of Hawaii on the second Saturday in October. It consists of three consecutive events.

- Swimming 2.4 miles in the ocean
- Biking 112 miles
- Running a marathon (26.2 miles)



It all started in the mid 1980 when Harriet was in her early 50's. With our children off to college we had more free time. We enrolled in an Adult Fitness Program at the local Community College for three nights a week. This led to doing some 5k & 10K runs and, eventually, marathons. Around 1986 a friend suggested to Harriet that she try doing triathlons. She replied that she was not a good swimmer. The friend told her to join the PCC Fitness Club in Redwood City, which has a master's swim program. They also had a triathlon club, plus fitness facilities and classes for Pilates, yoga, and other activities. That's all it took. Harriet has been hooked ever since.

She started doing short triathlons and eventually leading to longer events like the Wild Flower Triathlon in 1989. This is a half-Ironman distance race with a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride, and a 13.1 mile run. Harriet took first place in this race and it qualified her to compete in her first Iron Man World Championship in Kona. In 2003 at age 67, Harriet received a special award of Outstanding Woman's Age Group Athlete from Ironman Triathlon World Championship. In January 2013, the 900 member Silicon Valley Triathlon Club presented Harriet with a trophy for Athlete of the Year 2012.

There have been many stories written about Harriet. Her most amazing race was in 2009 when she was 73 years old. She had completed the swim and was about 80 miles into the 112 mile bike ride, when a competitor passed her too closely, knocking her to the pavement. He kept going, never looking back. She wasn't sure of the extent of her injuries, but had a sore shoulder, ribs and thigh along with road rash. She didn't know at the time she had a broken collar bone. Her bike survived the crash so she decided to try to bike remaining 30 miles to the bike/run transition. At the bike/run transition she figured she had enough time to finish the marathon by midnight by just walking fast. Her injuries prevented her from running. She asked for a sling for her left arm to help with the shoulder pain. They said she would have to check in with Medical Services for the sling. She figured that would take too long and she would not have enough time to finish



the race. The helpers at the bike/run transition improvised a sling with some cloth tape and Harriet headed out on the marathon.

Harriet finished the race about 7 minutes before midnight. The other two ladies in her age group didn't make the bike cutoff and were out of the race. Once again, Harriet was IronMan World Champion. At the finish she finally went to the medical tent for evaluation. They suggested she go to the hospital at Captain Cook for x-rays, where they found that the main injury was a broken collar bone.

When you win your age group at the IronMan in Kona, you automatically qualify for the next year's race. So I expect Harriet to be at this year's 2013 IronMan World Championships in October.

#### Editor's Column

#### Loren Parks Chico, CA

The quality of our newsletter benefits greatly from contributions by Club members, and I would like to acknowledge those who submitted articles in 2012.

- David & Jerri Nock: Austin Healey Takealong List. Fall Colors Tour, and the Lake Tahoe / Virginia City
- Dan Sekella: A Brief History of California Vehicle License Plates.
- Len Hartnett: Woodland British Car Show, and the Ice Cream Social.
- Robert Blair: Lucas-Marelli Tour (Filoli Estate) & the First Annual British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill.
- Cully Anderson: Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, and the Danville Concours.
- Bill Putnam: Hayward Field Meet.
- **Greg Cory**: Vintage Racing MG Midget.
- Rich & Lynn Kahn: California Healey Week.
- Nick Klein: Healey Rendezvous British Columbia.
- Jerry Costanzo: Jensen West Nationals.
- Jim Walton: Pescadero Tour.
- Cathy Turney: Second Annual Marin-Sonoma Wine & Cheese Tour.

#### **Revised GGAHC web site**

You will see a new tool bar, and one button will be new for all of us—the **membership** button. You must create a password to enter this section of the website. The information in this area is private and restricted to club members only.

The membership button provides a drop-down menu with ning meeting. two choices. The first choice is the club directory which contains your contact information-essentially the same information in the printed directory that you receive annually. We will no longer send out a printed directory.

The second button is for the newsletter. You must be a member to read past newsletters online. New issues will May 11. Jr. ROTC car show in Manteca. Info forthcoming. also be e-mailed to you as usual.

If you follow this link, it will take you to the page to set up your own password.

#### http://www.goldengatehealeys.com/Newuser.html

The temporary master password is "Lucas." Use this password for your first time. You have until April 1 to get this done. After that you must ask Jim Harbaugh for help.



