



HEALEY LINEUP AT THE ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM

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Dennis Gilroy

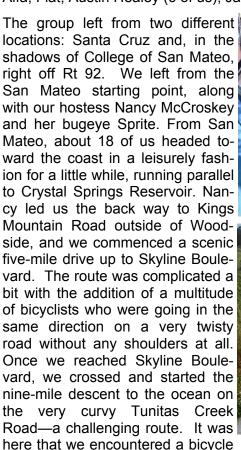
The Pescadero Tour, henceforth known as Eat More Pie Drive, was a great day for driving, enjoying the sce-

nic roadway, and learning more about the history of Pescadero. The event attracted about 27 cars from three clubs, and included the marques Ferrari, Alfa, Fiat, Austin Healey (6 of us), Jaguar, Porsche, Sunbeam, and Cobra.



Mountains to the Sea August 2–See page 12







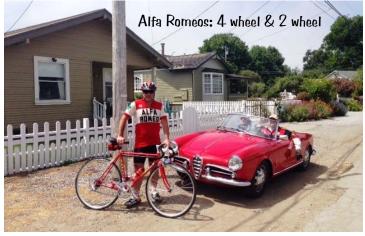


tour—the Tour de Cure— going over to the ocean and into Pescadero via the back way on Stage Road. When we were close to the ocean we stopped for a much-needed break. Wow, what an adventure!

▶ Once in Pescadero we had a street all to ourselves to display our cars. The weather was excellent—not too hot and not foggy. What a day it was becoming!

We started our tour of Pescadero shortly after arrival. Our guide, Greg Timm, has lived in Pescadero for 12 years, and is the president of the Pescadero Historical Society. Modern day Pescadero is situated on the Rancho Pescadero, a Mexican land grant originally given to Juan Jose Gonzalez in 1833, three miles inland from the ocean. Gonzalez and his 13 children moved to the grant, and his intention was to erect a large adobe residence. However, rumor has it that





shortly after his arrival, in the midst of celebrating with too much liquid refreshment, he passed on from the scene and the property went to his heirs. Our guide lives in one of the oldest remaining homes in Pescadero, erected in 1869. Right down the street is the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pescadero, built in 1890. It was active only until the turn of the century and had various occupants until it was abandoned in 1915. Since 1942, it has been owned by the Native Sons of the Golden West, and they graciously allowed us to have our lunch in their restored hall.

After lunch, we continued on our walking tour through town on our way toward PIES at Nancy's house. The First Congregational Church of Pescadero was built in 1861 and is the oldest church building on its original site in San Mateo County.

A historical perspective of Pescadero views main street circa 1915. Today, Stage Street looks a bit different. Much has changed in Pescadero.

Stage Street 1915







▶ Until 1868 Pescadero was part of Santa Cruz County. It was then reassigned to San Mateo County because of the difficulty in traveling south to Santa Cruz. Pescadero was a popular tourist attraction for the San Francisco city folk, who could easily get to Redwood City and San Mateo by train then travel by stagecoach to Pescadero, which had many fancy resort hotels the tourists enjoyed. None remain today. Things began to decline, with the stagecoach ending service in 1920, and highway 1 opening up in 1930. Today, with all of its old frame houses and steepled churches, it has the look and feel of a small New England town. And on July 2, 2006, Pescadero celebrated its 150th anniversary!

Once we arrived at Nancy's house, we all congregated in the back yard and dined on Duarte's Tavern pies. After dessert, the votes for Best Car were tallied, and Nancy presented the Best Car award to Neal Kirkham for his 1961 Alfa Romeo

Sprint Zagato Series 1 with his being the very last one of 169 cars that were manufactured.

A great time was had by all, but now we have to wait another year for more famous PIES.

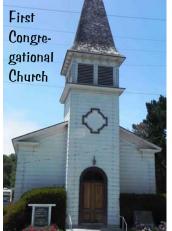


















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Nancy McCroskey
Tim Murphy
Dennis & Ruth Gilroy
Glenn & Julianne
Zimmerman
Denny Paul
John Spaur

Rendezvous 2014

Loren Parks

The Austin Healey Club of Oregon hosted Rendezvous 2014 in Bend, Oregon from June 23—27. There were 122 registrations, 25 of which were from the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club (46 people). To our pleasant surprise, Jim

and Ida Morton even showed up after moving to what we thought would be Texas, but ended up being Idaho.



