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Event Report

THE HARLEY FARMS GOAT DAIRY

by Brian Schumacher

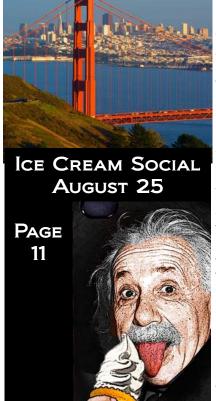


On June 5 GGAHC member Nancy McCroskey led 25 members of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, Santa Cruz British Sports Car Club, Pebble Beach Sports Car Club and other *friends of Nancy* on a drive to the coast for a tour of Harley Farms—the last operating dairy in San Mateo County.

Dense, patchy fog was forecast until midmorning, but our trip was sunny almost all day. Nancy met the rest of the cars in Los Altos and led us in her powder blue Bugeye Sprite, with her dad riding as navigator, through the coastal range for a delightful hour or more. Eventually we reached the Harley Farms Dairy which recently marked 100 years in business. The Dairy has won over 30 national awards from the American Cheese Society.



Cheese rounds



When the goats are grazing on some six acres of grasses specially planted for flavor in the cheeses, six llamas also in the pasture protect them instinctively from coyotes and the rare mountain lion without any training. The goat herd numbers about 100, with 280 planned for the future thanks in part to a single overworked goat daddy who may be having second thoughts about his competition passing away recently.

Nancy and her two friends, regular goat dairy volunteers, showed us through the pasture, barns and milking station. We played with

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Harley Farms (continued)

the baby goats, some of which were just a week old. The dairy tour ended with the cheese processing facility and the tasting and sales room. Since it was a hot day for the coast (in the 60's) Nancy didn't recommend buying cheese products if it meant packing them home while resting on a hot Healey floor-board.

From the goat dairy we took a spin on faster roads to the Pigeon Point lighthouse, an icon of the Pacific coast, standing 115-feet tall and named for the clipper ship Carrier Pigeon which crashed near the point in 1853. Perched on a rocky, fog-veiled headland, it's a landmark even today for ships approaching San Francisco Bay from the south.

Our tour ended at Nancy's charming backyard beneath her 3-story lighthousestyle home, where she hosted a pie-tasting. I finished off one of them—the rhubarb apple—which was just one of the selection made from Nancy's own



"Does anybody have a goat diaper?"

produce. With fog creeping over the hills—whether or not on cat's feet—we slipped away one or two cars at a time, promising to see one another—except for the Alfa's—in two weeks at our Healey Rendezvous 2013 in Lake Tahoe.







GGAHC Participants

Mike & Susan Armstead Brian Bliven Patty and Steve Darfler Dennis & Ruth Gilroy Nick & Sandy Klein Nancy McCroskey Brian & Kathy Schumacher





The Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

by Robert Blair

Until a few years ago, the Hillsborough Concours D'Elegance, which by the way claims to be the oldest continuously operating concours, was located at a local high school sports field. It recently re-located the Crystal Springs Golf Course right alongside Highway 280 in Hillsborough. That was a very good decision as the location is spectacular, while at the same time the Palo Alto Concours moved from grass at Stanford, to asphalt in San Mateo – which in my opinion makes Hillsborough the premier mid-season concours on the west side of the Bay.





Spectacular Black / Red 1957 Jaguar XK120 FHC owned by Michael DeBacker

The July 21 slot ensured good weather in the mid 80s—ideal with mature course trees providing shade views to definitely impress anyone. Featured marques included the 100th anniversary of Aston Martin and the Italian design house Zagato.

There was also a very impressive display by Jaguar with about ten XKs including one of the all time best 2 seat British coupes ever—an XK120 Fixed Head Coupe. Also of note was the XKSS of John Mozart.