#### Calendar of Events

Contact Jim Morton to list an event:

Themortons@starstream.net. For a more complete list www.GoldenGateHealeys.com

Saturday, March 2, 10:00am. GGAHC Rendezvous 2013 planning meeting. Meet at the building adjacent to the office of Lee Bardellini, 2010 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon, CA, 94583. (Lee's office is 2000 Crow Canyon Place.) The entrance is via the courtyard between the buildings. Park behind the buildings. All Club members are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Marty Allen. Martyallen@aol.com.

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am. GGAHC Tech Session at British Car Specialists. See page 8.

Friday, March 15. St. Patrick's Day Pub Night at On The Road Again Classics in Morgan Hill. www.ontheroadagainclassics.com

March 23-24. Sears Pointless (Infineon Raceway) 24 hours of LeMons. www.24hoursoflemons.com

Saturday, April 6, 10am. GGAHC Rendezvous 2013 planning meeting at Lee Bardellini's office. Lunch at Max's Diner from noon to 2pm, then tour the Blackhawk Automotive Museum nearby from 2pm—5pm. See page 8.

April 12-14. California Healey Week in Santa Barbara, hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. www.austin-healey.org. See page 9.

April 27-28. Pacific Coast Dream Machines show, Half Moon Bay. www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/ lead.html

Saturday, May 4, 10am. GGAHC Rendezvous 2013 plan-

May 4-5. Classic Sports Racing Group's "Rolling Thunder" at Thunderhill Raceway www.csrgracing.org/

May 4-5 Vintage Auto Racing Assoc. British Car Extravaganza, Buttonwillow Raceway. www.vararacing.com.

May 18-19. Marin-Sonoma Concours. See page 10.

May 17-19. Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival. www.racesonoma.com

May 18. All British Field Meet in Vancouver, BC, celebrating the 60th anniversary of Austin Healey.

www.westerndriver.com

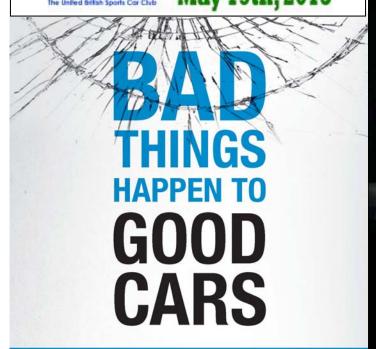
May 19. United British Sports Car Club's car show in Dixon (new location). <a href="https://www.ubscc.org">www.ubscc.org</a>. See page 8.

May 25. GGAHC Lodi area winery tour. See page 9.

**June 8.** Tour to Santa Cruz area (Nancy McCroskey).

#### Other Events

# Annual All British Motor Vehicle Show and Swap Meet Presented by The United British Sports Car Club May 19th, 2013



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#### **GGAHC Events**

#### Help prevent breakdowns



Attend the annual Tech Session at British Car Specialists

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am. 2060 North Wilson Way, Stockton CA, 95205. Let Dave Nock know if you will attend. (209) 824-1562 Healeydoc@sbcglobal,net

# LUNCH AT MAX'S DINER AND TOUR OF THE BLACKHAWK AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM



### Saturday, April 6

(Following the Rendezvous planning meeting)

Meet at Max's Diner at noon 2015 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon, CA 94583 Order and pay on your own.

Tour the Blackhawk Museum nearby from 2pm—5pm. Approximate cost is \$7 each.

# **Lodi Winery Tour**

Saturday, May 25



We will travel over the back roads of the Altamont Pass thru the Central Valley then north to the Lodi area to sample 3 fantastic small wineries. The tour will finish up at Cycles Gladiator for a BBQ lunch along with a wine tasting and pairing with various food groups. There will be lots of time to relax and visit at Cycles Gladiator before your trip home. So enjoy the lunch, bocce and good friends for the afternoon. We are planning on a little competition on the bocce ball courts after lunch so practice up and plan on a fun afternoon.

The cost will be \$20 each for tasting and lunch at Cycles Gladiator, plus \$5 each for tasting at each of the two preceding wineries.

#### WANTED!

Our Club needs donations for the silent auction and raffle at Rendezvous 2013. Please let us know if you have something to contribute that is nice enough that you would want it yourself. It need not be car related. You may contribute on behalf of yourself or a business, and recognition will be provided. Some examples of past items include wine, three days at a time-share condo, fruit basket, massage service, car accessories such as wash & wax fluid, cinema tickets, gift certificate, and others.

