



Rainbow Tavern & Lodge

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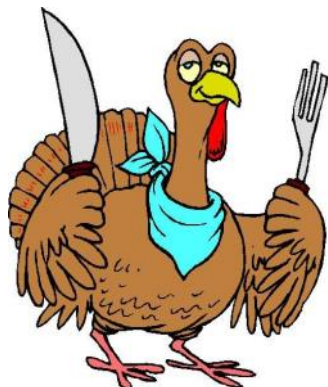
Special Request

Dave Nock will be putting together a Slide Show of this years events for our upcoming Christmas Party.

Please forward any Photos you would like to share to Dave.

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Happy Thanksgiving to All Our Club Members & Their Families !!!



Fall Colors Tour

Michael Sonneman



This year's tour began in Auburn from the Holiday Inn Express, and headed up Hwy 49 to Cramer Road. We turned off Cramer Road on to a private road (Fawnridge Rd.) headed for the Fawnridge Winery which was started in 2002 and is owned and operated by Stewart & Stephani Perry. The Perry's have been avid wine lovers for thirty years. After living in North Lake Tahoe for fifteen years they moved to Auburn in 1989. Upon learning that local grape growers were bringing back the grape and wine industry as it was during the historic Placer County Gold Rush era, they decided to develop vineyards on their property. With the help of friends they planted Barbera and Syrah in the summer of 2002. They are personally involved in every aspect of the vineyard management and wine making process. After the wine tasting and purchasing some wine for later consumption, we headed out the same way we came in.



Lunch Time

Once we got back to Hwy 49 we took a left turn and headed for Wolfe Road and proceeded into Grass Valley. After stopping for some gas, we headed up Hwy 20/49 going through the Tahoe National Forest headed for Interstate 80. We took the Norden/Soda Springs exit and headed east past the Sugar Bowl Skiing area to our next stop which was Donner Lake. We stopped at the West End Beach area and found some picnic tables to relax and eat our lunch. Departing from the West End Beach we headed east driving along the north side of Donner Lake. Once we got back to the entrance to Hwy 80 we headed west back to the Norden/Soda Springs exit and drove along the old Hwy 40 headed for the Rainbow Tavern & Lodge.



Lunch Stop - Donner Lake

After we arrived at the Rainbow Tavern & Lodge and we all got our rooms secured for the night we headed for the bar to have some wine before dinner. Dinner was served around 6:00 and we all headed for the Dining Room where we were served a buffet style dinner which included Salad, Pasta, Chicken and Wine. ►




Fawnridge Winery - Tasting Room

►► After we ate dinner the owners Craig & Wendy Mitchell gave us a little tour of the Lodge and shared some of its history with us. The Rainbow Tavern & Lodges history dates back to the late 1800's with the original structure being built in the late 1800's. Originally used as a stagecoach stop, Rainbow Tavern & Lodge was expanded in the 1920's by Mr. Herschel Jones. You can see the progress by looking at the pine logs in the ceilings. The two different shapes of the logs show where the extension was made. Also, step into the bar area and notice the window that used to be the exterior.

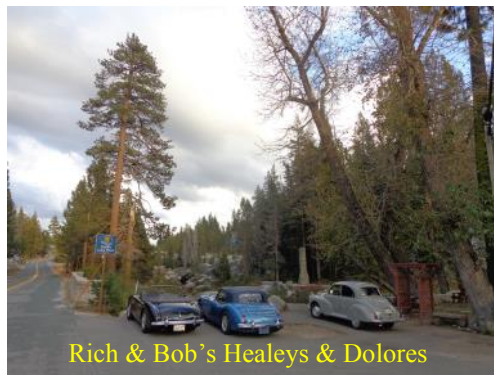
Today, the lodge retains its history very well. With its stone walls, hand-hewn beams, and knotty pine walls, it is a great place to return to a quieter and slower time. There are photographs on the walls throughout to see all of the history of the Lodge and the surrounding area. There is no WiFi, no TV's and the bathroom is down the hall, but no one seemed to mind.

Once all that was done, we headed back to the bar area and the fun began... The band Dream & The Dreamer (Doug Caldwell & Ray Laflin) played some of our favorite music while we danced and sang the night away. It was a Great Day and we all had a Great Time... The cars performed flawlessly and so did we...

