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*Third Annual Marin-Sonoma Wine & Cheese Tour*

Steve Darfler



September 28<sup>th</sup> turned out to be the perfect day for this annual event, tastefully arranged by Marty Allen and Cathy Smith. Ten cars left Mill Valley bound for Kenwood via 101, Highway 37, and then onto Arnold Drive. The roads were perfect for the Healeys, winding through the beautiful Sonoma countryside, the quaint town of Glen Ellen, and finally onto Highway 12 which took us directly to the Ledson Winery. Once there, we met up with eight additional cars and parked in front of the 16,000 square foot Ledson Castle, a perfect backdrop for many photo opportunities.

Marty, Cathy, and helpers set up a wonderful cheese tasting in a wooded picnic area. We all thought the Ledson 2011 and 2012 Chardonnay was the perfect fuel for the next leg of our journey back down Hwy 12 through Glen Ellen, and on to Cornerstone of Sonoma on Arnold Drive.



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"Honestly, hon, you should attend the Fall Colors Tour" October 26-27; See page 9



**Marin-Sonoma Winery Tour (continued)**

Cornerstone is a complex of wine tasting rooms, stores for shopping, and a tented outdoor dining area where we had our pre-selected lunches and what turned out to be an excellent 2010 Cameron Hughes Chardonnay. The food, fine wine, and camaraderie had the magical effect of lowering certain inhibitions and we soon had another photo opportunity, with most of the ladies posed on top of a giant Adirondack chair in the middle of the complex. When they were all again safely on terra firma, we fired up and made the quick trip down to the Ram's Gate Winery Tasting Hall.

Ram's Gate is the southernmost winery in Sonoma, perched on a knoll overlooking the Sonoma Raceway and San Pablo Bay. Our private tasting room was well appointed, with ample indoor and outdoor seating and wonderful views. The Ram's Gate North Coast Brut Sparkling Wine was perfect with the chocolate cake and blackberry upside-down cake. Wonderful stories were exchanged and some of us heard about the Klein's recent trip to Europe and the Kahns' cruise to see the Alaskan glaciers and Denali Park. For those who may be wondering what was happening at the Raceway, it was a National Auto Sport Association (NASA) High Performance Driving Event (HPDE). If you are so inclined, this is where you can learn the technical details of track racing. All you need is a helmet and "any car in safe operating condition." Hmmm.

Again, it was just a perfect day! On behalf of all of us, I say many thanks to Marty and Cathy for all the hard work that went into producing this special tour. The many cars that came from all points on the compass is a testament to what we all knew would be an extraordinary day!

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▲ The Ledson Winery. Time for a snack. ▼



▲ These guys are taking photos of these gals ▼



**Patty and Steve Darfler at the Ledson Winery**

**Marin-Sonoma Winery Tour (continued)**



**Attendees**

- Marty Allen & Kathy Smith
- Arthur & Linda Allen
- Gary & Harriet Anderson
- Brian Chadbourne & Diane Murakami
- Rich & Sharon Clarke
- Steve & Patti Darfler
- Steve & Ruth Darling
- Phil & Sue Foster
- Rich & Lynn Kahn
- Nick & Sandy Klein
- Steve & Kim Korbay
- Nancy McCroskey & Jim McCroskey
- Jim & Ida Morton
- Tim Murphy & guest
- David & Jerri Nock
- Marie Louise & Robert Sardeman



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# THE BRITISH FALL CLASSIC IN MORGAN HILL

**Rich & Lynn Kahn**



This was a two day event for all British cars. There was an afternoon drive on Saturday with a wine reception starting at 4 PM at our host, On The Road Again Classics. On Saturday morning we met Len Hartnett and Donna and Roger Hawk in Vacaville to make the trip to Morgan Hill together. We arrived at Butterfield Station (the meeting place for the afternoon tour) about noon along with about 50 other cars including John and Cathy Turney and Tracy Drummond. Our tour leader, Joe, passed out maps and directions then held a driver's meeting providing and overview of the three legs of the drive. The first leg was about an hours drive passing Hiram Morgan Hill's house—Villa Mira Monte, up into the hills for some beautiful scenery including Chesbro Reservoir and Uvas Reservoir then back down into the valley reaching our first stop at Guglielmo Winery. We had our own private tasting in their Heritage Room that included cheese and tastes of their sweet Champagne, Pino Grigio, Chardonnay, Merlot and Syrah. Gary Guglielmo, our host, gave us a little history, explaining how his grandfather, Emilio, founded the winery in 1925. There were some great family pictures scattered around the Heritage Room giving us a great feel for this proud heritage.