As usual, there was some trauma enroute to Bend. Ted Shelton had to leave his malfunctioning Healey in Ashland and rent a car, as did Gary and Harriet Anderson who broke down in Klamath Falls. Phil and Sue Foster's car overheated near Red Bluff due to a traffic slowdown, so members of the caravan in which he was traveling helped push it into the shade under an overpass where it was allowed to cool off for a restart. A Highway patrolman stopped to assess the situation and got into the spirit of the event by posing with the group for a photo. There were breakdowns enroute home from Bend as well, but I won't elaborate because I think everyone understands that long distance travel in an Austin Healey involves risk.



Rick & Arita Magno brought their wire haired dachshunds Hansel and Heika to sniff wheels.



▲ Mike Sonneman, Lynn Kahn and Rich Kahn mark their car show ballots







The masked quintet

The reception on Monday was "mask night" with a Mardi Gras theme. Socializing was intense and the Cajun-style food was superb. A few announcements were made about events on succeeding days, after which the event came to a close.

Tuesday was car show day at a park in the Sun River development, about 10 miles



south of the Riverhouse Inn which served as Rendezvous headquarters. The weather was superb and the setting was beautiful; 99 cars were parked on the turf. Unfortunately, the location was so isolated that there was little chance that anyone other than entrants would see the cars. A catered lunch commenced at 1:00pm, and once again the food was excellent. That night 29 GGAHC members gathered for dinner at McGrath's Fish House across the street from the Riverhouse Inn where we were staying. The restaurant was somewhat overwhelmed because more people than expected showed up, so Kip Hartnett helped the single waiter take orders, collect menus and attend to details associated with serving. What a guy! Marty chipped in



Roger Hawk operates a random orbital polisher while Nick Klein observes.

New GGAHC members ► Irene Medzyk and Harry Harami from Prunedale. In the back-ground Kip Hartnett (blue shirt) assists the waiter.





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▶ some champagne and wine on behalf of the Club, so the long wait for dinner didn't seem quite so long. While socializing we discovered that three couples are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this year-Roger and Donna Hawk, Loren and Diana Parks, and Nick and Sandy Klein. Marty speculated that there is cause and effect between Healey ownership and marriage longevity; a scientific test of the hypothesis has yet to be conducted.

Wednesday morning tech sessions included What To Pack That **He Forgot** by Steve Day, owner of British Car Ranch in Wenatchee, WA (www.britishcarranch.homestead.com/). The other was Shine On by Neil d'Autremont, owner of Sidedraught City in Portland which was about beautifying car paint using a combination of mechanical and chemical inputs (www.sidedraughtcity.com/). The tours that followed included a Gimmick Rally eastward to Prineville via the Crooked River Canyon, and a back roads tour north to Sisters. A gimmick rally involves answering questions about observations along the route, such as the number of painted cattle guards on the road. Rain was forecasted and the sky looked ominous, which upset some people's plans for the two drives. Sure enough, intermittent rain resulted in some wet people. David Nock, owner of British Car Specialists, conducted a tech session titled Safety Fast (www.britishcarspecialists.com/) later in the day.

Steve Day conducted another tech session on Thursday morning, and I especially liked what he said about maintaining old cars. In OR essence, an old car is like the human body; it has different issues when it is old than when it is young. Steve teamed up with David

Steve Korbay & Phil Foster demonstrate that real Healey Men eat raw oysters.