Disappointingly, there were only three Healeys at the show, including my 1965 3000

Mk III BJ8 in Yellow/Red interior. The others were the very nice 1964 3000 Mk II BJ7 in Yellow/Cream/Tan interior of Tony Theophilos, and the immaculately restored 1956 100M in White/Black/Black interior of John Batterton which won Best in Class in Class I—Imported Sports Cars Through 1962.



The First in Class winner holding the Healey flag high was the 1956 Factory 100M of John Batterton of Los Gatos. John did the majority of the restoration himself.



The amazing un-restored 1964 Ferrari 275 BTB Competizione Speciale as it ran in the 1966 Le Mans 24 hour race. The car is owned by John Mozart of Palo Alto, CA

The Best of Show award was taken by a 1933 Packard Convertible,

which I am not really qualified to comment on; as we Brits like to say, it's not my cup of tea. The Hillsborough 2013 show was excellent overall, with easy access and departure, and with very good audio during the day from the Master Voice of Concours John Joss. Entry ticket included passenger, program, lunch and beverage. Golf course locations for concours shows are very attractive as they offer grass, space, views, shade, and a calming atmosphere for the hectic judging and participant discussions that are the very reason for being there.



TOURING EASTERN CANADA

by Loren Parks

After many years of interest in visiting eastern Canada, Diana and I finally made the trip as an add-on to a reunion of four American couples who were living in Chile during 1973-74 (that's another story). We started out near Akron, Ohio at the home of one of At the National Fine the couples, then we all went to Niagara Falls by land to view the Falls and see some Arts Museum in Queplays at the Shaw Festival in the town of Niagara-On-The-Lake, which is in Canada on bec City you can put the south shore of Lake Ontario. After three days there we picked up a rental car in your head on a platter Toronto and off we went on our own. We drove slightly over 2,100 miles in nine days and accumulated some fine experiences. There isn't space herein to describe everything, but I'll provide some highlights.



to imitate works by **Canadian artist Alfred**



American Falls with one of the Maid of the Mist boats in the lower right corner.

Having seen some of the greatest waterfalls in the world-Iguasu (Argentina/Brazil) and Angel Falls (world's highest in central Venezuela)—I thought I might be disappointed with Niagara Falls. My suspicion was unfounded; it is terrific. We took the Maid of the Mist boat close to the falls and enjoyed the cool mist wetting us on a hot day. Fortunately we did not stay near the Falls on the Canadian side which resembles a permanent carnival; we opted for Niagara-On-The-Lake.

Niagara-On-The-Lake is located about 15 miles north of Niagara Falls on the shore of Lake Ontario. It's a tidy town that caters to tourism primarily by two attractions—wineries and the Shaw Festival. Named after Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, the Festival was initiated in 1962 and has grown like topsy ever since. It now operates with four theaters, and is reminiscent of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. But the Shaw doesn't do Shakespeare because of competition from the Stratford Festival not far away.





The main street of Niagara-On-The-Lake





Diana on the main street, NOTL

After tasting at some of the best known wineries around Niagara-On-The-Lake we were unimpressed; the high quality of our California wines has spoiled us. But they have something we don't have—Icewine. Icewine is a rare dessert wine produced from the juice of naturally frozen grapes that have been picked in the middle of a cold Canadian winter. At 43 degrees, the Niagara Peninsula is within the same latitudinal range as Southern France, Rioja in Spain, Chianti Classico in Italy and Oregon. The Niagara Peninsula is the only place in the world where every single year the summers are so warm fine wine grapes can be grown, but the winters are cold enough to make Icewine (but never so cold that the vines do not survive). Icewine is picked at temperatures no more than 14°F, with the grapes frozen on the vine and handpicked in the middle of the cold Canadian night. Once picked, the grapes are pressed immediately while still frozen. Each frozen grape yields just one drop of intensely frozen juice. Authentic Icewine is very different from other dessert wines; prior to being picked in late December, the grapes freeze and then thaw 8 to 10 times. Each time they freeze, new and more complex flavors are released into the juice from the grape. The signature of great Icewine is the balancing tension between sweetness and acidity. And it is expensive.