After a good night sleep and a Wonderful Brunch provided by the Lodge, a few of us headed for the little town of Washington to enjoy one of their famous Bloody Mary's. Upon arrival we were greeted by some of the local kids performing tricks on their skate boards. The brave souls who decided to venture into Washington included Bob & Sharon, Rich & Carol, Phil & Sue, and myself. We were served their famous Bloody Mary's by the bartender Mickey who was more than happy to see us on a beautiful Sunday Morning. 



Our Beautiful Healey's



Rich & Bob's Healeys & Dolores



Entering Washington



Austin Healey's & Dolores



Ken, Gary & Harriet



Historic Washington Hotel



Bloody Mary Morning



Group Photo - Rainbow Tavern & Lodge

Attendees:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Altieri, Bob & Sharon | McCammen, Doreen |
| Anderson, Gary & Harriet | Nerlove, Ken & Faith |
| Buckley, Richard & Carol | Nock, David & Jerri |
| Foster, Phil & Sue (Driving Dolores) | Parks, Loren & Diana |
| Hartnett, Len | Sonneman, Michael |
| Hawk, Roger & Donna | Thomas, Steve & Karen |

2015 Fleet Week Party


Michael Sonneman

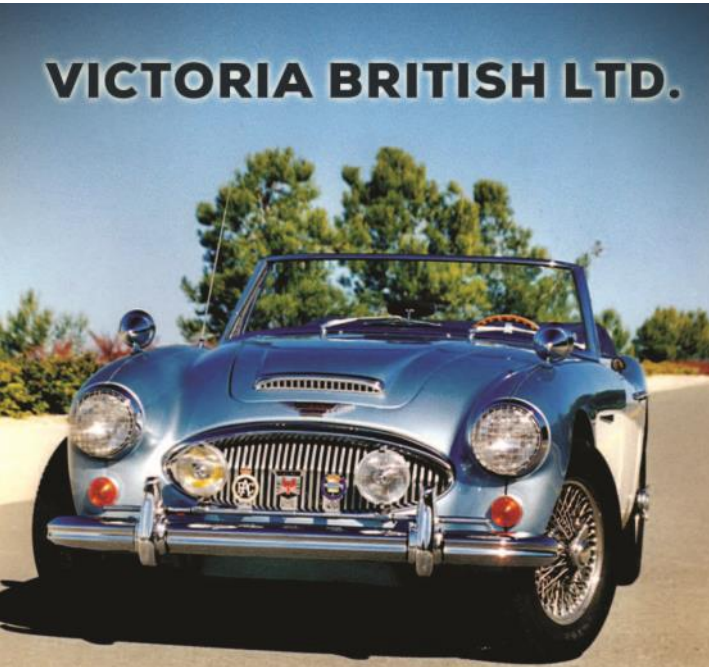


It was Fleet Week in San Francisco and a few of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club members met once again at Marty's beautiful home in Sausalito. This was the second year we were all invited to Marty's home. While we all had some good food and wine, we were getting ready for the US Navy's Blue Angels to perform their Air Show over the San Francisco Bay.

The Blue Angels have flown over 10 different aircraft in the team's 69 year history. Originally, the team flew four aircraft in the signature "Diamond" formation and expanded to six aircraft to showcase both the diamond and solos high performance capability as well as the precision formation flying taught to all Naval Aviators. Today, the squadron flies the Boeing F/A-18 Hornet and the Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules. The Blue Angels are painted Blue & Yellow in the world-wide recognizable paint scheme. The precision flying team put on an unforgettable 45-minute show, which was viewable from the backyard of Marty's house.

Navigating the twisty, up and down streets of hillside Sausalito is a challenge, as well as finding parking near Marty's house, but we all managed to get there for the afternoons party.

Socializing, exploring the three-level house, and watching the air show were the principal activities of the afternoon, not to mention partaking of wine from Rams Gate, Testarossa, and Rombauer wineries. A buffet style lunch of Tri Tip Sandwiches, Salmon, Macaroni & Cheese and Spinach Salad was provided for our enjoyment. At around 3pm everyone found vantage points to watch the Blue Angels fly. The event was superb, the weather was perfect, and Marty was a great host. Thank you Marty for having us all at your home once again !!! 



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I Can Hear Them - Where Did They Go ???



Blue Angels - Precision Flying



Blue Angels - Flying in Formation

Attendees:

- Allen, Marty
- Altieri, Bob & Sharon
- Anderson, Cully & Julie
- Anderson, Gary & Harriet
- Bardellini, Lee
- Blair, Robert
- Darfler, Steve & Patty
- Freese, Ken & Marsha
- Gilroy, Dennis & Ruth
- Hartnett, Len
- Hawk, Roger & Donna
- Kahn, Rich & Lynn
- Kent, Robert & Sherrill, Susan
- Klein, Kris
- Klein, Ginnie
- Laughton, Mike & Marianne
- Musumeci, Mark & Sydney
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Group Shot - Marty's Living Room

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A Great Story about early times in the Truckee area...