**Gary Guglielmo**

After about an hour it was time to climb back into our cars for the next leg. This portion took only about a half hour passing the Wings of History Air Museum which houses a full-scale non-flying replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer. Once all 50+ cars arrived at Uvas Reservoir there was an opportunity for a group picture. Then it was off for the final 30-minute drive to the spectacular Wine Reception put on by our host, Bill Hiland and On The Road Again Classics. There was quite a spread of appetizers, shrimp cocktail and desserts. Guglielmo wine was also being poured!



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## British Fall Classic (continued)

Bill Hiland, event sponsor, told us that about 165 British cars were registered. Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, Jaguar, MG, Morgan, Triumph, Austin Healey, Lotus, Morris and a few racing cars were represented. In the Austin Healey category were seven Sprites, six 100's and seven 3000's for a total of 20 cars. This is over 12% of the entire field! We tried to identify all of the GGAHC members, and we apologize if we missed you.

John Batterton won the coveted first place in the 100 category. We understand he narrowly edged out Bill Putnam. Bill took home the second place ribbon! Along with the other first place winners from last year I was asked to be a judge for this year, but wasn't allowed to judge any of the Healey categories. This was an incredibly tough process. My hat is off to judges from prior years. The Winner's Circle category was judged by a representative from Heritage Bank who was one of the sponsors of this year's show. I wouldn't have wanted to judge those beautiful cars because they all deserved to win. The winner was a beautiful Rolls Royce woody.

Terry Parsons didn't show his Healey this year but came with his neighbor, Mike O'Mara, to root everyone on. Mike showed a 1956 100 with a Cosworth conversion. Maurita and Jim Walton didn't show their Nash Healey either, but stopped by to see all the cars. Bill Meade entered his Triumph this year and took second place in that field.

We were able to travel as far as Vacaville with Len and Roger and Donna before they went their own ways. The remainder of our trip home to Tahoe was uneventful—always a good thing to report! We were delighted that they moved this event up a month from October and look forward to attending again next year.



## GGAHC ENTRANTS

John Batterton - 1956 100  
Robert Blair—BJ8  
Brian Bliven - 1957 Sprite  
Roger & Donna Hawk - 1967 BJ8  
Len Hartnett - 1967 BJ8  
Rich & Lynn Kahn - 1964 BJ8  
Suzanne Patrick - 1954 100  
Denny Paul—1964 BJ8  
Bill Putnam - 1955 100  
Jorge Quintero - 1962 BJ8  
John Turney - 1957 100



Bill Putnam



Rich Kahn



Suzanne Patrick



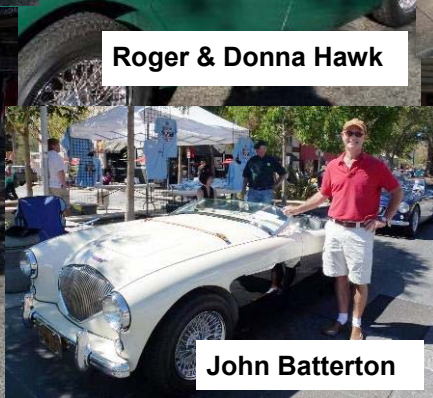
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John Turney



Brian Bliven



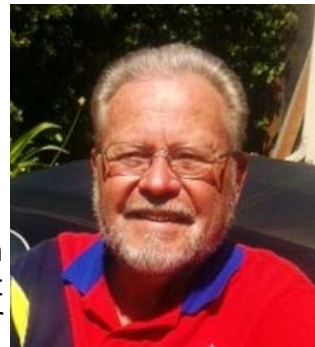
John Batterton



Jorge Quintero

# The Danville Concours d'Elegance

## Cully Anderson



The 9th Annual Danville d'Elegance held on Sunday, September 22 was graced with sunny skies and mid-70 degree temperatures. Their aim was to raise funds to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Parkinson's Institute. They raised over \$300,000 through the live auction and the Gala dinner the night before held at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum. Our Club members Dan and Linda Sekella attended that event.



At precisely 11:00 am a vintage Mustang P51 flew overhead to mark the start of the day's events. As the roar of the plane subsided about a dozen race cars revved and vroomed their way down the street escorted by a police car. Steve Cloyes was among them, driving his recently restored 1939 Ford Coupe.

The car show was equally grand featuring a magnificent display of 145 cars representing over 45 different makes and a wide range of classic models. Aston Martin was the featured car this year. However, there

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Steve Cloyes' 1939 Ford dirt racer enters the grounds



Hudson Vitaich & Lorri Fien with 1956 100M



Dan Sekella with Linda's 1965 Mustang



Cully Anderson with his 1958 100-6

**Danville Concours (continued)**

were only two Austin Healeys; I brought my 1958 100-6 which displayed some of my Wimbledon Tennis memorabilia, plus member-to-be Hudson Vitaich with his gorgeous (recently restored) 1956 100M. Two other Club members were there, but with their other cars. Dan Sekella brought his wife Linda's 1965 Ford Mustang and Steve Cloyes brought his 1939 Ford Coupe.