We picked up a rental car at the Toronto Airport where we intended to get our flight home 10 days later. With nine days to tour, something had to give. After studying the options on the internet we decided to eliminate Toronto from our tour. After all, with six million people in greater Toronto they wouldn't miss us. We also decided to spend some time outside of big cities, so we drove a northerly route to Ottawa looping through Algonquin Provincial Park. It is a beautiful area, dotted with lakes and visited by many campers and canoers.

Ottawa—the capital of Canada—is more of a manageable size than Toronto at 1.4 million. It has been consistently ranked among the top cities of the world in terms of cleanliness and quality of life. We spent only a half-day there, but did manage to watch the changing of the guard at Parliament which occurs every day at 10am. Typical of Ottawa in the summer, the weather was hot and humid; the guardsmen had to be suffering in their uniforms and furry hats called bearskins. A hat is 18 inches tall and weighs 6.5 pounds. One entire bearskin is used to make a hat. Despite objections by some people, no good substitute for bear pelt has been found and the tradition continues. The ceremony takes about 30 minutes, and the heat buildup inside those uniforms and hats is known to be dangerous. A medic and a stretcher are on hand during the ceremony. As we watched, one guy apparently thought he was about to pass out because he left formation, took off his hat, and was accompanied off the field. Following a downtown walkabout for several hours we drove to Montreal—another big city with 3.8 million population.

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Changing of the guard at Parliament



The Rideau Canal, opened in 1832, connects Ottawa on the Ottawa River to the City of Kingston on Lake Ontario.



Ottawa's ByWard Market—a four squareblock public market established in 1826. It is home to specialty food stores, restaurants, pubs, boutiques, museums, and others.



In Montreal we parked the car at the hotel and left it there until we departed for Quebec City. Driving in the big city is difficult, so we learned how to use the subway system and did our sightseeing on the Hop-On-Hop-Off bus, which is like an old double-decker London Bus without a top on the



The Hop-On-Hop-Off bus in Montreal

upper deck. We made the entire loop twice, getting off now and then to visit specific stops and lunch. There is much to see in Montreal and we didn't do it justice. It's a beautiful city with a lot of history and culture. But we have to move on.

After the big city we decided to take a slow, rural route to Quebec City. This was one of the best days of our tour. We got off the freeway shortly after we left Montreal and followed a road northward along the east side of the Richelieu River until we got to the St. Lawrence River, then drove northeast along the south bank of the St. Lawrence to Quebec City. This is Quebec heartland; many people speak only French. Homes line the banks of the rivers and agricultural land extends south. The occasional small town re-

vealed many old homes just like those in the American Midwest. Lunch at a café was an adventure because none of the help spoke English, and we loved it. By the way, we don't speak French.

Quebec City is the biggest jewel in the Canadian crown. Old Town Quebec is designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site; it is much like old Europe. We allotted two full days for this stop and used every bit of it productively. One of the highlights of the town is the Citadel—a military fort constructed by the French around 1700 and augmented by the British around 1830. The objective of the fort was to control the St. Lawrence

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River with cannons that could shoot clear across it, and the principal enemy was the evil Americans. But it was never attacked. By the way, the meaning of the word *quebec* is "narrow place in the river." And when pronounced the U is omitted so that it sounds like Kebeck. While I'm into history, I shall explain why the British allowed French language to endure after taking Canada away from the French in 1763. History has shown that the British imposed English on its colonies all over the world, so why didn't they do so in



View of the heart of Old Quebec from the Citadel. The tallest building is hotel Chateau Frontenac which opened in 1893.

Quebec? The reason is found in timing. The Boston Tea Party occurred in 1773 and the British knew they were in for trouble in the American colony. In addition, they had problems with some colonies elsewhere in the world and the military was stretched thin. Rather than provoke an uprising in Quebec they passed the Quebec Act of 1774 which allowed the French language, guaranteed free practice of Catholicism, and permitted continuance of French civil law. And to this day Canada is a country divided by language.