Nock that afternoon to conduct a "rolling tech session" at which everyone was entitled to 10 minutes in the parking lot with Steve and David to discuss issues with his own car. There were no other scheduled events on Thursday until the Awards Banquet, which was designated Mardi Gras Hat Night. Awards were presented for the car show, the gimmick rally, the longest distance driven in a Healey (Phoenix), best mask, best hat, and a few other achievements which

I don't remember. One of the highlights of the evening was the competition for first registrant at Rendezvous 2015, which will be hosted by the Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington at Alderbrook Resort. For the past ▶▶



GGAHC member Jorge Quintero invites you to visit his pet shop in Lafayette: 3517 Mt. Diablo Blvd,



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▶ few years the competition has been among Roger Hawk and Nick Klein of the GGAHC, and Steve Day from the Cascade Club. Last year Roger Hawk registered first, but this year Steve Day registered first. The spokeswoman from the Cascade Club put the privilege up for bid starting at \$10, to which Roger responded by bidding \$100. Nick dropped out faster than butter off a hot knife, but Steve hung in there up to \$200 at which point he graciously announced that he would allow Roger to register first for a bid of \$210. And it was done. Rendezvous 2015 will be held from June 22-26. Eventually the information will be viewable on the Cascade



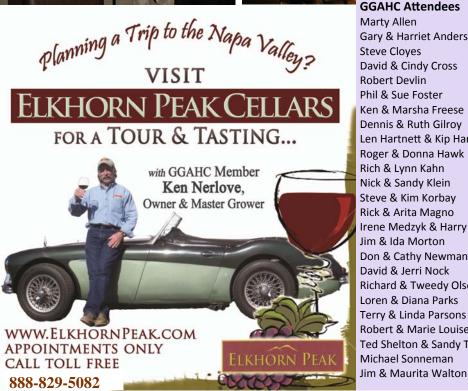
web site http://cascadeahc.homestead.com/home.html, but it isn't yet posted.

Marty Allen met with representatives from the various Healey clubs, including the national clubs, and committed the GGAHC to host Rendezvous 2017. We don't yet know where it will be, but it will not be at Lake Tahoe; the saturation point has been reached for that location. No club has committed to host Rendezvous in 2016 but California Healey Week might be substituted.

Thanks to Club members Kim Korbay, Steve Korbay, Nick Klein, David Nock, Dennis Gilroy, Pat Darfler and Mike Sonneman for the photos they sent to me for the newsletter. And thanks to the Austin Healey Club of Oregon for a job well done.







Marty Allen Gary & Harriet Anderson Steve Cloyes **David & Cindy Cross** Robert Devlin Phil & Sue Foster Ken & Marsha Freese Dennis & Ruth Gilrov Len Hartnett & Kip Hartnett Roger & Donna Hawk Rich & Lynn Kahn Nick & Sandy Klein Steve & Kim Korbay Rick & Arita Magno Irene Medzyk & Harry Harami Jim & Ida Morton Don & Cathy Newman David & Jerri Nock Richard & Tweedy Olson Loren & Diana Parks Terry & Linda Parsons Robert & Marie Louise Sardeman Ted Shelton & Sandy Tallerico Michael Sonneman

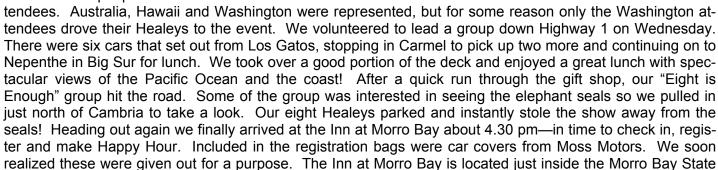
Car Show Awards Received by GGAHC (popular choice method)

Jim & Maurita Walton, Best of Show (Nash Healey) Marty Allen 1st place BJ8 double light Don & Kathy Newman 2nd place BJ8 double light Nick & Sandy Klein 3rd Place BJ8 double light Len Hartnett, Honorable Mention BJ8 double light David Nock Honorable Mention 100-6 Rich & Tweedy Olson 3rd Place "Other: 8-cyl engine Nasty Boy" Michael Sonneman "Diamond in the Rough"

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK

Rich and Lynn Kahn

Our club was well represented at the 40th anniversary of California Healey Week with 30 people and 17 cars! There were a total of 70 cars and 140 at-



Park and right next door to a rookery. Our cars were easy targets for all the birds flying to and from their nests. The first night in Morrow Bay 14 of us had dinner at Dorn's. About half walked the 1 ½ miles to the restaurant not thinking about the fact that it would be a chilly, dark walk back to the hotel.