The Committee's Choice for best car was J. Bruce Campbell's 1928 4.5 LeMans Bentley—truly a beauty! The classic Aston Martins were a delight to behold, and the 1959 DB2/4 MkIII owned by Doreen Green took the best in that class. The Italian 1965 GL Iso Grifo owned by Charles Potts took Best of Show.



**1932 4.5 LeMans Bentley**



**Cars lined up for the Saturday tour**



**Maserati row**

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## Editor's Column

Loren Parks  
Chico, CA



### Pixel Confusion

The file size of last month's newsletter was much too large, which resulted from my lack of understanding of pixel management and the use of a different camera. The essence of the problem is that I thought I was reducing photo file size when I inserted a photo into Microsoft Publisher and resized it by grabbing one corner and moving toward the center. In fact, I was compressing pixels instead of eliminating them. I had not had a problem before because I used a camera with lower resolution (140 dpi vs. 300 dpi) plus a setting for smaller picture size. The procedure I use now is to resize photos before inserting them into Publisher. I apologize for any problems I created for you.

### Club Activities

The quiet season for automotive events is approaching, but there are still two Club events on the calendar this year—the Fall Colors Tour in the vicinity of Nevada City, and the annual Christmas luncheon to be held in Sausalito. An planning meeting will be held in January to set up events for 2014, so if you have some ideas and willingness to help organize an event please notify one of the Club officers and/or attend the meeting. The time and place will be announced in the November/December issue.

### Membership

Contrary to declining memberships in many car clubs, our membership has increased slightly during the past several years; we now have 174 members. There is turnover every year as some drop out and some new and returning members join, but the net increase is indeed good for the Club. In November you will receive your membership renewal letter, so please respond promptly. Dues will remain unchanged at \$25—a bargain as car club memberships go. Our biggest challenge is to get more participation because we rarely if ever see about half of the members at our events during the year. Those of you who don't have a working Healey need not skip our events; this is primarily a social group and you will have fun even if you drive another car.



## Calendar of Events

Contact Jim Morton to list an event:  
[Themortons@starstream.net](mailto:Themortons@starstream.net). For a more complete list [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com)

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**October 4-6.** Classic Sports Racing Group's 10th annual Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway.  
[www.csgracing.org](http://www.csgracing.org).

**October 6.** Niello Concours at Serrano (Eldorado Hills).  
[www.nielloconcoursatserrano.com](http://www.nielloconcoursatserrano.com)

**October 13.** Roaring Camp Railroads Tour with the Santa Cruz SCC. The sign-up deadline was August 1.

**October 26-27.** **GGAHC** Fall Colors Tour in the Nevada City area. See page 9.

**November 1-3.** Classic Sports Racing Group's Season Finale at Thunderhill Raceway. [www.csgracing.org](http://www.csgracing.org).

**December 7.** **GGAHC** Christmas party and annual meeting at The Spinnaker restaurant in Sausalito. See page 9.

**December 7-8.** 24 Hours of LeMons at Sonoma Raceway.  
[www.24hoursoflemons.com](http://www.24hoursoflemons.com)

**January 9—12.** Silicon Valley International Auto Show at the San Jose McEnery Center.  
[www.motortrendautoshow.com/sanjose/](http://www.motortrendautoshow.com/sanjose/)



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# Fall Colors Tour

October 26-27

Meet at the Holiday Inn Express in Auburn just behind In-n-Out Burger, located at 120 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA 95603 (the intersection of I-80 and Hwy 49—go north on 49). Meet at 9:00am. We will not go directly to Nevada City, so you must start the tour in Auburn. Those who wish to spend the preceding night at the Holiday Inn Express Auburn (Friday night, October 25) must make their own reservations there by calling (530) 887-8787. There is no group rate.

It is too late to get the group rate for Saturday night October 26 at the Northern Queen Inn (400 Railroad Ave., Nevada City, CA 95959; telephone 530-265-5824). However, you can still get the rack rate if a room is available. There is a cancellation policy of 48 hours prior to arrival.

We will visit the Empire Mine State Historic Park, the Northstar Mining Museum, and the Naggiar Winery. A catered dinner will be served at the Buckley home. The price of this event is \$30/ person payable in cash. Reserve your space on the tour by contacting Rich Buckley or Bob Altieri:

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# Christmas Luncheon & Annual Meeting in Sausalito

December 7, 12pm-3pm

The Spinnaker Restaurant

Details to follow



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



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No submittals

## Pumpkin Cars