Back to Quebec City. It's a fabulous place to visit. One of the highlights of the visit was a free outdoor show by Cirque du Soleil, which originated in Quebec. We couldn't understand a word of the dialogue, but it didn't

matter. This is the last year of a five-year contract with the City to provide free entertainment. Other entertainment was scheduled the week after we left including Paul McCartney and home-town girl Celine Dionne. If we could select just one place to visit in Canada it would be Quebec City.

After Quebec we had three days to get back to Toronto, so we drove north to Saguenay. The *old town* is very small and not particularly noteworthy; this is primarily an industrial, commercial and farming area. We liked visiting some places less popular and less crowded than the big cities, and the Saguenay area was surely fitting. The drive getting to and from there was beautiful, and we can attest to the fact that there is no shortage of trees in Canada.

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Saguenay—north of Quebec City

Driving in Canada is easy because it is so similar to the USA. The roads are good, signage is usually good, and of course English is the language everywhere except Quebec. Some differences between Canada and the USA are that billboards along the roads are prohibited nearly everywhere, speed limits are comparatively lower in Canada, fewer police patrol the roads, and services are few and far between north of the population belt along the border with the USA. By the way, taxes are formidable; in Quebec we paid 25% tax on everything we purchased, plus a tip at restaurants. Overall we had a wonderful trip, and would like to return some day with our RV.



THE QUEBEC ROD RUNNERS

While strolling the streets of Quebec City we came across a 1932 Chrysler protruding from a garage door with a For Sale sign. Upon entering the garage I discovered carguy heaven; it is the hangout for 17 car crazy guys, decorated with au-



tomotive memorabilia and used for vehicle storage on a limited basis. Pictures speak for themselves.









Marty's Minute

Marty Allen GGAHC President

Rendezvous 2013 is now a memory and recorded in August 12-18. Monterey Car Week. the history books. It was a great event by any measurement. But, great things can only happen when people decide to make them great. In the case of Rendezvous, about 30 members of our club worked before and during the event make it successful. For half of those, it was their first Rendezvous and an indicator of more involvement in our club.

Over the past few years I have seen many new faces showing up at our events, as was evident by Rendezvous. Our tours have also changed over the yearsless driving and more socializing. I think that makes both the owners and cars happier. In fact, our winery tours and fall colors tour have become our best repeating events for just that reason.

We have about 180 cars in our club, but I see only about 50 of them over time. So, where are the rest of you? It can be easy to let our cars just sit in the gar- October 4-6. Classic Sports Racing Group's 10th annual age and not drive them nearly enough. Some of the common reasons that we don't see more cars include the weather, condition of the car, the starting point is too far from home, or calendar conflicts. I hope more of our members will find ways to overcome these obstacles to having a good time. And if your Healey is not roadworthy, bring another car.

It would be great to see even more new faces at at The Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito. See page 11. some of our events and even better if some new faces would host a simple event. Most of us would just drive for a simple cookout. The Club is only in existence for us—the few Healey owners in northern CA. You own one of the most beloved sports cars in the world, so share that privilege with other by getting your car on the road and joining others at one of our Healey events. If you want help in organizing a simple event, just email me or other Club members.

Happy Motoring,

Marty

Calendar of Events

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

August 4. GGAHC Marin Headlands Tour. Page 10.

August 4. Hayward All-British Car Show & Swap Meet www.moasf.com/hayward/

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 11.

September 8. Chico Concours d'Elegance www.chicoconcours.com/

September 14-15. British Fall Classic, Morgan Hill. www.thebritishfallclassic.com

September 21-22. Danville Concours. Page 12. www.danville-delegance.org

September 28. GGAHC 3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Tour. See page 11.

September 28. Ironstone Concours, Murphys, CA www.ironstonefoundation.org

Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway. See web site: www.csrgracing.org.

