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RENDEZVOUS REVIEW

by Loren Parks



Healey Rendezvous 2013 officially commenced Monday, June 24 and concluded Thursday night June 27. Here are the participation numbers:

133 Registrations 256 People 132 Healeys

As always there was slippage in the numbers due to people who registered but did not show up, showed up but did not register, or left their Healeys at home because of rain or mechanical issues. Slightly more than one-fourth of GGAHC members attended this Rendezvous, and they comprised one-third of registrations.

Some of our Club's worker bees swarmed the MontBleu Resort a day early to start setting up, plus quite a few other participants showed up early. Nearly 40 rooms were occupied the night before the official start. An unseasonable storm worried us because of all the outdoor activities, but we couldn't change the schedule because of our commitments. Healeys floated in on rain of varying intensity which persisted from Sunday through Tuesday. David Nock decided to proceed with the car show outdoors at Heavenly Village in spite of the drizzle. Fortunately, precipitation was intermittent and light; the decision was a good one considering that the alternative was the hotel's parking structure.

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Marin Headlands



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Reception

The reception on Monday evening was busy. The enormous conference room housed the silent auction, a display of items for Thursday night's auction, four Healeys, the arts & photography exhibit, brochures for a host of activities, a dinner buffet, and a stage with a large screen at the back. Participants were occupied until about 8:15pm voting for their favorite arts, crafts, and photography entries, bidding on silent auction items, and dining. Marty Allen then previewed the activities of the next three days, and David Nock explained the logistics of the car show the next morning.



David Nock makes a point, literally

The featured entertainment of the evening was Chris Cady, Comedy Hypnotist. We selected this act because it is radically different than the usual Rendezvous entertainment, and Chris is conveniently based in Reno. Only one of our planning committee members had seen a hypnosis show, so the rest of us knew little about what to expect. I spent an hour on the telephone with Chris before hiring him in order to understand the performance, plus another hour after hiring him in preparation for the show. Some questions lingered right up to show time, such as what would I do if there were not ten volunteers as he requested? My adrenaline was running high. After Chris asked for volunteers there was still one unoccupied chair on the end, so I did my duty and occupied it. I have always suspected that I cannot be hypnotized, and my suspicion was confirmed when his exhortations to relax and drift into subconsciousness didn't faze me. I was laughing on the inside. Chris figured me out quickly and whispered in my ear "you will exit the stage shortly." Along with me went Steve Thomas who was sitting on the other end. A variety of responses among the volunteers followed; one simply had a nap, four or five were responding well to commands, and the remainder were somewhere in-between. As the show went on Chris had the most responsive volunteers doing silly things, and those who awakened or became unresponsive gradually exited the stage. After an hour there were two women still responding until he ended the show. It was a new experience for me and others who had never seen a hypnotist at work, but I'm still trying to decide if it was funny. Perhaps the correct sentiment for me is that I was fascinated.



Master hypnotist Chris Cady at work

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Car Show

David Nock created an elaborate plan to place 135 cars in the Heavenly Village mall, grouped by car class. Cars departed the MontBleu parking lot according to a prescribed order, and volunteers from our Club were waiting at Heavenly Village to guide them into tight parking places. Rich and Lynn Kahn handed an "oil diaper" to each driver upon entering the area, and these diapers were later judged for oil spot creativity. For reasons unknown at least a dozen Healeys were not moved from the MontBleu to the car show, so there were about 120 cars present. Judging was by popular choice for each car class (see the results on page 9). Numerous other visitors to the area roamed among the cars, and since the cars fronted on US Highway 50 the show attracted plenty of attention. ***Continued on page 4***



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Dinner Cruise

The drizzle stopped and the wind subsided before the shuttle buses arrived at the Dixie 2 dock, although there was still a cool, stiff breeze blowing which prompted everyone to bring a coat. At 6pm the boat departed with 220 people ready for a Healey party. The Yasgur's Farm Band kicked off immediately and the small dance floor on the second deck was quickly active with tie-dyed dancers. The response was unanimous—WHAT A BAND! Unlike the comedy hypnotist, I knew what to expect because Diana and I had danced to this band twice before at South Lake Tahoe. The dinner buffet line took quite awhile to get through but the quality of the food was excellent. At 8pm a contest was held for the best tie-dye outfits for individuals and couples. Fearing for my life if I served as judge or tried to discern differences in applause levels, I asked the band to choose the best outfits. The competition was close; everybody deserved to win. Oh well, it was all for fun and even those who didn't win were happy. It seemed like three hours went by all too soon.