Provided by: Bob Altieri

TRUCKEE, Calif. — Western stagecoach companies were big business in the latter half of the 19th century. In addition to passengers and freight, stages hauled gold and silver bullion as well as mining company payrolls. Stage robbery was a constant danger and bandits employed many strategies to ambush a stagecoach. Thieves rarely met with much resistance from stage drivers, since they had passenger safety foremost in mind. The gang was usually after the Wells Fargo money box with its valuable contents. Passengers were seldom hurt, but they were certainly relieved of their cash, watches and jewelry. Before the completion of the transcontinental railroad over Donner Pass in 1868, the only transportation through the Sierra was by stage. Rugged teamsters held rein over six wild-eyed horses as they tore along the precipitous mountain trails. The stagecoaches were driven by skilled and fearless men who pushed themselves and their spirited horses to the limit.

One of the most famous drivers was Charles Darkey Parkhurst, who had come west from New England in 1852 seeking his fortune in the Gold Rush. He spent 15 years running stages, sometimes partnering with Hank Monk, the celebrated driver from Carson City. Over the years, Parkhurst's reputation as an expert whip grew. From 20 feet away he could slice open the end of an envelope or cut a cigar out of a man's mouth. Parkhurst smoked cigars, chewed wads of tobacco, drank with the best of them, and exuded supreme confidence behind the reins. His judgment was sound and pleasant manners won him many friends.

One afternoon as Charley drove down from Carson Pass the lead horses veered off the road and a wrenching jolt threw him from the rig. He hung on to the reins as the horses dragged him along on his stomach. Amazingly, Parkhurst managed to steer the frightened horses back onto the road and save all his grateful passengers.

NO PATIENCE FOR CROOKS - During the 1850s, bands of surly highwaymen stalked the roads. These outlaws would level their shotguns at stage drivers and shout, "Throw down the gold box!" Charley Parkhurst had no patience for the crooks despite their demands and threatening gestures.

The most notorious road agent was nicknamed "Sugarfoot." When he and his gang accosted Charley's stage, it was the last robbery the thief ever attempted. Charley cracked his whip defiantly, and when his horses bolted, he turned around and fired his revolver at the crooks. Sugarfoot was later found dead with a fatal bullet wound in his stomach.

In appreciation of his bravery, Wells Fargo presented Parkhurst with a large watch and chain made of solid gold. In 1865, Parkhurst grew tired of the demanding job of driving and he opened his own stage station. He later sold the business and retired to a ranch near Soquel, Calif. The years slipped by and Charley died on Dec. 29, 1879, at the age of 67. A few days later, the Sacramento Daily Bee published his obituary. It read;

"On Sunday last, there died a person known as Charley Parkhurst, aged 67, who was well-known to old residents as a stage driver. He was in early days accounted one of the most expert manipulators of the reins who ever sat on the box of a coach. It was discovered when friendly hands were preparing him for his final rest, that Charley Parkhurst was unmistakably a well-developed woman!"

NOT LIKE OTHER MEN, ER, WOMEN? Once it was discovered that Charley was a woman, there were plenty of people to say they had always thought he wasn't like other men. Even though he wore leather gloves summer and winter, many noticed that his hands were small and smooth. He slept in the stables with his beloved horses and was never known to have had a girlfriend. Charley never volunteered clues to her past. Loose fitting clothing hid her femininity and after a horse kicked her, an eye patch over one eye helped conceal her face. She weighed 175 pounds, could handle herself in a fistfight and drank whiskey like one of the boys.

It turns out that Charley's real name was Charlotte Parkhurst. Abandoned as a child, she was raised in a New Hampshire orphanage unloved and surrounded by poverty. Charlotte ran away when she was 15 years old and soon discovered that life in the working world was easier for men. So she decided to masquerade as one for the rest of her life. The rest, as they say, is history. Well, almost....

There is one last thing. On November 3, 1868, Charlotte Parkhurst cast her vote in the national election, dressed as a man. **She became the first woman to vote in the United States, 52 years before Congress passed the 19th amendment giving American women the right to vote.**



Kahn's Konsiderations

Rich Kahn
GGAHC President

November 2015 Healey Happenings

We had a great calendar of events for this year! There were several members stepping up for the first time to organize original drives. We had opportunities to reconnect with friends and meet new Healey owners throughout the year. GGAHC made a good showing at both the Dixon and Morgan Hill All British Car shows.