Thursday after breakfast it was time for the Poker Run. Cars were sent out in three different groups-just to spread them out a bit. Each car anted up \$5 for the prizes, drew our first card and headed out. The driving instructions followed a meandering route through Morro Bay State Park, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach and Shell Beach making 3 stops along the way to draw a card. The final stop was at Lopez Lake where we drew our 5th card. It was a great









▶ hand also receiving a prize. Earlier in the afternoon Eric Grunden from Absolutely British presented a Tech Session on carburetors. Eric literally disassembled a carburetor explaining how to inspect, repair (if necessary) and reassemble.

Friday brought another jam-packed day. Because so many wanted to participate in the organized drive to Paso Robles driving directions were distributed with the recommendation to pair up with a few other cars to make the trip. We headed north on Highway 1 along the coast with the fog still trying to burn off. After about 20 minutes we headed inland on Highway



46. Unfortunately, the promised view at mile 8.9 of Morro Rock was obscured by fog. The drive turned off Highway 46 and meandered over some winding roads (great for Healeys) and past several wineries—none of which were open yet. Arriving in Paso Robles many of us parked around the downtown city park and set off in search of lunch at one of the many restaurants. Some continued on to the Estrella Warbirds Museum. After lunch several of us decided some wine tasting was in order and headed out Highway 46 to Tobin James Winery. After tasting, relaxing and visiting, our group headed back to the hotel. Dave Nock's Tech Session that afternoon was about a Healey Safety Check. He had Mike Scroggie's 3000 Healey jacked up on one

side with the wheels off for his demonstration. Dave showed how to inspect the frame, tires, brakes, fuel line, and lighting for safety issues as well as recommending safety items that can be installed.



Saturday morning arrived with everyone up early cleaning and preparing their Healeys for the car show. At 9.00 am cars started assembling by group at the front of the hotel for car and driver photos and then a short drive to Tidelands Park for the show. This is a beautiful park right on the water with a spectacular view of Morro Rock. The car show assistants did a fine job maneuvering all 70 cars into their proper places in the park. The show started at 10.00 am with voting ballots due by



noon. At noon we picked up our sandwiches settled and down on a grassy knoll for lunch. The show ended at about 1.00 pm with some people driving out to Morro Rock for a photo and others returning to the hotel. Rocker Cover Races took place on the back deck at the hotel in the afternoon. Rick Magno entered and made it as far as the quarterfinals.

CHW came to a close Saturday evening with cocktails and the awards banquet. It was like herding cats but we managed to corral

most of our GGAHC members for a group picture at the beginning of the cocktail hour. After dinner it was time to get down to the serious Our Club was well-represented, receiving 5 business—awards! awards.

3000 BJ8 Phase 2 - Marty Allen, 3rd Place 3000 BJ7 & BJ8 Phase 1 – Steve and Kim Korbay, 1st Place BN6 & BN7 - Alex Zanini, 2nd Place BN4 & BT7 - Bob and Sue Farnsworth, 2nd Place 100 – Phil and Sue Foster, 3rd Place

Sunday morning everyone said their goodbyes and headed out in different directions. We were fortunate enough to be able to stay a couple \(\Delta \) Valve cover races more days to visit with our kids and granddaughter living in the area. We had an opportunity to reconnect with people from the Southern California clubs, meet new people and get to know our own club members a little better on this trip. This event filled the Inn at Morro Bay and overflowed to other nearby motels. A big thank-you goes to the coordinators of this event. They kept us incredibly busy for three days and did a great job putting this event together! Also, thanks to Steve Darfler for the masthead photo on this issue of Healey Happenings. We're hoping to be able to attend CHW in 2015!