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Doug Robertson and the fabulous Yasgur's Farm Band



▲ Boogie shoes in action: Cathy Smith & Loren Parks
▼ The singles line up for tie-dye judging

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Guided Tours

Wednesday was a glorious weather day—Lake Tahoe perfection. Following two seminars in the morning (described subsequently) cars lined up for departure at 11:30 am. Rich and Lynn Kahn headed a caravan of 25 cars to Virginia City, and Tim Murphy and Vivian Poole headed a slightly larger caravan to Truckee. Both destinations were superb choices and the organizers did a great job of planning and preparation of handouts for the participants.

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▲ Truckee group at Donner Pass

◀ Left column: Virginia City group

▼ Some of the Truckee group at lunch



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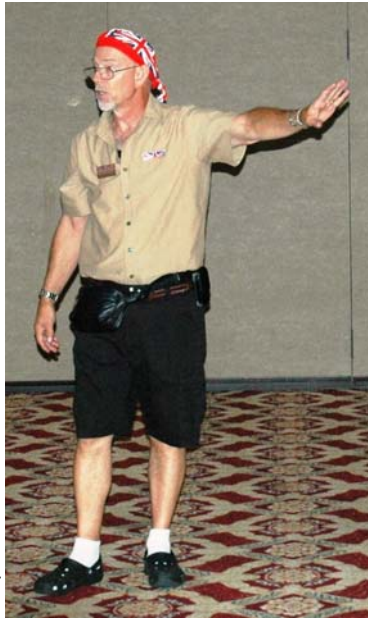
Concours d'Elegance

Six cars entered the Concours d'Elegance held on Wednesday. The judges were Curt Arndt (Chief Judge), Tracy Drummond, Gary Anderson, Marion Brantley and Roger Moment. Results are listed on page 10.

Seminars

Seminars on Wednesday morning included *Vintage Sports Car Action Photography* by Mark Schneider, and *Racing Your Healey* by Greg Corey, Phil Foster, and Dennis Adair. I attended the latter, and thoroughly enjoyed the expertise that these active racers shared with us. I heard that Mark Schneider's session was also excellent.

Thursday morning was filled with seminars including three consecutive sessions by Steve Day. Steve's expertise was made all the more entertaining by his presentation style. His sessions included *What's That Noise?* for women



Steve Day explains the fundamentals of Healey oil leaks

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Concours entries



▲ Our GGAHC vintage car racers: Dennis Adair, Phil Foster, Greg Cory. ▼ David Nock in naked Healey.



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attendees only, *Tricking Out Your Healey*, and *Chasing Oil Leaks*. Thank you Steve! In addition, David Nock conducted a session on *It's What's Under The Skin That Counts* featuring a Healey without body panels. And there is no truth to the rumor that wind blew off the body panels enroute to Rendezvous. *What's My Car Worth* was conducted by Hagerty representative David Kinney, and *Wine and Food Pairing* was conducted by Dennis Fagundes from Cycles Gladiator Winery. I have never seen such happy people leaving a seminar.

Funkhana

The Funkhana attracted 24 cars this year, each with a navigator as well as driver. The course was set up in the parking lot of the MontBleu. The tasks included a spark plug grope, clothes pin drop, tennis ball grab and replace, tool search, parking garage, and negotiating some very tight turns. Fun Fun Fun! Thanks to Jim Morton who created this event.