If you would like to donate, please email a description of the item(s) and an estimate of value. If the item is a car part, please clarify which car the part fits. Please contact Phil Foster by June 1.

hhah@jps.net

## Rendezvous 2013 Arts/Crafts & Photography Contest

Healey admiration takes many forms and Art/Crafts & Photography has traditionally been one of most popular events at Rendezvous. Healey Rendezvous 2013 Lake Tahoe will include an Arts/Crafts & Photography Contest with the following five categories:

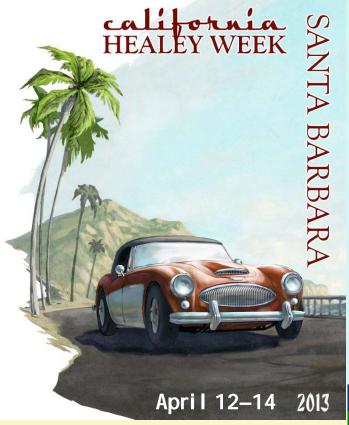
- Quilting / Needlework
- Crafts / memorabilia
- Photography Pride & Joy
- Photography Action
- Photography Humor

This will be a popular choice competition with awards for each category announced at the closing Awards Banquet. So get your creative juices flowing and bring your Healey-related arts, crafts and photos with you to Rendezvous 2013.

Contact John Soderling <u>BigHealey@astound.net</u>



#### California Healey Week



#### CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2013 April 12-14, 2013

Ramada Limited 4770 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA

The Austin-Healey Association of Southern California is proud to announce that its annual California Healey Week will be held in scenic Santa Barbara. Come join us for a fun filled three days of Healey events in the scenic surroundings of Santa Barbara. In addition to the planned events listed below, other optional attractions are also available, including the Santa Barbara Trolley, Santa Barbara Mission, whale watching, wine tasting and vineyard tours, and much more. Contact the Ramada Limited for reservations:

(800) 654-1965. Event Code and Booking ID CHW 2013

For registration forms and program of events, see

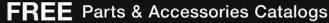
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# **Healey Rendezvous**

# South Lake Tahoe, CA June 24 – 28, 2013

The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club is pleased to host Healey Rendezvous 2013 at South Lake Tahoe. This is one of the finest locations in the United States for a car club event, known for magnificent scenery, fabulous roads for Healey driving, plus many indoor and outdoor activities. The GGAHC hosted the international Austin Healey event known as Open Roads here in 2002 at which over 700 Healeys were present.

Our host hotel is the Montbleu Resort, Casino & Spa, pictured at right. This luxury hotel is available to Rendezvous attendees at the concessional price of \$120/night, which is extraordinarily low for Lake Tahoe during the summer. The hotel web site is:

#### http://www.montbleuresort.com/

#### **Event highlights**

- Reception on Monday, June 24th, with dinner and entertainment. Famed comedy hypnotist Chris Cady will be on hand to really add some dazzle to the evening.
- Car show at Heavenly Village—an easy walk from the Montbleu. The Village is an upscale area of shops and condos, plus the terminus of the gondola ride up to the ski trails of Heavenly Ski Resort with a magnificent view of Lake Tahoe.
- Dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe (Tuesday, June 25th) on the paddlewheeler Dixie 2—the largest boat on Lake Tahoe. Wear your boogie shoes; we will have a fabulous live band by the name of Yasgur's Farm which plays favorites by the Eagles, Mamas & Papas, Crosby, Stills & Nash, and more. This is tie-dye night, so also wear your wildest tie-dye outfit.
- Technical sessions and not-so technical sessions on a variety of topics including photography, wine tasting, vintage racing, and even a Healey technical session for women only conducted by Steve Day.
- Driving tours in the sierras around the Lake.
- Funkhana—a driver and passenger skill competition set up in a parking lot with lots of fun activities.
- Remote control car races with a championship contest between the sexes.
- Photography and craft competition; bring your items for display.
- Awards dinner with fine food and fun.

For more information, prices and registration forms see the Rendezvous web site: <a href="https://www.rendezvous2013.com">www.rendezvous2013.com</a>

The registration cutoff date to obtain promotional prices is April 30.





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#### Healeymarket

GGAHC members may submit Healey-related items either wanted or for sale without paying a fee.



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#### We get photos

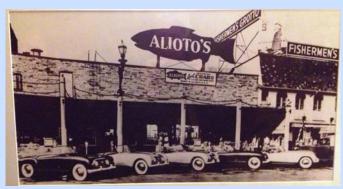
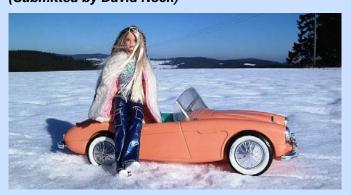


Photo of five Nash Healeys hangs on the wall of Alioto's in San Francisco. (Submitted by Tim Murphy)



Rich & Lynn Kahn's mailbox in South Lake Tahoe. (Submitted by David Nock)



Healey in the snow. (Submitted by Barbie)