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

October 26-27. GGAHC Fall Colors Tour in the Nevada City area. See page 11.

December 7. GGAHC Christmas party and annual meeting



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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" casemented 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.



Battery Townsley



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 <u>Gilroy.crew@gmail.com</u> 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.





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Try Michelangelo's Ice Cream



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 10:00am-2:30pm

Fosters Freeze, 653 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

The Club will pay for the ice cream (up to \$5) for any to the event.

NOT A MEMBER OR PASSENGER? NO RSVP? NO HEALEY? NO FREE ICE CREAM!

RSVP Len Hartnett, thehartnetts@earthlink.net (707) 448-3027



Third Annual Wine & Cheese Tour September 28

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Marin/ Sonoma Wine & Cheese Tour. We will meet at member and passenger who RSVP - AND drive a Healey Starbucks, 306 Strawberry Village, Mill Valley, CA 94941. This shopping plaza is at the Tiburon/Mill Valley exit off of Hwy 101. It faces the 101 Freeway. And, as luck would have it, there is a bagel store right next to Starbucks. Arrive by 10:00am for a 10:30am departure.

> **RSVP Marty Allen: (510) 845-7585** martyallen@aol.com





HEALEY HINTS

Cleaning and Care of **Chrome Plated Wire** Wheels

This is adapted from Dayton Wire Wheels care instructions

- Never use polish or abrasive cleaners on chrome. Rubbing compounds or polishes will remove the chrome plating.
- Never apply cleaners to wheels which are hot from use. Many car wash wheel cleaners and chrome brightener solutions can remove chrome if applied to hot wheels. Always cool wheels with water before applying cleaner.
- Before washing wheels, apply a pH neutral soap such as P-21-S. Allow to soak for 1-2 minutes. During the soaking, heavy dirt deposits can be loosened with a stiff bristle paint brush. Wash off the cleaner with a high pressure water spray.
- Protect the wheels and increase their brilliance by applying WD-40, non-abrasive wax, or similar protective coating.
- If light surface rust appears on the wheels it can be removed by various two-step cleaners such as Eagle One or Espree Wire Wheel Cleaner.

CAUTION: Acid based cleaners are powerful and should not be used frequently. Do not apply to dry or hot wheels; cool the wheels with water before applying cleaner. Do not allow cleaners to remain on wheels for longer than recommended by the manufacturer. Rinse wheels thoroughly with water when cleaning is completed. Excessive cleaning or inadequate rinsing will remove and weaken chrome plating.

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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 a 1:45 pm. Car show concludes a 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 \$26 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 Petrokes at petrokas@ix.netcom.com



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Healeymarket

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



No submittals

In Memoriam

Helga Zanini

1938-2013

My beloved wife of 47 years, best friend, and Austin Healey lover passed away June 26, 2013. Helga suffered from liver problems for the past three years.



Helga was born in Münster, Germany, and she and her family immigrated to Montreal Canada in 1952. She helped support her family until 1959 when she became tired of shoveling snow and moved to California. We met at a party neither one of us wanted to attend.

Helga worked with a lady who owned a 1960 3000 Mk1 BN7, and we told her If she ever got tired of it to contact us. In 1989 we purchased it and in 1997, after four years of restoration in our garage by both of us, Lady Godiva began her second life.

Helga never tired of having me wash and detail the Healey and enter it in various concours. Lady Godiva won 16 first places in various shows, including The Healey Registry Gold award in 1998 and First in Class at the Carmel-By-The-Sea Concours on the Avenue. In 2001 we joined 13 other Healeys for a European Odyssey of eleven countries.

Helga was always the first to volunteer at Healey events. She worked tirelessly on the 2002 and 2004 Lake Tahoe Meets and was looking forward to Rendezvous at Lake Tahoe in June; however, she had a date elsewhere.

Alex Zanini

Atascadero, CA