Radio Controlled Car Races

The RC car race attracted approximately 50 entrants, and it was a minor miracle that all six cars were still working at the end of the event. The cars are difficult to control and accidents are frequent. This was an entirely new event for Rendezvous as far as we know. The price of setup was formidable at about \$250 per car, and construction of the cars was labor intensive. We might not see this again. Thanks especially to Brian Bliven for all of the hours he spent on engineering and painting.

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"Here are the Funkhana rules. We fill the first cone you hit with vanilla ice cream, the second cone with mango coconut, and the third cone you hit gets a banana split"



"Please choose the tool you would most likely use to dilate your esophagus."



The RC Race Car Team on Wednesday. L to R: Brittany Bliven (Brian's daughter), Brian Bliven, Steve Thomas, Steve Korbay.


Rendezvous Review (continued)

Awards Banquet

The last programmed event was the Awards Banquet on Thursday evening in the MontBleu Theater, where we seated about 220 people at 28 tables. Diana Parks and crew worked during the day to prepare the beautiful table centerpieces. The materials acquisition process in the morning became a crisis, however, when a flower called “baby’s breath” did not show up at Safeway along with all the other flowers Diana ordered. Unless you have experienced a *baby’s breath crisis* you just haven’t led a complete life. The crisis was mitigated when we found it elsewhere, but the success of the banquet was threatened until we did.

Dinner was plated this time—no buffet lines to navigate. Awards were presented by the organizers of each event, which included John Soderling for arts, crafts and photography; Jim Morton for Funkhana; Steve Korbay for RC Races; David Nock for the car show; and Rich Kahn for oil spot art.

Following presentation of awards an auction was conducted by Phil Foster and Marty Allen which we shall refer to henceforth as the *Phil and Marty Show*. They deny any ambitions for a series of these shows, and in fact I heard some talk of retirement. All of the auction items were finally sold, after which Gary Jackson from the Austin Healey Club of Oregon, spoke about Rendezvous 2014 and invited everyone to Bend, Oregon (June 23-27). Mark Schneider, President of the Austin Healey Club USA, spoke briefly about the history of the Club and presented the annual award for *Best Contribution to the Club* to the editor of the Club magazine. The evening concluded with a video of Rendezvous prepared by Marty Allen which included about 500 photos accompanied by music. It was superb! Everybody received the video on a CD to take home.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made Rendezvous 2014 a success. We’ll see you in Bend, Oregon! 



Diana Parks & Sandy Klein prepare centerpieces. Baby’s Breath is right there in the middle.



Having sold the body panels, Phil Foster proceeded to auction engine parts



AWARDS

Photography

Pride & Joy	Kim Korbay
Action	August Ochabauer/ Terry Rodrigues
Humor	Steve Korbay
Crafts: memorabilia	William & Nancy Boylan

RC Car Race

Fastest gal	Suzanne Patrick
Fastest guy	Eric Henderson

Funkhana

First	Rich & Carol Buckley
Second	Elliott & Ginny Brown
Third	Phil & Sue Foster

Idleometer

Oil Spot	David Nock
Tie dye (individual)	George Castleberry
Tie dye (couple)	Lois Buhman
	Gary & Margaret High

Car show (popular choice)

BJ8 1st	James & Mary Ann Heit
BJ8 2nd	Michael DeWilde
BJ8 3rd	Eric & Tara Hendrickson
BJ7 1st	Steve & Karen Thomas
BJ7 2nd	Richard & Gretchen Bittman
BJ7 3rd	Jerry & Susan Alderman
BN7/BT7 1st	Lynn & Mary Martin
BN7/BT7 2nd	Gary & Peggy High
BN7/BT7 3rd	RJ & Dianne Layton
BN4/6 1st	Lois Buhman
BN4/6 2nd	Steve Cloyes
BN4/6 3rd	John Turney
BN1/2 1st	Kent Lambert
BN1/2 2nd	Doug & Karen Miller
BN1/2 3rd	Corkey Holt
Sprites 1st	Tom Spangler
Sprites 2nd	Bob Morey
Sprites 3rd	Greg Aden
Jensen Healey	Chuck & Dawn Lakowski
Specials	Bob Segui, 1953 Nash Healey
Best of Show	Ron & Judy Brookes
	1954 Nash Healey

Concours

Jim Smalley 1956 100M: Gold
Kent Lambert 1956 100 LeMans: Gold
Eric Hendrickson 1962 BT7: Gold
Denny Paul 1964 BJ8: Gold
Ray D'Ardenne 1964 BJ8: Gold
Bob Morey 1960 Bugeye Sprite: Bronze

Kudos



Thanks to the GGAHC members who helped with planning and/or implementation of this event.