The year is winding down with only a couple of events left on the 2015 calendar.

California Healey Week in La Quinta November 12-15. This event is put on by the Southern California Austin Healey Club. Everyone who attended their event in Morro Bay last year will attest to having a great time. The deadline for registering for this event (and the special room rate) is October 12th. Visit: <http://austin-healey.org> (CHW 2015) for more information and the registration form. Several of us have already registered and are organizing caravans. If you would like to join up with one of these groups contact me at healeyrich@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendars - the Club Christmas Party will be December 5th. Continuing the theme of great water views, the event will be held at Trader Vic's in Emeryville (Berkeley Marina area). See pages 8 & 9 !!!

Dave Nock has requested throughout the year to have pictures that you have taken on the various drives and events emailed to him at healeydoc@sbcglobal.net. We haven't had a huge response to date, so if you have any that you would like to share please send them off today!

Happy Healeying!

Calendar of Events

Contact Dennis Gilroy to list an event: Gilroy.crew@gmail.com. For a more complete list see www.GoldenGateHealeys.com. *You are advised to verify the dates of events that are not ours.*

Dec 5th GGAHC Annual Christmas Party.



(Located in the Berkeley Marina Area)

Don't Miss It !!!

From the Editor



Mike Sonneman
GGAHC Newsletter Editor

Keep those Biographies coming your fellow members want to learn more about you...

Don't be shy...

I'm still waiting for some strange and funny stories that people have experienced while driving their Healey's...

I would also like some stories on how couples met each other and how long they have been together...

Please feel free to forward me any stories you may have to share...

Please include a photo if possible, it would be a great complement to your story...

Thanks

GGAHC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Planned just for you!

Saturday, December 5, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Trader Vic's, Emeryville
9 Anchor Drive, Emeryville, CA 94605

Once again we will continue the tradition of holding our annual Christmas Party with a spectacular water view. This year we have moved it to Trader Vic's in Emeryville (just south of the Berkely Marina). Trader Vic's started over 80 years ago in San Francisco and moved to the Emeryville location 40 years ago. The room for our afternoon event has a view of the marina as well as an outside deck.

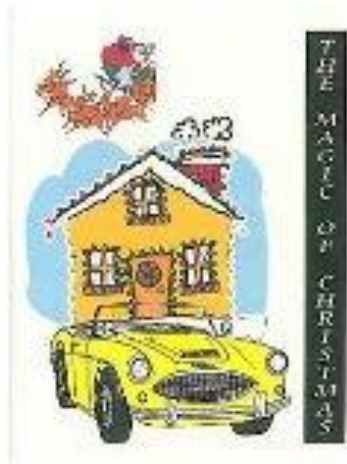
The annual Christmas Party is the last event we do each season and Healeys are optional! Take advantage of this opportunity to wish each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and start thinking about all the great drives you'll attend in 2016!

The Club will once again underwrite a portion of this event, which is how we are able to keep the cost at \$50 per person for up to 2 people. This price applies to the Healey member and one guest. If you decide to bring a third guest (or more), the cost is \$60 per person.

Upon arrival you will receive a glass of wine. A delicious selection of appetizers will be passed from noon until about 12:45 pm. A three-course sit-down lunch will follow with a wedge salad, your choice of Filet of Salmon or Roast Breast of Chicken for your entree followed by Trader Vic's special cheese cake parfait for dessert.

Entertainment will have a new twist this year. The details are a secret! So, join us for wine, a great lunch, beautiful views, and good company! You won't be disappointed.

If you have never attended one of our Christmas Parties, consider attending this one. Meet some new people, reconnect with old friends and enjoy the festivities. Fill out the attached reservation form and mail it off with your check before November 21st. Room is limited to 80 people so send in your reservation now!



Reservation Form

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Guest's Name: _____

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2 I would like the Salmon Lunch
_____ I would like the Chicken Lunch

The price is \$50 per Club Member & Guest and \$60 per person for Non Members.

Make Checks payable to Golden Gate Austin Healey Club.

Must be received no later than November 21st.

Member Biography - Mike Naughton

Mike Naughton is a retired airline captain who has lived on the peninsula for the past forty years. When he's not out driving his Austin Healey, he's under it checking for leaks.