- ▼ Some of the GGAHC award winners





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Marty Allen Gary & Harriet Anderson Lee Bardellini Richard & Sharon Clarke Steve & Patty Darfler Bob & Sue Farnsworth Phil & Sue Foster Ken & Marsha Freese Rich & Lynn Kahn Nick & Sandy Klein Steve & Kim Korbay Rick & Arita Magno Tim & Cathy Marshall Don & Cathy Newman Dave & Jerri Nock Mike Sonneman Alex Zanini





From Mike Scroggie President, Austin Healey Association of So. California

I sincerely thank the members of the GGAHC who attended California Healey



Week 2014 in Morro Bay, with special appreciation to Rich & Lynn Kahn for leading the charge. With the 30 who attended from Northern California, we had the largest and most successful event in our 40-year history. Thanks for helping celebrate our anniversary.

From John Trifari

To all my friends--It was a hard thing to do but last week we sold the BN1. We had not been doing much Healeying over the last few years and the car had been driven only occasionally and cranked over every two weeks or so just to keep the juices flowing. In 2007 I had sold my PR business and became a teacher. Now I teach Spanish at Menlo College and Spanish-language GED preparation at a local adult school. I started teaching ESL in mid June—a schedule that put a crimp in my thoughts of driving the BN1 up to Rendezvous this year. The car, however, would still be in the garage if I had not been required to address some financial issues that cropped up in my family. I queried Blue Book about the possible value of the car as a loan guarantee and I got an answer back from a dealer who wanted the car now. The price was right, so the car was sold.

I guess I'm feeling positive about selling it—we were not using it and it didn't look like that situation was going to change an awful lot over the coming months. At the same time we were able to help out some people who were important to us. Logically, selling it made sense. On the other hand, I feel like I've lost a friend and I know that I will be reminded of the BN1 every time I walk into the garage and see another car parked where the my beauty once sat. Anyway, the day after I sold the car and it was picked up and taken away. I received a call from Peter Van Naarden in Belgium and he informed me that he had just bought the BN1 and had recognized it as having been mine. So pretty soon the car will be on its way to Europe where I'm sure it will be in good hands. All this in less than a week.

I also got a nice note from Steve Cloyes who offered to take me around as a passenger in his BN4. Which brings me to my real thought: Through BN1 and the GGAHC Karen and I have been blessed to get to know some very good people, to make some very dear friends, and to do things that we never thought possible. I enjoyed my years writing the GGAHC newsletter and working as an officer in your club. (I intend to stay on as a member.) I loved being part of the 2002 Healey meet committee and I most of all, I loved driving around with all of you and just going places in our cars. Karen and I forged some pretty neat friendships over the years and had some great times. Remembering these days will always put a smile on my face.

See you later, John Trifari



Calendar of Events

Contact Dennis Gilroy to list an event:

<u>Gilroy.crew@gmail.com</u>. For a more complete list see

<u>www.GoldenGateHealeys.com</u>. You are advised to

verify the dates of events that are not ours.

July 20 Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance www.hillsboroughconcours.org/

July 26. Hayward All-British Car Show & Swap Meet, hosted by the Mini Owners. Registration due by July 21. www.moasf.com/hayward/

August 2. GGAHC Santa Cruz Mountains-to-the-Sea Tour. See page 12.

August 11-17. Monterey Car Week. www.montereycarweek.com

August 23. Capitol Concours d'Elegance in Sacramento. **www.shrinersconcours.com**.

August 24. GGAHC National Healey Ice Cream Social at Foster's Freeze in Vacaville. Page 12.

September 6. GGAHC Tour the famous Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, Reiffs Gas Station Museum in Woodland for lunch, and Turkovich Family Wines for wine tasting. See page 13.

September 6. Chico Concours.

www.chicoconcours.com.

September 13-14. British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill. www.thebritishfallclassic.com. Tour on Saturday, show on Sunday. Registration closes September 10.

September 13-14. 24 Hours of LeMons at Thunderhill Raceway. www.24hoursoflemons.com.

September 20-21. Danville d'Elegance. Tour Saturday, show Sunday. www.danville-delegance.org.

September 27. Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, Murphys, CA. www.ironstonefoundation.org.

October 4-6. Classic Sports Racing Group's 11th annual Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway www.csrgracing.org.