Dennis & Sue Adair
Marty Allen
Harriet Anderson
Lee Bardellini
Brian Bliven
Greg Cory
David & Cindy Cross
Phil & Sue Foster

Dennis & Ruth Gilroy
George Henke
Rich & Lynn Kahn

Nick & Sandy Klein

Steve Korbay
Kim Korbay

Rick & Arita Magno
Jim & Ida Morton
Tim Murphy
David Nock
Jerri Nock
Shona Nock
Sheila Nock
Linda & Terry Parsons
Diana Parks
Loren Parks

Brian Schumacher
Dan Sekella
John & Bev Soderling
Mike Sonneman
Steve & Karen Thomas
John Turney

Tech session
Master of Ceremonies
Banquet help
Miscellaneous help
RC Cars
Tech session
Regalia, Funkhana
Auctions, Funkhana
banquet, registration
tech session
Miscellaneous help
Funkhana
Virginia City tour
Tour guides, restaurant
guide, oil leak diapers
Registration, Funkhana
Banquet help
RC car races
Banquet, registration,
RC car races
Funkhana, misc.
Funkhana
Truckee Tour
Car show, Tech sessions
Car show, banquet
Banquet help
Banquet, DVDs
Banquet help
Banquet centerpieces
Program of Events
Entertainment
Miscellaneous help
Finance
Arts, crafts, photo
RC car races
RC car races, banquet
Sponsorships, funkhana



Rendezvous
worker on
June 29



"Are you going to share that sundae?"

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00am—2:30pm

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Calendar of Events

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July 21. Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance.

www.hillsboroughconcours.org/

August 1. **Deadline** to register for October 13 event below.

August 4. **GGAHC** Marin Headlands Tour. See page 11.

August 4. Hayward All-British Car Show & Swap Meet

www.moasf.com/hayward/

August 12-18. Monterey Car Week.

www.montereycarweek.com If you have a car entered in Concorso Italiano (Friday), Laguna Seca Historics (Saturday), or Pebble Beach Concours (Sunday) please let me know because I would like to take photos of you and your car on-site. My cell # is (530) 521-9682. Loren

August 25. **GGAHC** ice cream social, Vacaville. Page 10.

September 8. Chico Concours d'Elegance, 35th Anniversary www.chicoconcours.com/

September 14-15. British Fall Classic, Morgan Hill.

www.thebritishfallclassic.com

September 28. **GGAHC** 3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Tour.

September 28. Ironstone Concours, Murphys, CA

www.ironstonefoundation.org.

October 4-6. Classic Sports Racing Group's 10th annual Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway. See web site:

www.csgracing.org.

October 13. Roaring Camp Railroads Tour with the Santa Cruz SCC. See page 12.

October 26-27. **GGAHC** Fall Colors Tour in the Nevada City area.

December 7. **GGAHC** Christmas party and annual meeting at The Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito.



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GGAHC MARIN HEADLANDS TOUR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

This tour will include Marin redwoods, scenic ocean views, the Marin Headlands Park, and Stinson Beach along the way. It also includes a superb view of the Golden Gate Bridge and a visit to the Bay Area's "Top Secret" weapon. In the middle of all of this Healey adventure is a Sunday brunch on the waterfront in Sausalito.

We depart from the parking lot of Crossroads Dental Care in Mill Valley (231 Flamingo Rd., Mill Valley, CA 94941) at 10:15 am. You should generate a map from Mapquest or use GPS. The parking lot has easy access to exits from 101 N or S, and has close proximity to Starbucks. The first part of the adventure is a 60-minute drive through the scenic redwoods along Panoramic Highway to the coast. We will drive through Stinson Beach to show off our Healeys to the locals enjoying their brunch before we come back to Sausalito via the coast on Rt 1 for our own brunch.