The year was 1967. I was a 26-year-old Navy lieutenant based on the U.S.S. Kearsarge, docked at the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego Bay. At that time the U.S. government would allow servicemen to take delivery of a European car, duty-free if you were abroad for six months or more - a benefit that I took full advantage of following both of my overseas deployments. A 1965 MGB in British Racing Green was waiting for me upon return of my first cruise aboard the U.S.S. Bennington. I drove that car for nine months, top down the entire time. When it came time to ship out again, I sold the MGB to my good friend and soon-to-be best man. Waiting dockside upon my return from my second cruise was a red 1967 Austin Healey 3000, purchased for \$3,000.



Mike Naughton & Max

Following my discharge from the Navy in December of 1967, my life-long journey with the Healey began with a cross-country drive to my new job in New York City. I made the beautiful drive through the Western United States without issue, until the electric fuel pump failed at the Colorado-Nebraska border. I spent the next 15 hours driving at 30 mph, limping through all 455 miles of the state of Nebraska, somehow arriving at the British Motor Car dealership in Lincoln in one piece. On the East Coast the Healey performed magnificently, save for a single flat tire. During the repair the Healey slipped its jack. In anger I hurled the now vintage AH Shelly jack across a muddy field, never to be seen again.

In the early 1970s, still single and still driving the Healey, I returned to San Francisco. In 1974 I was married, and my Healey, now *our* Healey, was used as our wedding getaway car. Time flies - marriage, children, career, and before I knew it my daily driver was suddenly a collectible. I joined the Austin Healey club, got my picture taken with Donald Healey and tucked my car away into the garage, collecting miles sparingly. Over the years the oxidized paint, dents, scratches and rust added up. With little time, energy, or money to address these problems, the Healey began to show its age.

Days turned to years, and in an instant it was 2013. "Dad, can I use the Healey for my wedding getaway car?" The next generation breathed new life into my once daily-driver and the saga continued. In Sacramento, I found Brian Moore Restorations. With the clock ticking to my son's wedding, Brian agreed to refurbish and deliver the Healey under deadline. It was completed with no time to spare. All that was needed was a 100-mile drive up the coast to the ceremony. Thank God for old rags and duct tape, because the heater hose blew. Luckily no one was the wiser, with my son and his new wife in the backseat, and me at the wheel once again.

I'm 73-years-old now, and the adventures don't seem to stop. South, to the Morgan Hill British Car Show with a busted oil filter and three lost quarts; north, to the site of my wedding reception forty years past, with a failing generator and an all-downhill drive home to save the day. Just as it had some 45 years ago, dockside in San Diego, the Healey - now a family heirloom and in prime condition - waits eagerly for the next lifetime of adventures. In fact, I just returned from our latest outing, a cruise with my three-year-old grandson, Max - his first Austin Healey ride. It doesn't get any better than that.



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November 12-15

California Healey Week 2015 is hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. This year the event will be held at the desert resort city of La Quinta (near Palm Springs), based at the Embassy Suites Hotel. La Quinta is located on the bustling Highway 111 corridor, and has an enchanting Old Town Village which features the best of shopping, dining and personal services. A wide range of activities is available including golf, hiking, bicycle tours, balloon rides, nature parks, museums, shopping and the famous Palm Springs Aerial Tram. Due to expected hot weather during the Spring and Summer, this traditional Spring event has been moved to November 12-15.

For the latest updates on CHW 2015, see the web site: www.austin--healey.org



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As there will be no Rendezvous in 2016, GGAHC has committed to support the AHCASC (So. Calif. Club) 2016 event.

They have just contracted with The Redwoods in Yosemite - <http://www.redwoodsinyosemite.com> to host their annual gathering next year in June, 2016. The Redwoods in Yosemite has 120 independent cabins for rent in a community near to the historic Wawona Hotel.

"Yosemite Healey Week" is scheduled for June 1-5, 2016.

Since Yosemite books up quickly, often a year ahead of time, planning had to be done earlier than normal. Although not all the details have been worked out yet, it was imperative to get the venue locked up.

It is equally important that you also make your plans early and book your accommodations NOW, as space will not be guaranteed after July 31, 2015.

As indicated on the attached form, special fees have been negotiated for that week, which includes waiving the standard \$75 cleaning fee.

The event registration form will be available in the fall, once the event details are worked out.

Experiencing Yosemite in a Healey is spectacular! We hope to have a good representation from GGAHC - as we did in Morro Bay last year.



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Healeymarket

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