October 5. Niello Concours at Serrano. www.nielloconcoursatserrano.com

October 5. GGAHC Wine and Cheese Tour. See page 13.

October 25-26. GGAHC Fall Colors Tour in the Nevada City area. Details forthcoming

December 6-7. 24 Hours of LeMons at Sonoma Raceway. www.24hoursoflemons.com

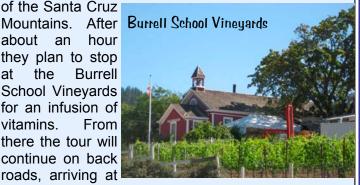
December 13. GGAHC Christmas party. Information forthcoming.

Mountains to the Sea

(The date of this trip has been changed from July 26 to August 2)

Join David Cross and Nick Klein on the Mountainsto-Sea tour—a day tour on August 2 starting in Los Gatos. The drive will meander through the redwoods

of the Santa Cruz about an hour they plan to stop the Burrell School Vineyards for an infusion of vitamins. From there the tour will continue on back roads, arriving at



the Sea Harvest Fish Market for lunch. The Sea Harvest is a casual-style restaurant owned by local fishermen, situated just near the Elkhorn Slough Bridge by the Moss Landing Power Plant. The restaurant



overlooks Moss Landing Marina with views of seals and sea otters.

After lunch the tour will continue to Gizdich Ranch for some yummy fresh pie, then Hecker over

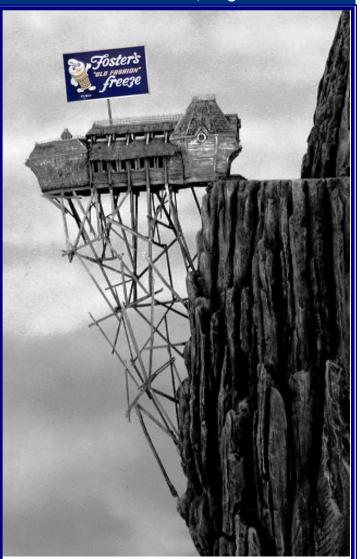
Pass to one more winery famous for chocolate wine—sustenance for the remainder of the trip. From there they head back.

Meet on August 2 at 9:30 am in the parking lot of the Los Gatos Lodge (50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd, Los Gatos, 95032). Directions: Coming south on Hwy. 880/17, exit East Los Gatos-Saratoga Rd. (second exit ramp). Parking lot is on your right after crossing the overpass. Please have a full tank of gas. Pay for your own lunch.

Please let one of them know that you will attend.

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Annual Ice Cream Social August 24

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 member and passenger who RSVP - AND drive a Healey to the event.

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

RSVP Len Hartnett, thehartnetts@earthlink.net (707) 425-4805

Jelly Belly, Reiff's, and Turkovich Sept 6

Join Rich and Lynn Kahn on Saturday, September 6th for a fun day that is sure to bring out the kid in everyone! Meet at 9:30 am at the famous Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, 1 Jelly Belly Lane, Fairfield, CA 94534. A 40-minute tour will provide a view of each step of the candy-making process. You'll even receive a complimentary bag of Jelly Bellies at the end of the tour and have an oppor-



tunity to browse the gift shop if you still want more. If you want directions to Jelly Belly please ask Rich and Lynn.

We'll travel a great Healey road winding past Lake Berryessa and arriving in time for lunch at the fascinating Reiff's Gas Station Museum in Woodland. Mark's entire house is an automotive museum of retro 50's nostalgia, antiques and culture. Step back in time, meander through the garage and enjoy your BBQ lunch in his 50's style diner.



Lunch includes chicken, tri-tip, potato salad and cole slaw for a fee of \$15 payable in cash. After lunch we'll stop at Turkovich Family Wines tasting room in historic Winters. Total mileage is just under 100 from Jelly Belly to Turkovich.



Please contact Rich and Lynn by August 25th to let them know you will attend; they must provide the lunch count to the caterer.

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The next best thing to having wine and cheese with Fifi in Paris is to join Marty Allen's annual Wine and Cheese Tour on October 5. Details forthcoming.



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