Brunch is scheduled at 11:30 am at the Spinnaker restaurant in Sausalito—a wonderful restaurant perched directly over the bay. After brunch, we will leave Sausalito by the back way to the Marin headlands Park. Along the way we will see the most spectacular view of the Golden Gate Bridge. All of this is in anticipation of visiting the "top secret" weapon in the Bay Area—circa 1940, that is.

We will meander for 20 minutes through the Park on our way to Fort Cronkhite and Battery Townsley, the formerly secret site of a 16" case-mated battery capable of firing a 2,100 pound shell over 30 miles out to sea. We will view the interior of the battery where up to 150 GIs lived during the war. There is a 15-minute uphill walk to the battery. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water because there are no services in Headlands Park. FYI, Battery Townsley is open only on the first Sunday of each month, which is August 4.

In addition, in late 2012 the Park took possession of an identical 16" naval gun removed from the USS Missouri, the site of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo harbor in 1945. The 120-ton monster is now on display at Battery Townsley, and will ultimately be displayed inside the battery in a 1940s-era replica gun carriage.

If there is time after the battery tour, and if you have the energy, there is a wonderful site to visit just outside of Fort Cronkhite—the Marine Mammal Rescue Center. Alternatively we could meet at Farley Bar, which is part of the Cavallo Point luxury resort hidden in Fort Baker at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge, for a leisurely wind-down of the day. Their Irish Coffees and appetizers are well known.

If you plan to attend please send an email to Dennis Gilroy at Gilroy.crew@gmail.com so we can be sure that we have enough space available at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito. Alternatively, call him (650) 298-8036. Additional details on where to meet will be sent to those who RSVP.



Battery Townsley



Fort Cronkhite



THIS EVENT IS OCTOBER 13 MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 1

Tour, Car Show on the Lawn, Picnic and Steam Train Ride
Weekend at Roaring Camp Railroads
A Santa Cruz British Motorcar Club Event, also inviting the Triumph
Travelers and Golden Gate Austin-Healey Clubs. Sunday, October 13, 2013.



WHAT: A gathering of British sports car clubs at Roaring Camp in Felton, CA. The day will start with a morning coastal driving tour, then display of cars on the lawn at Roaring Camp for the public viewing. Included will be a picnic lunch of burgers, (veggie burger also) salads, corn on the cob, ranch beans, sourdough roll and beverages. The day concludes with an hour long historic steam train ride into the redwood forest. Additional activities include the weekend's special Harvest/Maker's Fair, small steam engine displays, pumpkin picking and tranquil walks among the redwood forest trails .

WHEN: Sunday, October 13, 2013. Driving Tour starts out from Watsonville at 8 am. Show car parking on the Roaring Camp lawn starts at 10:00 am. Picnic lunch begins at 11:30 am. Steam train mountain ride begins at 12:30 pm. Train ride concludes at 1:45 pm. Car show concludes at 3:00 pm and participants may depart or remain to visit exhibits or the redwood forest walking path.

WHERE: The morning driving tour begins at the Watsonville Chevron at Highway 1 and Route 129 at 8 am. If you prefer, you can come directly to Roaring Camp at 10 am to park for the car show, picnic and train ride. Roaring Camp Railroads is located at 5401 Graham Hill Road in Felton, CA. From San Jose, exit off Highway 17 at Mt. Hermon/Scotts Valley. After passing through Scotts Valley, take left on Graham Hill Rd. From Santa Cruz, take the Graham Hill Rd. at Ocean St./Route 17 intersection.

COST: The picnic lunch will be \$12.50 for complete lunch. The train ride will be \$20.50 provided 25 people purchase in advance or \$28 if there are fewer people. No charge for the Club's morning tour and the days show parking. You will need to register and pay in advance to participate. **FINAL REGISTRATION DATE AUG. 1, TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.** Contact Bob Petrokas at petrokas@ix.netcom.com



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